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Local politics involve USU students

BY BRIANNA BODILY staff writer

USU made its mark on Utah legislation Wednesday when several students acting as Cache County delegates voted at the annual Republican County Convention.

"The politics that actually matter are the ones at the state level," said Mitchell Morgan, a county delegate and sophomore studying biochemistry and molecular biology. "So, it's important to vote for a representative who's going to represent your viewpoints on the issues that face us now.'

Boyd Pugmire, the Cache County chairman for the Republican Party, said it is students like Morgan who shape the future of our state.

The state delegates decide who your senators will be, who your congressmen will be and who your governor's going to be," Pugmire said. "The more involved you are within these races, the more say the people have instead of special interest groups."

He said delegates are elected in caucuses at the beginning of the year. Their responsibility in the following months is then to represent their district, or state, as they vote for candidates.

Katelin Gines, another student delegate and junior studying history and political science,

said she wanted to get involved because she could see the change policy can make in everyday living.

"Politics affects your life," Gines said. "The representatives that go to the state legislatures or (Washington,) D.C., they are making choices that directly affect your

life. Whether it's health care or even local bills, it affects your life. So, it's important to be informed and get involved."

Pugmire said students are getting more involved now than ever before.

'This year has been a spike in almost every area of the county," he said about increases in

student political involvement. "We've had a lot of participation, not just as delegates but in parades (and) at fair booths.'

Pugmire said he thinks this increase is a result of the recent economic turmoil the nation has seen.

"We went several years with people sitting on the couch with the remote in their hand, and now people are realizing they have to get involved to make a difference," he said.

Terry Camp, a former USU student and current staff member on Sen. Orrin Hatch's campaign, said this year is an exciting time for students to get involved.

"The students that got elected as state delegates get to go down to the state convention in Salt Lake on April 21 and take part in history as we elect new senators, a new governor and congressmen," Camp said. 'It's really neat that the caucus system allows for students to get involved in such a critical role."

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USU STUDENTS KELBY BOSSHARDT AND JAMES BUTTERFIELD talk to David Butterfield, a candidate for the Utah House of Representatives from Cache Valley's district. Students attended the convention Wednesday as county delegates who will play a role in deciding state political positions. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

BY KEITH JACKMAN staff writer

Despite rainy weather, 50 men showed up to show support and participate in the annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event at USU.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is held around the county every-

Awareness Month to raise funds and awareness for rape, sexual assault and gender violence, according to the Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information (SAAVI) office's website.

Male participants took a stand on these issues by finding sponsors

Ourages sexual violence awareness

April as part of Sexual Assault for the cause and then walking a one-mile course on USU's campus, beginning and ending in the Taggart Student Center hallway in front of the Bookstore. Each participant donned a pair of women's high heels or specially decorated

Money raised by the annual

office, which is a campus resource where students can find information and receive support concerning issues regarding sexual assault and violence issues, according to the SAAVI website.

Codie Thurgood, a senior majoring in social work, is a practicum student at the SAAVI office and helped coordinate the event. She said the group planned for the possibility of rainy or otherwise inclement weather by providing ways to encourage participation.

"USU has been doing this for eight years. It is raining, but we have umbrellas for some if they want them," she said.

Monica Bailey, SAAVI office program director, said, "It's a really great event, and we really appreciate the students who come and support it and the community members who also come to support it. It wouldn't happen if nobody came."

Bailey also said Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is a great way for people to speak up about sexual assault issues.

"It's a chance for them to do something productive while only

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MALE STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT campus groups participated in the annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event Thursday. The Sigma Chi fraternity won an award for having the largest group involved. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

brecht concludes legislati ve session for faculty

BY MEGAN ALLEN assistant news editor

To wrap up the latest Utah legislative session, USU President Stan Albrecht gave his annual Report to the Colleges on Thursday, in which he gave the concise version of accomplished goals and missions for the upcoming year.

Albrecht said he, director of government relations Neil Abercrombie and Dave Cowley, vice president for business and finance, gave a similar presentation to members of the Legislature earlier this

"It was really helpful in accomplishing a number of things this year," Cowley said.

Albrecht said the recent goals and accomplishments are based on the "threelegged stool" of the university — discovery, engagement and learning. "These are such an important part of who we are historically and who we are as we move forward," Albrecht said.

In hopes of innovating and creating a bigger impact in teaching, Albrecht said USU is working to provide more classes through the Internet and interactive video conferencing (IVC).

These are all becoming an increasing part of the way we deliver education here at Utah State University," he said.

There are currently 385 courses taught online and 380 done through video. He said there were 21 alternative degree programs offered in 2006, but that number has increased to 72.

He said more than 5,000 students are enrolled in IVC classes. Along with that, he said there are students from all 50 states, as well as 50 countries around the world, who participate in USU classes in some form or another.

"We wanted the Legislature to understand that not only are we doing this but that we encourage it," he said.

Albrecht said he is working closely with the Regional Campuses to have all the pre-engineering classes taught there, after which students can have a smoother transition to the main campus to complete their education.

The new Regional Campus and Distance Education Building going in on campus is currently at 72 percent completion and will be ready for occupation July 15. The new facility will provide opportunities for the university to even further increase the potential for alternative teaching methods, Albrecht said.

Along with a different age distribution, different from that of the typical 18- to See UNIVERSITY, Page 2



STAN ALBRECHT SPENT PART of Thursday morning addressing faculty and staff, informing them of changes made in the latest legislative session. Photo courtesy of Trent Hunsaker

Campus & Community

Professor chosen to attend conference

USU classics professor Mark L. Damen was selected to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute "Roman Comedy in Performance" at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. The 2012 NEH Summer Scholars program brings together leading experts in the field to practice scholarship through perfor-

Damen has been named a USU Mortar Board Outstanding Professor three times and received the Carnegie Foundation's CASE Teacher of the Year Award for Utah in 1999. His work has been widely published in publications such as "Classical Journal," "Classical World" and "Theatre Journal." Later this year, an article he co-authored with a USU student will appear in the "American Journal of Philology."

Damen will join 24 other scholars for one month this summer to study the ancient Roman comic playwrights Plautus and Terence whose works shaped the way comedy is performed today. Participants will parse plays and discuss how the scenes were originally performed in Rome and how to perform them in the modern age - particularly the sometimes disturbing elements of the productions.

Campus invited to Geology lecture series

The USU community is invited to learn more about each of these divergent topics in lectures presented by renowned engineering geologist Scott Burns Monday, April 16, on campus. USU's Department of Geology hosts Burns as the Geological Society of America's 2011-12 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer.

A professor of geology at Portland State University, Burns presents "Cataclysms on the Columbia: The Great Missoula Floods" at 11:30 a.m. in Room 102 of the Geology building. His talk details the cataclysmic Missoula Floods that swept across eastern Washington and through the Columbia River Gorge at the end of the last ice age some 15,000 to 18,000 years ago.

At 3:30 p.m, in Room 105 of the Geology building, Burns presents "The Mystery of Terroir: The Relationship of Geology, Soils and Climate to Wine."

The Jahns lectureship, established in 1988, is sponsored by the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists and the GSA Engineering Geology Division. The lectureship is named in honor of Dr. Richard H. Jahns (1915-1983), an engineering geologist who had a diverse and distinguished career in academia, consulting and govern-

USU Eastern gets first tenure professor

A faculty member, not housed on the Logan campus, made history for USU by being the first to receive promotion and tenure as a full pro-

Robert S. McPherson, who teaches on the USU Eastern Blanding Campus, was approved by the USU Board of Trustees April 6 to be promoted to professor in the Department of History, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

McPherson is well known for his expertise in Native American History and Culture. USU Eastern Blanding Campus serves Native American students who comprise 60 percent of the nearly 800 undergraduates enrolled.

McPherson is an award-winning author of several dozen publications and 10 books. He is former vice president of the College of Eastern Utah where he began teaching for the San Juan Campus in 1977.

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Panel shares ways to make jobs eco-friendly

BY CAITLIN MOFFIT staff writer

A five-member panel discussed the future of green careers Wednesday and how almost every career can be more eco-friendly as part of Earth Week on campus at

Career Services, the Sustainability Council and the Student Sustainability Office co-sponsored the panel, which met in the Merrill-Cazier Library.

"Our panel was a great combination of talents," said Melissa Scheaffer, an associate director at Career Services. "They can give us an idea of what careers in the green industry mean. They talked about their expertise and their advice for students that are interested in green careers."

Kristin Ladd, a Campus Outreach intern who helped organize the panel, said, "Earth Week caters to people who care about it, but this panel catered to people who are here to mainly get a better job. I wanted to reach out to more people on campus, because that's what Blue Goes Green and the Student Sustainability Office is all about."

Nat Frazer, former dean of the College of Natural Resources, said the college is all about the outdoors

and being supportive of the environment.

"For one whole swath of green careers, and you like the outdoors, there's a wide variety of things you can do," Frazer said. "There are a plethora of private organizations that people in natural resources work for."

He said it is impossible to think about a lot of career fields without thinking about green careers.

"Let me caution you," Frazer said. "When you think about green careers, it is not just building windmills and working on hybrid cars. Those are the obvious

Frazer provided examples of companies that have found creative ways to be environmentally friendly.

"UPS has developed a program where they plan out the route a truck is going to take, to take as few left turns as possible," he said. "By instituting that plan, they've saved three million gallons of gas a year. Somebody who wasn't in a green career saved UPS millions of dollars because they were thinking and asked a question.'

Transport companies are now using green, ecofriendly principles, such as not idling, slow acceleration and taking fewer left-hand turns, Frazer said.

"If you change your lights to LED, you can lower costs by 75 percent," said panel member Ken Gardner, of Gardner Engineering.

Frazer also said innovative thinking benefits all

"I encourage you all to think creatively and look around at the things that are happening," he said. "And, as you learn more and more about the field that you are

> Think creatively and look around at the things that are happening."

 Nat Frazer, College of Natural Resources

going in, ask yourself, 'How can we lower costs and run efficiently?'

"It's a million different things going out and working together that will help us wean off of fossil fuels,' said Sam Powell, director of Washikie Renewable Energy. Powell said his company

works with USU's Extension program to develop crop rotation with oil seeds.

"We are working on a pilot program for developing a way for farmers to use oil seed in rotation with their crops," Powell said. "Eventually, I think you'll see farmers and other people with land, planting oil seeds as a crop rotation."

Denise Iverson, a panel member who represented workforce studies of the state of Utah, said there is training available for people interested in solar energy careers. She said the training is paid by a grant given to the state of Utah.

"There are several locations around the state that provide training," Iverson said. "If you live in Cache Valley, it's really easy to qualify."

She said one of those locations is Bridgerland Applied Technology College, which also offers night

The panel members discussed ways cities are becoming greener and more eco-friendly.

"If you've ever flown into any major city in the United States, you've seen the amount of flat rooftop space," Frazer said. "There are several companies in the United States that are putting solar panels on top of

these buildings and use that to subsidize the energy of universities and businesses to lower the operating cost. The company that lets them use their roof space gets a tax break. That's an example of financial folks that are using empty, unused space."

Frazer said there are two buildings on campus at USU that meet the lead platinum standard for energy - even the scrap material used was recycled.

Lt. Col. Greg Stuart represented USU's Army ROTC on the panel and said the United States Army is also working to become more eco-friendly.

Stuart said there are two Army bases that depend on their own solar power to operate.

'The United States Army is taking going green very seriously. We are conscious of the need to go green," Stuart said. "If you want to go green, it's usually contractors. There's not a specific field, but we are thinking green."

Frazer said he believes each generation is going to be more eco-friendly.

'I guarantee you that the people in your generation have ideas that my generation never even thought of," Frazer said.

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County convention introduces candidates to community

Rhett Wilkinson, an elected state delegate and junior studying political science and journalism, said he wanted to take an active role in politics because it affects so much of what he does.

"Politics involves financing, it involves faith, it involves relationships and it involves land concerns," Wilkinson said. "Everyone should have an interest in politics if they have an interest in anything going on around them. Politics is in everything. Politics is where the issues lie.

Wilkinson also said he is grateful for the experience he has had up to this point.

"It was great to be elected and provide a lot of great opportunities to network and meet political figures and truly have an impact - a real impact - in the election cycle," he said. "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind, From Page 1

especially wanting to be involved in politics, there couldn't have been a better decision."

For students interested in working in politics, Camp said this is the perfect chance to make connections.

"It's a networking opportunity," he said. "Campaigns are constantly looking for young kids to help out. You'd be surprised how many staffers in Washington, D.C, are under 30."

Pugmire said the most important reason for students to get involved is to bring politicians' focuses back to the university. He said campaigns target voters and politically active citizens. A student whose voice is heard benefits all other students who share his or her views.



MANY USU STUDENTS SPENT Wednesday at Mount Logan Middle School, - brianna.b@aggiemail.usu.edu talking to candidates for postions on the Utah legislative, senate and governor seats. Some students are involved in campaigns and as delegates. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

University focusing on research and distance education

24-year-old college student, Albrecht said Distance Education reaches out to a different gender demographic. While the main USU campus is split close to 50-50, distance education averages 62 percent female and 38 percent male population.

Moving on to the research leg of the university stool, Albrecht said in the last year there has been a total of \$213 million collected in grant money. That amount exceeds the \$200 million

"What a great compliment this is to our faculty and the work they are doing," Albrecht said.

USU currently has 12 National Science Foundation award winners as a part of the faculty, which Albrecht said is abnormal for institutions this

"We should maybe have three or four, but we have a dozen," Albrecht said. "We have significantly more than our peer institutions — a good few more than institutions much

larger than we are."

Cowley took time to inform faculty of changes to their salary in the upcoming year.

He said at the beginning of the legislative session, Gov. Gary Herbert determined that state employees would be getting a 1 percent costof-living increase in their salaries. However, higher education employees were left out of that.

Albrecht, Abercrombie and other higher education administrators

convinced him to include all state employees in the raise.

This was the first session after three sessions of no salary increases as well as budget cuts that we do actually have some new funding coming to the university," Cowley said.

Albrecht closed the meeting, reminding the audience of the approved increases in both tiers of tuition that will be instated this fall.

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A COLLECTION OF WOMEN'S shoes were laid out for men participating in Walk a Mile in her shoes. The men donned high heels and walked around campus. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

●From Page 1 Men get a taste of high heeled shoes

stepping out of their comfort zones for just a few minutes," she said.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was started in 2001 by Frank Baird, a clinical supervisor at the Valley Trauma Center in Van Nuys, Calif., to raise awareness of sexual assault, according to the SAAVI website.

"Violence against women does not just affect women," Baird said. "Men are hurt and angered when women they care about are raped. The same violence that targets women also targets men, because rape isn't about sex, it's about power, control and violence. I knew that for every man who could be persuaded to think differently about gender roles, gender relationships and gender violence, many more. women would be spared - and so, too, would the men in their lives."

Thurgood said the event is used to raise awareness and to help people hear other people's concerns.

"As we stand together, we can make it stop,"

Thurgood said the event is also beneficial because it is a visual and aural representation of people standing up for a cause.

"It's such a taboo subject," Thurgood said. "No one wants to talk about rape or sexual assault or gender violence, but as we start

raising awareness and get people wearing their T-shirts and getting involved, it starts to show that it's not something that should be swept under the rug or hidden or can't be talked about. It's something we can work through

Bailey said she noticed the number of participants this year was down from last year's event.

"Last year we had 90 (participants), but this year we did only one consolidated walk. Last year we did three walkarounds," she said.

At the end of the walk, prizes were awarded to participants. Ryan Johnson won for having the most pledges, Justin Zizumbo won for having the best walk and the Sigma Chi fraternity won for having the largest group of walkers.

The SAAVI office is an open resource to students on campus, regardless of age or the situations they may have experienced, the SAAVI website states.

'There's support here," Thurgood said. "There are people here that care and want to help you. You're not alone."

Information and support for male and female victims of sexual assault, as well as those who wish to know where they can help, can be found at www.usu.edu/SAAVI.

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Fad diets may cause weight loss, but are they safe?

BY DREW VAN DYKE staff writer

Fad dieting gives a new meaning to spring cleaning. While this time of year is often dedicated to ridding one's home of excess crud, some individuals instead hope to rid their bodies of unwanted toxins. This is all part of cleanse dieting, a fad aimed at shedding pounds and purifying the body.

"A cleanse or detox diet is generally defined as a diet therapy that apparently rids the body of toxins - harmful substances that have accumulated in the body and lead to poor health and disease," Marlene Israelsen, USU professor of nutrition and food science, said.

Examples of detox therapies include excessive fasting, colon cleansing, chelation therapy, specific combinations of herbs or supplements, restrictive dieting, or exclusive consumption of certain foods or beverages, she said.

Although cleanse-diets are becoming increasingly more popular, Israelsen and many of her comrades are skeptical of their success.

'From a dietitian's standpoint, I don't agree with cleanse diets at all," said Kelsey Rich, a registered dietitian and USU graduate student. "I have seen people go on them for 10 to 14 days. They don't get any of the essential nutrients, fats, calories or proteins that it needs to function properly — they are basically starving their bodies."

Many of the cleanse diets consist of only a lemon-water mixture that takes the place of all solid foods, she said.

This liquid diet, known as the "master cleanse," was the option that Eden Kershisnik and Natalie Orme decided upon when selecting a cleanse diet last semester.

Though cleanse diets are commonly done in an effort to improve body appearance and health, neither reason was a motivating factor for Kershisnik, an undeclared freshman, or Orme, a freshman majoring in accounting.

'We watch a lot of reality TV because we don't have any drama in our life," Kershisnik said. "We always try and do things to make our lives dramatic. Natalie came up with the idea, because it would give us something to talk and complain

As the two did additional research online, they found information suggesting that a cleanse diet was not only beneficial but also necessary for good health, she said.

'We read this article that said we had waste in our bodies from 10 years ago just sitting in there rotting," Kershisnik said. "It said that the waste could cause cancer, so we started freaking out."

Rich said fad diets such as the master cleanse often gain widespread popularity due to inaccurate information on the

There is a lot of nutritionless information out there that makes people think weight loss is a quick fix," Rich said. "It is easy for people to get caught up in it, even though it is not necessarily healthy or true."

With the thought of cancercausing contaminants as an additional driver, Kershisnik and Orme began the master cleanse diet using the suggested combination of water, lemon juice, grade-B maple syrup and cayenne pepper, Kershisnik

By day two, she said she noticed a drastic difference in

'The next day I wasn't hungry. I actually felt kind of sick," she said. "I was just addicted to the thought of food. Watching people eat made me really angry."

Kershisnik's attitude continued to change substantially throughout the diet, she said.

"I'm usually a pretty upbeat happy person, but I was horrible," Kershisnik said. "My roommates told me that I had to start eating because they couldn't live with me anymore."

After four days of the master cleanse, both women said they decided to call it quits.

Although failure to complete fad diets is not uncommon, many of those who successfully follow through with the regiment do not maintain weight loss long-term, Rich said.

Some members of the USU nutrition and food science staff do not deny the possible weightloss effects of cleanse dieting, but they also warn that a scale can be misleading.

"Weight loss certainly occurs in most cases, but this is usually due to fluid loss more than fat loss and it is easily gained back," Israelsen said.

In addition to regaining the weight once lost, Rich warns that many fad dieters end up heavier than they were before

Their metabolism slows down after the diet," Rich said. "And once they start eating normally, they gain weight again — a lot of times more than they

lost in the first place."
For those seeking effective weight loss results, Rich suggests the avoidance of fad-diet trends and the adherence of old-fashioned methods.

'Anything you can't do lifelong is not going to work," she said. "Eating healthy, balanced meals, watching your portion sizes and exercising is how people maintain their health and keep the weight off."

Rich said she also does not view cleanse dieting as an effective way to rid the body of

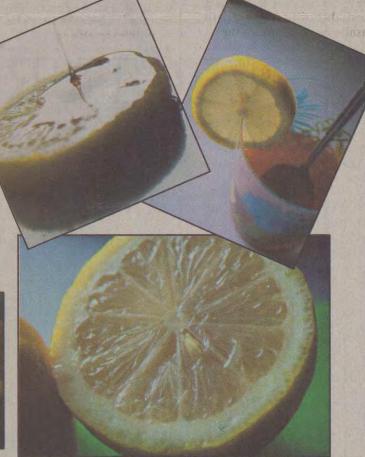
The liver detoxifies our body," Rich said. "Studies have shown that when people go on these cleanses, their bodies do not rid any more toxins than if they were not on the diet."

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THE MASTER CLEANSE DIET, also known as the lemonade diet, includes three ingredients: freshly squeezed lemons, maple syrup, and cayenne pepper. KELSIE MASON photos





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- Can cause bad breath, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, insomnia and nausea
- May lead to heart disease, osteoporo-sis and nutritional deficiencies

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'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' is full of eye candy

I know what you are thinking, "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen?" What does that even mean? You may be thrown off by the title or even the idea, but this Ewan McGregor independent film is not just about fish.

This story is about Dr. Alfred Jones (Ewan McGregor), a fisheries expert, who leads a rather dull life until an absurd vision is revealed by a Sheikh — a leader of an Arab village. Sheikh Muhammad wants to introduce salmon fishing to his people in the Yemen. That's right, the Yemen, aka the driest place on earth. Unfortunately, it seems illogical and virtually impossible to place and keep alive salmon in the middle of a desert. Dr. Jones is offered double the



pay he makes at his monotonous desk job to take on this task. Making sarcastic remarks the entire time of how unrealistic this vision is, Dr. Jones learns a lot about himself and proves the impossible, possible.

In order to get salmon to the Yemen they would literally have to transport tanks of water and salmon from the United Kingdom to the Middle East using heavy-duty military aircraft and hope the fish stay alive. This effort will

only work if the dam the Sheikh had built in the middle of nowhere serves its purpose during the dry season.

With help, the projects tasks are completed with crossed fingers. Harriet, played by the lovely Emily Blunt, is the consultant who gets the \$50,000 project off the ground in the first place and remains by Dr. Jones' side until the end. The awkward and humorless Dr. Jones and Harriet, despite the mutual argumentative attitudes, grow fond of each other.

Emily Blunt, seen in "Adjustment Bureau" and not many other films I have seen, does an excellent job portraying Harriet. Her chemistry with Ewan McGregor is endearing. It's probably just because he gets to speak in his

real voice. McGregor is from Scotland and is rarely heard on screen using his best feature. I have not swooned over him this much since Moulin Rouge.

Ewan McGregor not only got to speak normally but he also played a role different from anything I have ever seen him do. "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" had a constantly witty dialogue throughout the entire film. Dr. Jones was a little awkward with his Asperger's-like personality but his unintentional hilarity was the cherry on

top.

Amr Waked played
Sheikh Muhammad. I
have never seen this actor
before but he played a
very humble and respectful man. I grew to love

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Circus on the Quad



MATT RAHMEYER, A SENIOR MAJORING IN GEOLOGY is about to do a backflip on the slackline Wednesday afternoon on the Quad with the USU slackline club. James Harris, a junior majoring in geology, said joing the slacklining club is a way to meet new people and get a good workout. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

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Pre-Emptive Critics

'The Three Stooges'

What happens when you mix Jane Lynch with an absurd amount of slapstick comedy?

amount of slapstick comedy?
Oh wait, "Glee" already did that.

Despite this, "The Three Stooges" looks like the best remake to come out of Hollywood this year. That may not be saying much, considering the list contains the movies "Carrie," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Mortal Kombat," but it still holds potential for being a comedy that actually proves to be funny.

Moe, Curly and Larry were not only icons of 1950s Hollywood but are arguably the best trio of all time. There are some aspects of the original that can never be replaced, but the remake seems to do the stars justice.

My biggest hope for this movie is that it doesn't try to be a carbon copy of the original, but instead takes its own twist. In the 2012 version of the movie, the trio stumbles onto a reality TV show, while getting mixed up in a murder plot at the same time. I figure that never would have happened in 1952, so the classic will remain untarnished by sequel wannabes.

I pre-emptively think audiences should watch "The Three Stooges" but not pass it off as the original. There are some things that should never be touched.

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'Life Happens'

America is obsessed with unexpected pregnancy.

"Juno," "Teen Mom," "16 and Pregnant," "Junior" and,
now, "Life Happens" all have plotlines revolving around...
surprise, preggo eggos — except in "Junior," in which Arnold
Schwarzenegger plays the pregnant character.

In "Life Happens," we see three young women — I'm guessing early 20s, though the actresses are in their 30s — who are living together in Los Angeles. It appears these girls are initially living their single lives to the fullest — until one night, there is only one condom, when two are needed. Deena, played by Kate Bosworth, claims it and runs away. When Kim, played by Krysten Ritter, becomes pregnant after her unprotected one-night stand, her life is turned upside down.

She finds her new baby is an obstacle in her career, friendships and dating life. In one incident, she told a hottie at the bar that her roommate was the one with a baby — and it looks like the roommate, Deena, plays along.

Obviously something is going to hit the fan in that scenario. Despite the overdone storyline, there is some hilarious dialogue — unless they used all the good lines in the trailer — this should be a funny flick.

After Kim introduced Deena as the pregnant roommate, a creepy mustached man comes up to her and says, "I can see you — child on your hip, born to be a mom," he said." She comes back with, "When I see you, mustache on your face, it's profiled on 'To Catch a Predator."

This might not be worth a full-priced ticket, but if you wait for "Life Happens" to hit the dollar theater or Redbox, it might be worth your buck.

'The Cabin in the Woods'

"If you think you know this story, think again," a press release states.

If I were you, I certainly would start thinking. Not about storyline but about getting as far away as you can from the movie "The Cabin in the Woods."

What starts out as a normal, friendly road trip between friends — those exist? — to a family cabin, turns into a full-blown horror story, complete with mad scientists, secret chemicals and, you guessed it — or not — redneck zombies.

The most disappointing part of the movie seemed to be when Curt Vaughan (Chris Hemsworth) stays alive after coming close to death a number of times. If the director had killed him off, we wouldn't have to put up with his cardboard acting. Of course, such action might also send 16-year-old girls everywhere out of the movie theater in tears.

Director Joss Whedon is clear that he wants the characters in the movie bruised and beaten. Whedon, who also directed the infamous series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," told a reporter, "I like to find great actors that I love and then beat the (crap) out of them and — if possible, kill them."

If you like death mixed with a little blood, cheesy horror and cowboy-laden zombies, this is your kind of movie. I pre-emptively vote to see this movie when you have exhausted every option for entertainment in the entire world. In other words, it will never happen.

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The pre-emptive critics write knee-jerk analyses of upcoming films based solely on hearsay, advance publicity and — most importantly — movie trailers. They have not yet seen the movies.

Soak up the sun with a few good books

It's getting to that point in the year when I attempt to open my media research textbook and my eyes instantly gloss over, the words causing my facial features to go into a coma. After several hours, I awaken and realize the only thing I've learned during my study session is that page two does indeed come after page one.

I'm textbooked out. The only reason I want to have a textbook in my hands is when I give it to the woman behind the podium in the Taggart Student Center and she hands me a nice big wad of cash.

In three short weeks, I'll fly off to my internship in Washington, D.C., — with a literary foundation, ironically. I won't wait until I'm off the plane to start my summer reading list. I can't wait to string a hammock between some trees and cuddle up with some works of literary merit. Here are the books I've been anxiously anticipating since the semester began.

"Into the Wild," by Jon Krakauer

I'll be honest, I'm never going to be a jump-on-a-plane-and-fly-across-the-world-with-no-preparation kind of girl. I like planning things, and planning them carefully at that. It's not to say I don't have dreams of traveling across the globe, I just want to make sure it's done in a very particular fashion.

I love books that let me be adventurous without leaving my soft living room cushions. "Into the Wild" is bound to be captivating, seeing as it's by journalist Jon Krakauer. Journalists, naturally, make the best storytellers.

"Into the Wild" has been on bookshelves for years, but I haven't had a chance to pick it up. The book follows the real-life story of Christopher Johnson McCandless as he sells or gives away everything he owns and hitchhikes to Alaska. Following the footsteps of his hero Jack London, he burns his car and all of his cash and sets off into the unknown, ignoring the pleas of his family.

Called "heartbreaking" and "mesmerizing" by reviews, the story follows McCandless to his tabloid-worthy death. I just hope the storytelling lives up to that of classic journalists-goneauthors like Upton Sinclair.

"Holes," by Louis Sachar

You're asking why I would put a book on the list that a) Is for 10-year-olds, and b) I've already read five times. Besides this list, I'm also trying to read—and in some cases re-read—every Newberry Medal award-winning book. but I strongly believe children's books have the ability to take us back to our childhood, which is not



always a bad thing.

Just in case you didn't know
— or haven't seen the movie —
"Holes" follows Stanley Yelnats
as he is is sent to Camp Green
Lake for boys. Everyday the
boys dig holes exactly five feet
deep and five feet across to
"build character." As the story
unfolds, Stanley finds himself
in a 100-year-old mystery. No
matter if you're 6 years old or
60, this is a book that's hard to
set down.

"The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates," by Wes Moore

On the list of book genres I like, murder mysteries typically fall pretty low. I like a good plot twist, but reading about gore and blood always leaves me with a churning stomach.

"The Other Wes Moore" is a true story based on the selftitled author. He finds a man who shares his name, comes from a remarkably similar background as him and is within two years of his own age. The catch is the other Wes Moore is a murderer, with a life sentence in prison with no chance of parole. The story follows both Moores, who eventually end up meeting one another. Even the summary of this book is gripping enough that I decided to give it a try, though I may have to read it with all of the doors bolted shut.

"Don Quixote," by Miguel De Cervantes

I can't say I've been dying to read it. After all, I've seen the movie three times. I still don't understand what's so funny about a crazy man trying to pick a fight with a windmill.

I'm giving into peer pressure on this one and reading it simply because so many people have told me I can't die without having read the novel. I wasn't really sold until I saw it was The Guardian's No. 1 fiction book — ever. If there's one thing in this life I trust, it's The Guardian book lists. I'll knock it out in a couple of afternoons and see if it was indeed worth my time.

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"The Hobbit," by J. R. R. Tolkien

Growing up, I think I tried to read "The Hobbit" at least five times. I never got too far past, "In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit..." before my eyes started to droop. promise. I don't like every blade of grass on the plains explained to me in intricate detail.

Nonetheless, before the movie comes out, I've vowed to follow hobbit Bilbo Baggins through the "dominion of men" to find his treasure. "The Hobbit" is said to be one of the greatest tales of all time. As long as I can get past the first five pages, I'm sure this will prove to be true.

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From Page 4

Indie film has unique plot

on screen using his best feature. I have not swooned over him this much since Moulin Rouge.

Ewan McGregor not only got to speak normally but he also played a role different from anything I have ever seen him do. "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" had a constantly witty dialogue throughout the entire film. Dr. Jones was a little awkward with his Asperger's-like personality but his unintentional hilarity was the cherry on top.

Amr Waked played Sheikh Muhammad. I have never seen this actor before but he played a very humble and respectful man. I grew to love his character the most. He was charming and not to mention good looking. Most of all, he taught Dr. Jones about faith and how it relates to fish.

"Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" isn't known for its special graphics, big splashes or explosions however it is definitely worth seeing for the laughs and inspirational, family friendly feel. You can also see it for the beautiful sounding Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt.

I give this Indie flick props for being one of the most original films I have seen all year. Well, as original as a film can be that is actually based off a book. "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" is based on a novel by Paul Torday. The British humor and wit, I am almost certain, comes from the novel. It is rare to see a film like this in America. In fact, it took a year for it to get released in the U.S. It debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2011, resulting in lots of praise and success. Starting in mid-March 2012, "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" was introduced to the U.S. with a limited release and expanded at the beginning of April.

The well-acclaimed indie film has yet to be released here in Logan but for those able and willing, it is playing at various theaters in or near Salt Lake City.

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LEGEND

The mockingjay pin, a gift from a friend in District 12, is Katniss' special token for the **Hunger Games.**

RULES OF THE GAMES

CHARACTERS



Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence)

Katniss Everdeen: The main character of the "Hunger Games," Katniss lives in District 12 with her mother and sister, Primrose. Her father died in a mining accident when she was 11. Katniss provides for her family by illegally hunting outside the

district fence and by trading at the Hob, a black market. When her sister is picked for the 74th annual Hunger Games, Katniss volunteers to take her place.



Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson)

Peeta Mellark: Katniss' fellow District 12 tribute in the 74th Games, Peeta grew up in the district's merchant area. His parents are bakers, and he once purposely burned bread so he could give it to Katniss and her family, who

were on the verge of starvation. Although she is unaware, Peeta has long had a crush on her.



Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth)

Gale Hawthorne: Katniss' best friend in District 12, Gale lost his father in the same mining accident that killed Katniss' father. He illegally hunts with Katniss and provides for his mother and younger siblings. He vows to

protect and care for Katniss' family when she goes to the

Primrose Everdeen: Katniss' little sister, Primrose has a gentle disposition and a talent for healing.

Effie Trinket: A woman from the Capitol, Effie is the official escort for the District 12 tributes.

Haymitch Abernathy: District 12's only living Hunger Games victor, Haymitch must act as the tributes' mentor, despite a penchant for heavy drinking.

President Snow: The leader of Panem, Snow is a cruel man who keeps tight control over his country.

Cinna: The assigned stylist for District 12, Cinna becomes a trusted friend and ally to Katniss.

SOURCES: "THE HUNGER GAMES" TRILOGY; SCHOLASTIC; WWW. THEHUNGERGAMES MOVIE.COM.

Immerse yourself in the world of 'The Hunger Games'

Society as we know it has fallen and has been replaced by the authoritarian nation of Panem.

Residents live in tightly controlled districts and do what they can to avoid dying before their time. Yet death still may find them, simply by the luck of the draw. Because in this new society, the children must compete yearly in a fight to the death — The Hunger Games.

This is the future — and the setting of the dark, dystopian and extremely popular trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

The first book, "The Hunger Games," was released to critical acclaim in 2008 and remained on the New York Times bestseller list for than 180 consecutive weeks. Now, the series' first movie is due out March 23.

In case you haven't gulped down the fast-paced books, here's a primer on "The Hunger Games" to get you up to speed on everything from the main characters to the Games and districts.

- Merrie Leininger, Kim Ossi and Wendy Zang, McClatchy-Tribune

THE REAPING

Once a year, every district child ages 12 to 18 has his or her name placed in a lottery. One boy and one girl are chosen from each district in a televised ceremony. Those selected are known as trib-

Some children, known as careers, train their whole lives for the Hunger Games. But poorer children are most likely to be chosen because adding your name more than once to the drawing nets you a tessera — a stingy supply of grain and oil. A teen may do this for each of their family members as well, and the entries are cumulative.



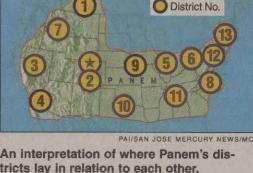
Katniss Everdeen awaits the tribute lottery with other District 12 residents in "The Hunger Games."

THE HUNGER GAMES

Once a child is chosen, they are given just a few minutes to say goodbye to family and friends. They are then swept off to the Capitol via train, where they are given a makeover and introduced to the country by television. Those who gain favor from wealthy viewers can receive sponsorships of food, supplies or medicine during the survival game.

> but the landscape varies each year. It's part of the challenge presented by the head gamemaker. Cameras capture tributes' every move so the whole nation can watch as the children fight for their lives. Katniss Everdeen prepares to fight for survival in "The **Hunger Games.**"

The Hunger Games are played in an outdoor arena, of sorts,



tricts lay in relation to each other,

PANEM

Panem is what is left of North America, years after droughts, storms and rising sea levels devastated the food supply. Battles for what remained resulted in an authoritarian government based in the Capitol, in an area presumed to be near the Rocky Mountains, with 13 districts spread out

About 75 years before the first novel begins, a rebellion known as the Dark Days took place. The districts rose up against the Capitol, but they were unsuccessful, and District 13 was reportedly wiped out completely. All the districts are surrounded by fences, and residents are not permitted to travel between them.

Following the Dark Days, the Hunger Games were established as both a punishment and a warning to never again rebel.

DISTRICT 1

Capitol with the

most deca-

ceptional

dent and ex-

goods, includ-

DISTRICT 3

to Panem by

studying the

art, skill and

craft of tech-

nology.

Known for: Luxury

Purpose: Provide the

ing diamonds and gems.

Notable: Wealthiest dis-

trict outside the Capitol.

trict, where children are

specially trained for the

Known for: Electronics

Purpose: Bring innovation

Notable: Most citizens in

this district work in facto-

ries making things like tel-

evisions, automobiles and

Considered a "career" dis-

THE CAPITOL

The residents of the Capitol are frivolous, wasteful people who live in luxury without want or hunger, but they are still closely watched at all times. They are obsessed with entertainment and fashion, and many have altered their appearance to accord with the latest

DISTRICT 2

Known for: Masonry Purpose: Supply the bricks, stones and mortar on which Panem is built. Notable: This is also the district where Panem's Peacekeepers (police) are trained and where weapons are manufactured. Also a career district.

DISTRICT 4

Known for: Fishing Purpose: Bring the bounty of the sea to the whole nation of Panem Notable: One of the wealthier districts Also a career district.

DISTRICT 5

explosives.

Known for: Power Purpose: Generate the power to keep all of Panem's lights shining brightly. Notable: Not much is known about District 5, but it is reported to have a low number of tesserae-claiming chil-

DISTRICT 6

Known for: Transportation destination may be, you couldn't get there without

Notable: Among the products made here: hover

DISTRICT 8

Known for: Textiles Purpose: Make all of Panem look good, from the runways of the Capitol to the cobblestone streets of the lowli est Districts Notable: Factories make all clothes, including Peacekeeper uniforms. Urban, industrial area with rundown tehements.

DISTRICT 10

Known for: Livestock Purpose: Provide Panem with the freshest, tastiest, most tender meats - from pasture to plate. Notable: In the 74th Hunger Games, this district sends a boy with a crippled foot.

DISTRICT 12

Known for: Mining Purpose: Venture deep within: the earth to extract the coal which keeps, Panem going. Notable: One of the poorest, most ridiculed districts. Food is scarce. and some residents turn to the black market to feed their families.

DISTRICT 7

Known for: Lumber the finest lumber nature can provide, from the forest to the mills. Notable: Heavily wooded Tributes from here are usually good with axes.

DISTRICT 9

Known for: Grain Purpose: No nutritious diet could be complete without the grains we Notable: The breadbowl of Panem.

DISTRICT 11

Known for: Agriculture Purpose: Keep Panem nourished and strong with the fruits and vegetables we cultivate. Notable: Almost everything grown goes to the Capitol. Tracker jackers genetically altered killer wasps — are a danger

DISTRICT 13

Known for: Nuclear technology, graphite mining Notable: One of the original districts, 13 was reportedly obliterated by the Capitol during the uprisings and is uninhabitable.

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Touch Base

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Softball

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 USU at Brigham Young, 6 p.m.,

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 USU at Brigham Young, 1:30 p.m.,

USU at Brigham Young, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 USU at Utah Valley, TBA, Orem SATURDAY, APRIL 14 USU at Utah Valley, TBA USU at Utah Valley, TBA

Track and Field

APRIL 13-14 Sacramento State Invitational,

Sacramento, Calif. Men's Tennis

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 USU vs. Idaho, 2 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 14 USU vs. Hawaii, 10 a.m.

Men's Rugby

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 USU alumni game, 1 p.m., HPER

Women's Rugby SATURDAY, APRIL 14

USU alumni game, 11 a.m., HPER

WAC Standings

Men's Basketball

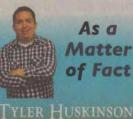
	WAC	OVERAL
Fresno State	7-1	27-16
Hawaii	6-2	32-4
SJSU	5-3	21-19
La. Tech	5-3	18-20
BYU	4-3	25-12
Nevada	4-5	13-26
Utah State	2-7	14-25
NMSU	0-9	19-22

WAC Results

Men's Basketball WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

weber State 3, Utan State 10 Weber State 4, Utah State 7 Utah Valley 1, Brigham Young 3

Reflecting on Aggie football



I don't like being sentimental. It's not my favorite thing by any stretch of the imagination, but as I reach the end of my time at Utah State, I realize just how much I will miss the spot where the sagebrush

grows. Covering Aggie Athletics has been a rollercoaster ride this season, and I'm pretty sure I almost got an ulcer after the end of men's basketball season. I'm looking forward to graduating and opening a new chapter in life, but I'm dreading the day when Thursday, August 30, rolls around, and I won't find myself in the press

box at Romney Stadium. It's only Aggie football, though, right?

It's not only Aggie football. It's only the most exciting Aggie football team we have seen under the Gary Andersen era. I know

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AGGIE LIFE



USU JUNIOR BRESHAE LIMB helped the Utah Thunder win USA Hockey National Championships in 2011 and 2012. DELAYNE LOCKE photo

Back-to-back national champion

BY CURTIS LUNDSTROM staff writer

For Breshae Limb, hockey is more than just a game, it's a way of

A junior majoring in exercise science at USU, Limb has played hockey since the age of 13 and is driven by more than a love for the

She's quiet, but she steps on the ice and she

goes to work. She comes to play. When we first

had her, she was on defense because we had a

Four and a half years ago, Limb lost her father, Jeff, to a heart attack while their family was playing a pick-up game of hockey.

"He was my coach when I was younger, and he always supported me, up until he died," Limb said. "Basically, if I ever feel discouraged or something, I always push myself

- Dennis Marietti.

head coach

Utah Thunder

and do it for him. As far as nationals go, when I push myself, I tell myself to do it for him and think that he's rooting for me, so I can do

Since then, Limb's hockey career has taken off, and she has spent the past two years as starting goaltender for the Utah Thunder, helping them to back-to-back USA Hockey national titles in 2011 and 2012.

Limb said a number of factors contributed to her decision to start playing hockey.

When her family lived in California during Limb's youth, her parents frequently attended games played by the Los Angeles Kings, a professional hockey team. When the family returned to Cache Valley, Limb's brother, Braden, picked up roller hockey and eventually transitioned to ice hockey in 2002.

Limb said these events made her more inclined to play competitively, and, a couple of years later, she had the opportunity to attend an open event at the Eccles Ice Center where anyone could dress in full gear and scrimmage.

Her first time on the ice, Limb broke her arm. She said her father felt awful, since he had encouraged her to take up the sport. But, despite the accident, Limb gave hockey another chance.

Since then, she has progressed from rookie status to playing on an under-19 travel team to seasoned veteran with the Thunder.

'(Breshae) is a great kid," said Dennis Marietti, head coach of the Utah Thunder. "She's quiet, but she steps on the ice and she goes to

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SOFTBALL

Aggies make it three-straight wins with Weber State sweep

BY TAVIN STUCKI sports editor

The Utah State softball team swept Weber State in a doubleheader Wednesday, the second game being called off early because of impending rain and wind

USU 7, WSU 4

The Wildcats started things off in the first with a triple by third baseman Lyndsey Minnich to left field that scored senior London Clarke, who previously drew a walk, putting Weber State on the board, 1-0.

Aggie junior pitcher Mandy Harmon struck out two batters to move into the bottom of the inning.

With runners on the corners, Utah State tied the game on an RBI fielder's choice single to send fellow outfielder Kassandra Uchida across the plate.

The Aggies scored another run in each of the next two innings to go up 3-1.

In the top of the fourth, center fielder Erika Dixon took Harmon's 2-1 pitch to the fence in leftcenter for a triple, knocking in a pair of RBIs to tie the game at 3-3.

Harmon notched another strikeout to leave Dixon stranded 60 feet from the plate.

In the bottom of the fourth, Uchida singled up the middle. Second baseman Allison Lenzora bunted in the next at bat. Lenzora reached and advanced to second on a throwing error.

First baseman Christine Thomsen hit a sacrifice grounder to score Uchida and advance Lenzora to third in the next at-bat to put the Aggies up 4-3. Center fielder Hailey Froton then pulled off a

squeeze bunt to let Lenzora extend the lead to 5-3.

"We're doing a good job about executing the sac bunts and executing the squeezes to get the runs across the board and be aggressive in that area," said Utah State head coach Carissa Millsap-Kalaba, "which is nice to see."

In the next inning, Weber State catcher Janel Cunningham doubled to the right-field wall and advanced to third when Uchida's throw home wasn't in time to catch Minnich crossing the plate from first to make it 5-4 Aggies.

It was the last run the Wildcats scored. Harmon had 10 strikeouts and pitched a complete game for Utah State, allowing five hits, four runs and walking five batters in 32 batters faced.

She handled herself really well," Millsap-Kalaba said of her ace. "She had a good, commanding presence whole entire game, which was really nice to see. Even through some of the battles, she did a really

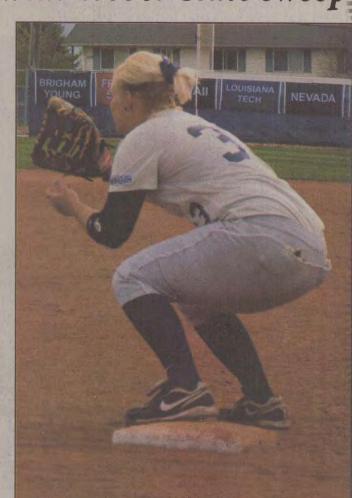
In the bottom of the fifth with runners on first and second, Uchida hit a line-drive double over the first baseman's head to clear the bases to make it 7-4, where the score stayed until Harmon struck out sophomore Brooke Silva to end the first game.

USU 10, WSU 3 (6 innings)

The Aggies extended their winning streak to a season-tying three with a victory in the second half of the double-header.

"It was great to have a really close game and then come back kind of spread it wide open," Millsap-Kalaba said. "We did a really good job with staying

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AGGIE FIRST BASEMAN CHRISTINE THOMSEN sets up to receive a throw. Thomsen went I for 3 and hit 2 RBIs in the first= game against Weber State on Wednesday. KELSIE MASON photo

OPINION

Riot no more, Vancouver, a title is coming

regarding the end of an all too entertaining NBA season, the start of an alltoo-anticipated MLB season, and what is evidently some sort of quarterback frenzy going on in the NFL, we entirely forgot one of the more exciting and storied sporting events of the year - the NHL Playoffs.

Few sports visuals are more caramelized in our minds than a team circling the ice, hoisting a Stanley Cup. It carries a weight and spectacle that no other sport can come close to Seplicating, even if the six months of nonstop hockey prior to that moment may get immensely overlooked

In all of the hubbub football-hungry American public.

Somehow, as it always does this time of year, the playoffs snuck up on us. But that doesn't mean we are too late to take a stab at what to expect for the NHL playoffs this year and gather some picks on just who may raise the cup for

Eastern the Conference, the New York Rangers are running the roost with the stop spot, vying to maintain a general prominence for a storied franchise that hasn't seen solid success in almost two decades. New York's stalwart defense just may be enough to get them a spot by a mass majority of a in the finals, but the road



STEVE SCHWARTZMAN

won't be easy as they are sure to face rough opponents in each round.

One of those opponents? The defendingchampion Boston Bruins, who have brought to life the proverb, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." It is argued the Bruins play, overall, the best team hockey in the league, and it shows swimmingly at times. If they play on their mark, they could beat any club four out of seven times, and I think

they will.

Eastern. Conference Champion: Boston Bruins

Heading over to the Western Conference, the Vancouver Canucks are riding the Henrik Sedin bus all the way to the top of the league and then some. The Canucks have steamrolled opponents to finish out the season and are at their peak, heading into the playoffs. In my opinion, there is only one team that can match position for position with Vancouver the eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings, who even stole the first game in their series. They will be a tough nut to crack, but expect Vancouver to crack them bring a cup back to west-and speed their way into a ern Canada. second straight finals spot.

Western Conference Champions: Vancouver Canucks

This brings us to an all things exciting; pandemonium-filled Stanley Cup Final - Sedin and the Canucks dueling with Tyler Seguion, Patrice Bergeron and the rest of the defending champion Bruins. This time it's all about vengeance. Expect Sedin to play big in big moments and for goaltender Roberto Luongo to shut down a power-punching Bruin scoring squad in their tracks. It's time to

Stanley Cup Champions: Vancouver Canucks.

Riot no more, Vancouver, because a title is coming to your city.

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Meredith's National Hockey Leauge playoff picks

People love predictions. They love giving their opinions about who is going to win this game or who is going to lose big in that series. When early April rolls around the hockey world is buzzing with playoff predictions.

In reality, whoever wins the Eastern Conference will take home the most storied trophy in all of professional sports. The Pittsburgh Penguins could easily win the cup, if they can outlast the Philadelphia Flyers' physical play, and the Rangers are the most obvious choice to win the cup.

Even with those three battling for the top spots, the entire conference is stacked with solid teams. Any one of them could make a run for Lord Stanley's cup. The key is the first round matchups.

Pittsburgh Penguins vs.

Philadelphia Flyers

This series is poised to be a bloodbath. If you catch any of the playoff games, make it these ones.

In the first game of the series, the Flyers rallied for a 3-0 deficit to beat the Penguins in overtime. The big factor is the Flyers' decorated goaltender, Ilya Bryzgalov. If he is on his game, the Flyers will be hard to beat. He had 25 saves in the opener but let in three goals.

Pittsburgh's side has arguably the most recognizable face in the NHL. Since missing over a year of hockey, Sidney Crosby has experienced resurgence on a very good Penguins team. The center has picked up at least a goal or an assist in every game since his return.

Pittsburgh is strong through and through. Even without Crosby, they are

Tomboy's Take Meredith Kinney

still a very skilled team.

New York vs. Ottowa

Sorry, Ottowa, the Rangers are going to win this series. That's not to say the Senators don't deserve some praise. They quietly picked up the wild card spot with solid play.

The Rangers, however, are the favorites to win the Cup. They have played very good hockey all season long. Anchored by a good defensive core, they have led the NHL for much of the season.

Florida vs. New Jersey

Overall this is a pretty championships. even matchup. Both of The East-We them are hovering around the .500 range and neither of them will make a run for the Cup.

Boston v. Washington

Both Boston and Washington have a fighting chance against the heavyweights of the conference.

As the defending champions, the Bruins have a lot to prove. They aren't as good as they were last year, and goalie Tim Thomas hasn't had the same spark, but they still work well together.

The Capitals have faltered since firing their head coach and Alexander Ovechkin hasn't been the all-star he has in years past. Still, it would undoubtedly be a fan favorite to see a Crosby-Ovechkin matchup in the conference

The East-West debate has been thoroughly argued, but it comes down to four reasons.

Western The Conference has many teams around the same level. The even matchups will lead to many long series wins and beat up teams. When it comes time for the finals, the fresh legs of the Eastern Conference will be a deciding factor in the winner.

For years, the West has had an inherent disadvantage based on travel time. The Western teams spend much more time traveling from state to state in between games, contributing to their overall fatigue.

This is best illustrated by the distance between the one and two seed. The Vancouver Canucks would travel 1,778 miles if they end up meeting the St.

Louis Blues in the semifi-

The East teams are better on the road.

While West teams tend to dominate at home, most East teams split their home and away records. If an Eastern Conference team gets home-ice advantage, it becomes an even bigger advantage because it means that a West team will have to win on the road. The exception is

and at home. The fourth, and possibly most important, East teams dominate interleague play.

Vancouver, who is very

good both on the road

- Meredith Kinney is a junior majoring in broadcast journalism and an avid hockey fan. She hopes one day to be a bigshot sideline report working for ESPN.

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Huskinson: I will miss Aggie football during the 2012 season

people say that every year, but barring any injuries, this Aggie football team could really make some

USU will return 17 starters after losing 12 starters last season. I know there are big names gone such as NFL-bound Robert Turbin and Bobby Wagner, but the likes of Adam Kennedy, Chuckie Keeton and Kerwynn Williams will make up for the losses on the offensive side of the ball. The fact that three of the projected starting offensive linemen are returning starters also bodes well.

Al Lapuaho, Bojay Filimoeatu and McKade Brady will be returning on defense and made several critical plays last season to help USU contain its opponents.

out - special teams really struggled during a scrim-mage Monday. "Terrible" would be an understatement in describing the special teams' performance during the scrimmage - especially the place kickers. USU made 30- and 40-yard field goals look like 60-yard last ditch efforts.

In my mind, the loss of big playmakers while keeping other players is of little consequence and

will have little effect on how exciting USU football will be. USU has a member remaining of last new offensive coordinator, season's three-headed tions. I won't touch on all That's not to say there watching from high above Williams. He might not be two. aren't a few bugs to work Merlin Olsen Field, I hope a running back who will Matt Wells will be just a little more aggressive on the offensive attack.

Having the experience and talent of quarterbacks Chuckie Keeton and Adam Kennedy to draw from will make the Aggies deep and dangerous. Could you imagine those two on the same field in something like a 2-point conversion situation? If I was an opposing defense, I would have nightmares over the thought of that even being

a possibility.

There is also still one and, although I won't be running back monster - the near losses, except for take 30 carries a game - it will be somewhere around 15, merely because of his size - but his ability to break open big runs and consistently gain yardage when called upon will be an invaluable piece in an exciting team.

So what. Football will be exciting. Who cares?

USU has been on the cusp of greatness several times. It happened twice last year in my mind. What I mean by greatness is a

sphere and a great team that wins in clutch situa-

USU's double-overtime loss to Colorado State was heart wrenching for several reasons, but what may have been the hardest part to swallow was the atmosphere in which the game was lost. I have never seen Romney Stadium so full for a football game not against an in-state rival. With the game on the line, everyone stood - even the season ticket holders - and made a noise and a ruckus so loud it gave me

I'm not going to predict how many wins USU will get next season, but I will go so far as to say the Aggies will defend home field. There were never be a dull moment.

I'm going to miss Aggie football.

Go Aggies!

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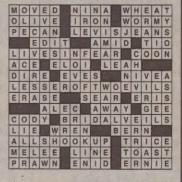
Like to Run With Scissors?

It feels a little like that, you know, to be the editor of The Utah Statesman. Nonetheless, applications are now being taken for Fall 2012. Deadline April 19 4 p.m., TSC 105A, to the adviser. Inquire there for more information.

Today's puzzle answers

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Stickelers Answer



From Page 7

Limb overcomes family tragedy, motivate herself to play hockey again

work. She comes to play. When we first had her, she was on defense because we had a goalie. But that girl got pregnant, so Breshae stepped in.

The opportunity didn't come without sacrifice.

On top of losing her father and, before that, breaking an arm, Limb said there have been trips with the team in which she never left the hotel room other than for games because of homework. The Thunder travel for every game, causing Limb to miss multiple days of classes for each trip.

"It's a challenge, and I do end up sacrificing when we travel," Limb said. "I do it because I love it. I just want to play. (Teammates) will give me a hard time, but they understand. Most of us are going to school, too."

Marietti also coached Limb during her time with the under-19 travel team and said Limb is dedicated and has a deep love for the game. During last season's tournament, Limb allowed nine goals, as the Thunder outscored their opponents 29-9 en route to the championship.

This season, the Thunder won four of six games by one goal and another by two. According to the USA Hockey website, during this season's national tournament, Limb faced 113 shots over a 6-game span, with 108 saves — a .956 save percentage.

Marietti said there's no doubt Limb carried the team.

"When we were playing our crossover game against Rhode Island, it was a 1-1 game and they ended up with a two-onone advantage coming up ice,"
Marietti said. "They made a beautiful pass, and Breshae stepped across and made an unbelievable save. It was a game-changing

The save forced overtime, and Limb and the Thunder tallied a decisive goal during the extra period for the win and earned a spot in the quarterfinals. Two games later, the Thunder topped team CAHA to capture its second consecutive national title.

In the five years he has coached Limb, Marietti said he can see the effect her father has had on her.

'(The Limbs) keep hockey in the family, and I think that's something they like to keep in there because of what happened and how it happened," Marietti

said. "Their dad was big into the game. Somehow I think it keeps him in touch with her. In my mind, that is a good way to keep them in touch with him.

Though her father wasn't there to witness her winning two national titles, Limb's mother and grandmother were, which Limb

said strengthens her bond with each of them.

Limb also said her father was her biggest motivation throughout the competition.

"He was always supporting me, from the point that I started until he died," Limb said. "And I feel like if he were here today, he would still be pushing me, telling me I can do it and cheering me on. I push myself because I want him to be proud of me and know that I do it for myself and so he knows that I am happy."

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UTAH THUNDER GOALKEEPER BRESHAE LIMB reacts between the pipes in a USA Hockey game. Limb has to juggle schoolwork with hockey on roadtrips, even though she says teammates sometimes give her a hard time. Photo courtesy of USA Hockey photographers, DELAYNE LOCKE photo

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Chaplin strikes out nine in 10-3 win

according to our plan, working hard and making sure we got the little things done in the first game and in the second game.'

Lenzora scored first for Utah State in the first inning on a squeeze bunt by senior first baseman Kelley Kaneshiro. Sophomore Annie Thomas came on as a pinch runner for Kaneshiro and scored on an RBI single from catcher Samantha Miller to make it 2-0.

After three more runs in the bottom of the second, Kaneshiro hit a deep fly ball to the fence in right-center field. Wildcat outfielder Erika Dixon mishandled the catch at the wall and dropped the ball over the fence.

"It was really nice to see Kelley get that home run, even though it was pushed over by the center fielder," Millsap-Kalaba said.

The Aggies scored 10 runs on six hits. Weber State committed four errors in the second game.

'We did a really good job of taking advantage of mistakes and making sure that we advance," Millsap-Kalaba said. "We even got 120 feet on some

The Aggies scored four more runs before the

umpires called the game in the top of the seventh inning because of inclement weather.

Utah State pitcher Dani Chaplin struck out nine batters in the win and forced the Wildcats to leave 14 batters on base.

"Dani came out really strong," Millsap-Kalaba said. "She had her struggles with getting bases loaded, but she worked out of it with a strikeout."

Junior Shelbi Tyteca was credited with the save, coming on for Chaplin in the bottom of the sixth.

Utah State moves to 14-25 on the season with the

"This is three in a row," Millsap-Kalaba said. "We're really starting to come together. I think the team is starting to come together, and they're starting to do the little things really well. They're starting to string the hits together, which is what we had an issue with in the beginning of the year."

The Aggies will next face Western Athletic Conference rival Brigham Young University on April 13-14 in Provo.

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SENIOR PITCHER DANI CHAPLIN pitched five innings in the second game against Weber State on Wednesday. KELSIE MASON photo

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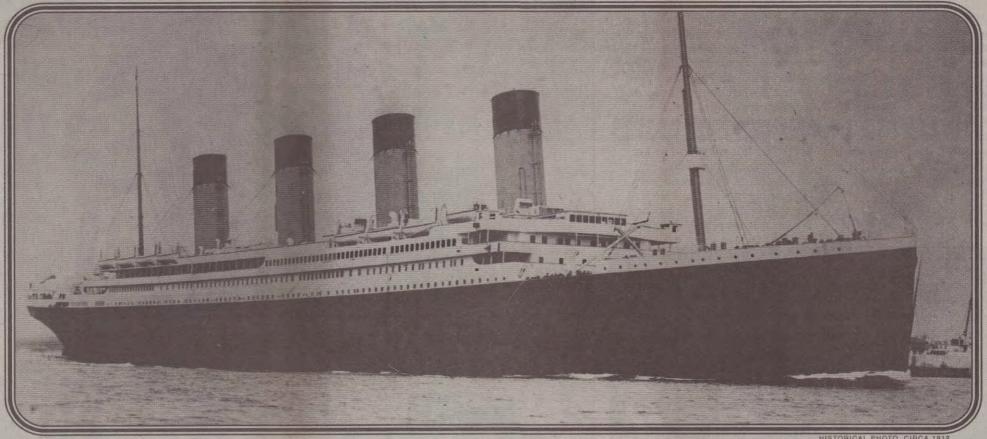
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April 15, 1912

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A photo of the doomed White Star steamship RMS Titanic, before she struck an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic. A century after the tragedy her story still sparks our imaginations.

he collided with an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage 100 years ago.

Despite the short duration of her presence on the high seas — just five days — or the century that's passed since her sinking, the RMS Titanic made an indelible impression.

The tragedy caused more than 1,500 deaths and inspired films, books, museums and other representations that have kept the legacy of the ship alive since her sinking on April 15, 1912.

The sinking's centennial has sparked a lot of plans for commemoration, including two anniversary cruises to the site where the ship sank 100 years prior, a 3-D re-release of James Cameron's 1997 feature film "Titanic" and a re-enactment of the voyage on Twitter, among other events.

— Samantha Stone, McClatchy-Tribune

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SET SAIL

For truly die-hard Titanic buffs or those who just want to experience her legacy firsthand, Miles Morgan Travel offered two chances to sail through history and visit the site where the Titanic sank 100 years ago. One cruise sails out of Southampton, U.K., on April 8, and the other from New York on April 10.

Miles Morgan, the travel company's owner, said the idea for an anniversary cruise came from a gentleman who was visiting one of their travel shops five years ago, and from then on Morgan couldn't get the thought out of his head.

"The more I thought about it, the more excited I became, so I discussed the idea with colleagues in the travel business as well as with friends, and decided to do it," Morgan said.

The project began, about five years ago, and tickets for the trip originally sold out more than 16

months before the ships were set to leave port.

Morgan said there are a number of reasons so many people booked a ticket for this cruise.

"For many, it is being a part, and taking part, in such a memorable piece of history," Morgan said. "Some of these people are looking forward to tasting the meals from that time or even dressing up in period costume to enhance the experience, while others are lifelong Titanic enthusiasts who have devoted a major part of their lives to studying this great ship and the events that surrounded it."

Almost 1,200 people of 30 different nationalities signed up for the voyage — the largest group from the United Kingdom.

Due to cancellations there currently are some tickets available, so act fast if you want a feel for the Titanic experience.

For more information about the cruise, visit; http://titanic memorialcruise.co.uk/



Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in the iconic scene from James Cameron's "Titanio"

LOVE IN THE TIME OF SHIPWRECK

When some people hear the word "Titanic" their minds instantly jump to James Cameron's 1997 film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Many fell in love with the tragic love story 15 years ago and can't wait for a second chance to sail alongside Jack and Rose in 3-D. Others have never seen the flick on the big screen and are looking forward to that.

The film will be re-released in 3-D in theaters nationwide on the 100th anniversary of the sinking. The re-release will pay tribute to the tragic event of 1912, as well as offer viewers a new way to watch the classic love story that won 11 Oscars.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from www.fandango.com.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE POND

Other events Titanic enthusiasts may be interested to know about include:

- Titanic Belfast, a museum, opened in Northern Ireland on March 31. There you can experience life on board the Titanic and learn how the ship was found. For more details visit www.titanic belfast.com.
- The Royal Philharmonic
 Orchestra will perform the
 "Titanic Requiem" by Robin Gibb
 on April 10 in London.
- A four-part miniseries called "Titanic," written by "Downton Abbey" creator Julian Fellowes, will broadcast in England come April.

HISTORY RE-TWEETING ITSELF

#LookOutForThatIceberg
In the last 100 years a lot of
things have changed, but right
now social media is taking the
world by storm. Those who don't
have the time, cash or desire to
sail around the sites, see the
movie or go to a museum can still
experience the Titanic legacy right
on their own computer screen.

Twitter handle @Titanic RealTime is recounting the journey of the RMS Titanic as it unfolded in 1912.

Some notable recent tweets have include:

#captain
Exactly a
month now
before Titanic's
journey begins,
I cannot wait to
see her completed and on
the ocean!

March 10

#crew
Next on the list is the lifeboats, see the lifeboats,

20 overall. 14 of them are the 30-footers, which should carry 65 people. March 12

- #firstclass I hope we have sufficient heating in our quarters, it is sure to be cold as we travel across the icy Atlantic waters.

 March 19
- #officer The painters have done a fantastic job in and out of the ship; a lot of surface area to be repainted at some point! March 22

Visit http://twitter.com/Titanic RealTime for more tweets.



HISTORICAL PHOT

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QVC, one of the world's largest retailers, has teamed up with RMS Titanic to offer the first line of goods inspired by authentic artifacts recovered from the shipwreck, and available for purchase. The products are all either exact replicas of an item found on the ship or one inspired by a passenger's belongings.

QVC's Titanic Collection 100th anniversary line includes jewelry, home goods, giftware and even a fragrance.

Among the items available:

- Titanic Diamond Filigree

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 - Titanic White Topaz and
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Ring (left),
\$184

Titanic
First Class
Sterling and
14K Clad

Key Pendant, \$88

Legacy 1912 Fragrance, \$69
Items will be available on the QVC website (www.qvc.com) on April 6 at 8 p.m. ET.

TITANIC TIMELINE

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1908	Construction of "unsinkable" Titanic begins
April 2, 1912	Titanic construction complete
April 10, 1912	Titanic maiden voyage begins
April 15, 1912:	Strikes iceberg, sinks
1955	"A Night To Remember" is published
1985	French-U.S. expedition discover Titanic wreck
1987	Americans map site, recover artifacts
1993	Extensive photographs of interior, exterior
1996	French-U.S. effort to raise a section fails
1997	James Cameron's "Titanic" released

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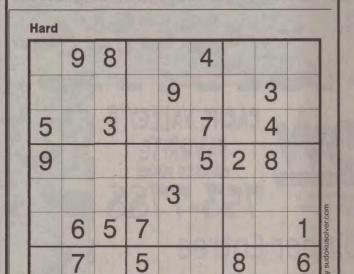
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USU Relay For Life-6 to 7 p.m. Field

▶BFA Exhibition Opening Reception- 6

to 8 p.m. FAC ◆Aggie Game Nights- 7 to 11:55 p.m.

ENGR 201 String Chamber Music Recital-7:30 to

8:30 p.m. The Performance Hall ◆Cache Stargazers, 7:30, SER 224

"Radio Soap Opera," USU Theatre, 7:30, Caine Lyric Theatre, downtown

⇒ Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters annual conference, all day.

Saturday April 14

Capture Design BFA Exhibition- 4 to 9 p.m. Bullen Center

Radio Soap Opera," USU Theatre, 7:30, Caine Lyric Theatre, downtown Logan. The International Banquet 2012, 7-9:30

to 9:30 p.m. ◆ CPR and AED Training (National Safety Council), 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Senior Viola Recital - 1:30 pm in the USU Performance Hall.

Old Barn Theatre, Collinston, "Remember the Magic: A Musical Tribute to Disney," 7:30.

Monday

Service Week, all week. Capture Design BFA Exhibition, 4-9

Write Now, Library assistance, 6-8:30

p.m., Library 122 "Two Headed," USU Theatre, 7:30-9:30

Percussion Ensembles featuring the USU and Caine Percussion Ensembles, 7:30 p.m at the Kent Concert Hall.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Relay For Life will take place this Friday, April 13 in the Nelson Fieldhouse! Join us a we Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back to cancer! Visit our website, relayforlife.org/ usuut for more information and to donate. There is no entry fee and all are invited to participate.

Common Ground is going fishing on Friday, April 13 at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$3. We will be fishing at Hyrum Dam, First Dam, or other local reservoirs. Common Ground is a non-profit organization that provides outdoor recreation for people with disabilities. To sign up for this activity as a participant or volunteer, request transportation, or to learn about other activities, call 713-0288.

Join the Cache Valley Stargazers to learn and enjoy the night sky and hear about the latest astronomy news. The Cache Valley Stargazers are holding their monthly meeting at 7:30pm on Friday, 13 April 2012, in room 244 of the Science-Engineering-Research (SER) Building on the USU campus (free parking in the lot adjacent to SER, behind the Performancé Hall). The meeting will feature a talk by Dr. Dan Schroeder from Weber State entitled "Night Sky Photography" Everyone is welcome to join us, experts and beginners alike! For information visit www. cachestargazers.org or email cache.stargazers@gmail.com

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"Remembering Lynch Victims" is an event taking

You Need to Know:

place Monday, April 16, TSC Fountain area, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lynching took the lives of thousands of Americans during the Jim Crow era, yet the victims of this hate crime are largely lost to history. Join us to remember this victims. Details: dan.whitney.smith@aggiemail. usu.edu. Sponsored by the Sociology Honors Society and Black Student Union.

Wilderness Investigations Teacher Training Workshop Friday April 13, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday April 14, 8:30 to 5 p.m. at Greenville Elementary, Saturday at Stokes Nature Center. Participants will experience key components of Wilderness Investigations. Registration required. For more information call Stokes Nature Center at 435-755-3239 or email nature at logannature.org.

Religious Studies Department is having a Religious studies social for any current or interested students and faculty. Spaghetti dinner at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in Building B lounge of the Living Learning Community. RSVP: timothy.ledna@usu.edu

Service Week info: Did you know the Cache Valley Volunteer Center was created to provide service opportunities for individuals, groups and agencies in Cache County ... and for those who want to share volunteer opportunities. Check the website for details: www. cachevolunteercenter.org

Exciting acoustic rock performing artists RacecaR RacecaR will perform live from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Pier 49 San Francisco Style Sourdough Pizza, 99 East 1200 South. Also, Cache Valley's favorite singing cowboys, Tumbleweeds, will perform from 6-8 p.m. Saturday. There is no cover charge; everyone is welcome.

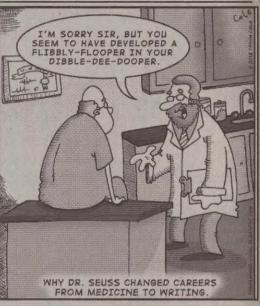
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