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The three-year-old Caine College is modeling the fee structure after the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business's differential tuition plan. This year, students in upper-division business classes paid $15 per credit on top of their regular tuition. Terry said the college may add new majors to the building if the Caine College of Arts decides to charge differential tuition, beginning Fall 2013. "I am hoping I can appeal to many students, faculty and staff of the arts school in building a school of excellence and quality," Jessop said.

Students, staff and faculty may be rewarded for using different forms of transportation to get to campus during USU's first Alternative Transportation Week, Oct. 24-31.

When students or faculty arrive on campus by bus, foot, bike or carpool, they will be able to check in at Aggie Blue Bikes using their A-number or student ID card. A computer will randomly pick daily winners. Prizes were donated from different organizations on campus. They include tickets to the Rainforest Film Festival, a car bike rack and block meal plans. Stephanie Tomlin, Aggie Blue Bikes program coordinator, said the event was set up to help USU students, faculty and staff realize there are other options available for getting to campus besides driving. "We understand that it is not reasonable for everyone to ride their bike every day, so that's kind of why we opened it up to Alternative Transportation and not just 'bike to work' work," Tomlin said. "The Student Sustainability Office works a lot with sustainable initiatives on campus, and we do a lot with cycling on campus. It was kind of a natural fit for us to team up and compare." The event is in a week long and Tomlin hopes the week will get students in the habit of thinking about sustainable transportation. "The idea is obviously long-term change," Tomlin said. "Sometimes the smallest changes can lead to big changes." This worked just fine for 350 years, "even the most well-endowed libraries in the world simply can't afford to purchase all of the journals," she said.

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Library celebrates open access

"This week, librarians at USU are celebrating a trend which is changing the way scientists and researchers spread their findings. Open Access Week, which started on Monday, was planned to help researchers and the public understand the ways electronic publishing is changing scholarly journals, according to Andrew Wesolek, scholarly communication librarian at the Merrill-Cazier Library. Wesolek said the highlight of the week will be an address by John Bollen of Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis, an editor in chief of the Web of Knowledge. "They're just too expensive."

Wesolek said open access helps researchers worldwide by making the findings of other scientists available. "Researchers now have access to all of the information, rather than just what their libraries can afford," he said.

Wesolek said open access is especially relevant in the developing world. Harvard, which has one of the largest research libraries in the world, subscribes to 98,000 scholarly journals, but contray to the most well-endowed university in India can afford 10,000 journals. Jan Sejka, the head of the physics department, said his department has had positive experiences with open access.

Wesolek said USU librarians have collected, reviewed and published research findings. Those journals have been the method through which professors and researchers share their work. Published articles can help a researcher find a job or secure grants to pay for future research.
As students bundle up, bees become active

BY TMYRA BRADLEY

While most insects are dormant for the cold winter season of the year, the research bees on USU campus will become active again within the next couple of weeks.

"Hundreds of queen bumblebees are being stored in boxes in a walk-in cooler on the north side of campus," Strange said.

"We're doing two projects," says Strange, a former United States Department of Agriculture research entomologist. "One is a look at wintering these bumblebees for commercial use. If you can keep all these in a refrigerator at 45 degrees, then you have a restaurant over the winter, they can take them out and start with them."

"It's just like a walk-in cooler," Strange said. "We'll have hives and be able to meet market forces and the insects into hibernation."

Strange said the regulated cold temperatures in the cooler will force the insects into hibernation, allowing researchers to control the amount of time the insects need for winter sleep when they're ready for need. Commercial sellers also keep these bumblebees in a walk-in cooler and use them when possible. We're not able to do that on campus, but we can manage the situation over the winter underground until the snowfall. The bees spend the winter underground until the snow covering them when they emerge in the spring, usually in April.

Strange said it's the fifth year of having the bees in the lab over the winter. "We've learned to move more and more items, and as we go up our success increases," Strange said.

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Stanley said there are more than 500 species of bees native to Utah, and at least 10 species of bumblebees. The research bees, according to the Bee Club, bumblebees are the primary pollinators of crops grown in greenhouses, as well as other crops and wildflowers. "There is a large market for bumblebees and millions of dollars are sold each year," Stanley said. "We're not effective with tomatoes, as their buzz frequency ranges larger than pollen loads."

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Engineers start construction on new housing

USU EASTERN'S NEW CAMPUS HOUSING will house 74 students. Construction on the building began this month.

Photo courtesy of Media Relations

The recent dedication of USU Eastern’s Blanding Campus administration building made it easier to access the former student center during the first month of classes for about 200 students. The new dedicated office space is about 2,300 square feet and was designed for student services, academic programs, and student success. The new office will allow USU Eastern to provide more services to students, enhance the student experience, and improve student outcomes.

USU EASTERN starts construction on new housing

The new dormitory is part of the university’s $14 million capital improvement project to expand housing on the campus. The project will add 672 beds to the current housing capacity of 295 beds. The new dormitory will be opened in time for the fall semester of 2013.

The dormitory will be located on the west side of the campus, between the library and the physical education building. The dormitory will have 24 units, each with seven rooms. Each room will have a private bathroom and will be equipped with a desk, chair, and storage space.

The estimated cost of the project is $7.5 million, and it is expected to be completed by the fall of 2013. The project will be financed through a combination of state and federal funding, as well as private donations.

Ceramics Guild holds annual sale

The Utah State University College of Western Idaho (USU) will hold its annual Chili Bowl Sale Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the patio of the Taggart Student Center. The sale will feature a variety of chili bowls, soups, and other baked goods.

Each purchase comes with a hot, chili, donated by the Good Food Services. Patrons will have the opportunity to browse and select a selection of bowls and meet the artists. Participation is free, and donations are encouraged.

The Chili Bowl Sale are used to promote education of the ceramic arts through the financial support of the University of Idaho. Chili bowls raised in previous guild initiatives have been sold and donated to various local food services.

Friends of the Merrill-Cazier Library holds annual sale

The Friends of the Merrill-Cazier Library will hold its annual Chili Bowl Sale Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101. The sale will feature a variety of chili bowls, soups, and other baked goods.

The sale is being held to support the library’s resources, facilities, and programs. Patrons will be able to purchase chili bowls, soups, and other baked goods from local artists and community organizations.

For more information, please contact the editor at 792-1742, statesman@aggiemail.usu.edu or come in to TSC 105.

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A wolf among the herd

BY CALI PATThRON
staff writer

A betta fish can be the most exotic pet a student has time to care for. Kimmi Kraus, a sophomore majoring in wildlife science, is raising her 11-month-old wolfdog Damu, and the pair can be seen almost daily on Utah State’s campus.

Damu is a high content wolfdog. Kraus estimates Damu’s percentage of wolf to be around 67 percent to 70 percent wolf. When fully grown, he is expected to be roughly 130 pounds, with a shoulder height of about 32 to 33 inches at the shoulders.

Kraus typically takes Damu to campus for several hours each day and said she often gets caught up with his care. Kimmi Kraus, a sophomore majoring in wildlife science, runs and occasionally sleeps with Damu. SAMANTHA BENG photo

In spite of his large and wolf-like appearance, Damu is a very submissive dog. A lot of people don’t know what to do with him because he’s so big. He’s really fun to be around. He’s just happy.

According to Kraus, Damu’s father was a British Columbia Black Phase wolf-dog. She said two of Damu’s brothers were used in the Ceremonies of Naruto series. Damu eats three to five pounds of meat per day. Kimmi provides him with a diet of meat and bones and many different types of fruits and vegetables. Kraus said the main diet helps to clean Damu’s teeth, whiten his teeth and keep his breath smelling.

“Wolf’s bite pressure is a little under 300 pounds per square inch,” Kraus said. Training a wolf-dog involves threading through the form of an elk or a deer. They have an intense bite pressure. The bone is actually pretty good for them because it has all the vitamins and they love the marrow. Having that bone is so pivotal — you can’t just give them bones. They need to have all that natural nutrition.”

Kraus is no stranger to exotic animals, having worked with them since the age of six. She has experience with horses, tigers and giraffes. She received assistance from seeing-eye dogs.

The construction of this sand mandala is a part of experiential learning, said Dr. Wirjita Bandera. He said students usually read about the ritual, and the mandala in its great opportunity for students to learn about one of the many religious art forms in Asia.

Peter Novak, a senior majoring in history and religious studies, said he was especially impressed with the beginning of the event.

“I was every next moment,” he said. “They did some religious rituals with some chanting, some bells and a drum. It was really intimidating to watch.”

Bandera said this whole project will enlighten students on an ancient yet still thriving sacred form of Buddhist art in East Asia and will match the partial knowledge students have concerning this ritual.

Dr. Han Lye said the sand mandala represents sacred cosmology, divine energies and spiritual principles.

“Mandalas can be created in many ways — painted, sculpted, reliefed, and more recently, digitally,” Lye said. “The mandala is an ancient Tibetan art form depicted with colorfully dyed, delicate sand arranged on a surface with painstakingly calculated geometric patterns and archi- neous and perceived ideas,” she said.

“People fear what they don’t know,” she continued. “In spite of his large and wolf-like appearance, Damu actually has a very approachable and friendly personality.”

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Game-themed pumpkin walk attracts locals

BY KYLE HEYWOOD
staff writer

"Let the games begin" was the theme for this year’s Pumpkin Walk. The Pumpkin Walk in North Logan originated in 1982. For the past 30 years, this Cache Valley tradition has had several clubs and organizations putting together displays made of pumpkins, squash, corn stalks, and other produce. Thousands of people come every year to walk through Elk Ridge Park and look at the works of art.

This year’s displays included a variety of scenes based on several games. These include Hi-He Cherrio, Candyland, Super Mario Bros., Just Dance, The Hunger Games, and one showing a football matchup between Utah State and University of Utah. Many of these scenes were put together by a club or an organization, but holding true to the beginnings of the Pumpkin Walk, many family groups are responsible for some of what is on display.

After a wait in line outside of the entrance, visitors start on a path lined with hay bales and jack-o-lanterns. As visitors continue through the park, each display has a title and a list of people who contributed. As the walk ends, visitors receive a cookie on behalf of the pumpkin walk staff. There are carnival face cutouts to help children — and some adults — handle the wait in line.

The Pumpkin Walk is free of charge. It is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. when the parking at Elk Ridge Park closes. For the evening hours of the event, free parking and shuttle buses are available at Greenville Elementary School and Cache Valley Specialty Hospital.

The last night of the pumpkin walk is Tuesday, Oct. 23. – kyleheywood@gmail.com, Twitter: @heywood_kyle

A PUMPKIN DISPLAY OF A “HI-HO CHERRIO” board game was one of many game-themed exhibitions at the fall event. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

A CARVING OF BIG BLUE designed by a Logan local was on display at “The Great Pumpkin Adventure.” SAMANTHA BEHL photo

A FAMILY VIEWS THE “KILLER BUNNIES” arrangement. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

DOGS MADE OF SQUASH AND PUMPKINS play a game of poker at the pumpkin walk. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

Twisterman displayed a pumpkin witch, pirate and clown showing their flexibility and balance in a game of Twister. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

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DOGS: Owners stopped using dogs due to travel

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their dogs, albeit on separate campuses. The company has two places where seeing-eye dogs are trained: one in Oregon and another in California.

When Barstow and Pavithran met, Pavithran traveled to California and spent a few months learning and growing with his dog. The first three days were spent with people who needed to be dogs so Pavithran could learn the commands. Afterwards he met his dog Barstow, and the training continued.

"His role is to avoid obstacles and dodge around obstacles," Pavithran said. "They're trained to watch out for certain obstacles and sort of direct him around the obstacles. A lot of the dog's job is to make sure I don't run into people, or while I'm crossing the street to make sure he runs me away from a car if it's coming." Barstow traveled to Oregon for his training and took his off-leash duties home after two weeks.

SACHIN PAVITHRAN’S DAUGHTER plays with Barstow, his now-retired guide dog. Pavithran realized Barstow was travelling often. Photo courtesy of Sachin Pavithran

Pavithran said the training was more condensed than what the company used to offer.

"They were testing a more condensed program," Barstow said. "It was a much smaller program, a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, so they could train us quickly. Barstow said he loved Darcelle, and having a seeing-eye dog to help him get around campus was very helpful because he was able to move quicker and with more confidence.

"Before we had to train on campus, having a dog was great because it allowed you through the people and the crowds," Barstow said. "It would absolutely get another dog when my life isn't so crazy."

Barstow sent Darcelle back to the trainers after eight months because he was traveling frequently for sports. Barstow plays football, a sport very specifically designed for blind and visually impaired athletes, and travels for games and tournaments on a monthly basis.

"It was traveling once a month, sometimes, sometimes for a week at a time, and it was difficult to find someone to watch her when I was playing or training and take her out on weekends," Barstow said. Barstow said sending Darcelle back to the trainers because they 're become attached.

"I love that dog," Barstow said. "I was with it for 2/3 for eight months, but that's better off in a situation that will see her off for what she was trained to do."

Pavithran said when he retired Barstow, it was partly because of the dog's age and also because he was traveling more and it was difficult for him to care for Barstow on the trips.

"We can't pack the food well, was difficult, I travel to Washington, D.C., a lot for my job, and the capital there is a lot of security protocols," Barstow said. "You can't just walk out of one meeting to take the dog outside. I also travel internationally, and you can't take a dog outside the country because each country has different rules."

Pavithran took Barstow to retire with the couple who raised him as a puppy, and took care of him when the family went on vacations. Barstow now lives on a beach in California, when he gets to run around as he chooses.

Both Pavithran and Barstow now love to navigate campus and the community, and Pavithran said it’s a very different skill set.

"A guide dog is an obstacle avoider — it's a real obstacle finder."

"You can impose on a dog. You don't have to worry about what you're dodging. The disadvantage is the obstacles you're dodging could be cars as well as to go."

He said guide dog don't work like robots and don't make decisions about where to go.

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Aside from Kraus's time during classes, they have a very close relationship with her rare pet. As a native of Trabuco Canyon in Southern California, Kraus worked at Blizzard Entertainment in the video game industry for two years but left to find a change of pace.

"I really wanted a change of scenery," she said. "I didn't want to contribute to an industry that was wasting people's lives. It's interesting people in a virtual world when they're not there in the real world.

Kraus said when she looked around and saw the impactful, thought-out and influential natural resource property, she knew it was where she wanted to go.

"It's been a great area to have him live," said Kraus. "I was able to provide a safe and secure environment, and the opportunity to further study the relationship between wolves and wolves. He's been very happy, his potential is to be a leader and mentor and education opportunities for both.

Kraus and Damu have had been together since last year. Aside from Kraus's time during classes, they spend nearly all day together, going on runs in the morning, scanning campus to help out as needed and occasionally sleeping in the same bed, though Kraus said Damu usually prefers the couch.

"He teaches me more than I teach him," said Kraus.

Kraus said Damu has helped her to gain confidence and overcome her naturally shy nature, as well as practice principles of communication that can apply in many aspects of her life.

"I've learned to be more aware of my surroundings. He makes a big impact. I'm more willing to seek out and seek things and express my thoughts and opinions. I've become more confident and have learned to put myself out there with him watching me.

For those seeking to acquire a wolf-dog of their own, Kraus said she would recommend it, but only to those who have prior education and experience with large animals. She also encourages people to talk to experts in the field, including Dr. Kraus and Damu themselves, as well as to carefully consider the responsibilities and commitment required for such a pet.

"It's a great pet. But it's not a normal pet. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun," she said.

"I think it really helps me with my research on the topic.

Raising Damu has been a very good experience for Kraus. "It's been a great mentor and education opportunity. My first exposure to a wolf-dog, I remember coming to campus and thinking it was going to be a very large animal. As it turned out, it was a very small animal. It was a very gentle animal." She said, "It has a very small body, but it is extremely strong." She said, "It's a very intelligent animal, it's very obedient, it's very gentle, it's very social.

An extensive network of wolfdog owners can be found on Facebook, which Kraus said has been a valuable support system for her.

"It's a really amazing, beautiful and cuddly dog," she said. "I couldn't have done it without my network and the experiences of others."

Steve Schwartzman is a senior in communicati-
By CURTIS LANDSTROM

Sports senior writer

When was the last time the Utah State football team won a bowl game?

“Some would immediately think back to last season against Ohio in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, but it wasn’t a win. It at least not in the technical sense,” said junior college transfers in Marvin Bair and Quincy Jones.

“It seems like we’re pretty together the whole year,” he said. “As far as the team goes, I want to stay confident and doing what I can for the team. Shooting, driving, and a lot of rebounds and knocking forwards this year.”

Men’s Basketball

SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACK CHUCKIE KEETON swings his arm to keep balance while making a move on a New Mexico State defender in the Spectrum stands. From left to right, junior forward Spencer Butterfield, junior guard Preston Medlin, junior forward Danny Berger, freshman guard Tyler Jones and junior forward Marvin Jean. CURTIS KLIPLINGER photo

Firing from the wings

BOYLING

Aggies become post-season eligible with win over NMSU

BY CURTIS LANDSTROM

Sports senior writer

“Defensive and athleticism should improve over last season with the addition of Jean,” said Berger. “I look for him to come in and win this year’s team unity.”

“Good job as a team is staying together the whole year,” he said. “As far as the team goes, I want to stay confident and doing what I can for the team. Shooting, driving, and a lot of rebounds and knocking forwards this year.”

Jones described Butterfield as a very fair year to Danny last year. It wasn't working and eager to learn.

“We hope we have more guards and wings that are more productive this year,” Jones said. "Preston Medlin is back, and he had a phenomenal year last year. Danny Berger is back, and he started and played quite a bit last year. We went to rival Ohio last year, and we need that experience and momentum for the program.

"As the team goes, I want to win the WAC, championship and get to the NCAA tournament," said Berger. "It's been good so far. Though, it's been good so far."
FOOTBALL: Bowl eligible

Play defense. They scored seven points, but we’ve got some things to clean up.”

The USU football team is out to prove that it’s better than its 3-5-1 all-time bowl record indicates, and the Aggies are doing it on both sides of the ball.

On defense, the Aggies are ranked in the top 25 in the country in four different statistical categories: sacks per game (6th), scoring defense (7th), rushing defense (12th) and total defense (21). While the defense has bent at times, it rarely breaks. In fact, the only thing the defense hasn’t done this season is score points itself.

On the season, the defense is holding opponents to a 32.86 percent conversion rate on third downs — ranked 21st in the country — and are 11th in preventing the ground and two through four touchdowns — two on the ground and two through the air — while racking up 126 all-purpose yards on the field.

As much as Kerwynn, and as much as Keeton and Kerwynn — and this time I definitely knew where I was going I just went. I didn’t get it I just went. I didn’t know I was going to turn the corner and sit down. I got it I just went. I didn’t know where I was going so I just went. I didn’t know where I was going so I just went. While Keeton and Kerwynn finished with 94 yards receiving, and Chuck Jacobs also finished with 94 yards rushing through the air as the Aggie offense ran past the New Mexico State defense — sometimes without them knowing, as was the case on Keeton’s 30-yard scamper in the first quarter.

“Is was funny,” Keeton said. “They were playing man and I was reading the defensive end and I knew they weren’t keying in on me as much as Keewan, and as soon as I started running I saw the corner stay locked so I just went. The corner kind of paved the way. I was just happy to get into the end zone.”

What it all adds up to is the Aggies are 6-2 and bowl eligible, and it’s only October. For the second time in as many seasons, Aggie nation is guaranteed to see its team playing into December.

“Everything that we are working on is coming together,” Keeton’s 76-yard scamper in the third quarter of the 41-7 win over New Mexico State in Romney Stadium on Saturday. Diaz made a 53 and 48-yarder, but was blocked from 44 yards away.

Tuesday, October 22, 2012

STATESMAN

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK

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Third Quarter

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USU – Kerwynn Williams 76 run (Diaz kick) 14:38.

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BY JUSTIN HARRISON

Added size, numbers help big men on campus

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Do papers overlap candidates?

Mike McPhie

Wind the clock back to November 6, 2008. Barack Obama made history by becoming the first African-American president of the United States. He is not the first black man to sit in that chair, but he is the first to be a candidate and president, the enthusiasm and hope he brought with him were unprecedented. In a generation, we had finally elected a champion of this country, one who had broken the long barrier of tradition that had been put up to prevent black people from ever being elected to such a high office. The election was not only a win for America but also for all people of color, proving that no barrier could be summed up, it would be an unbearable belief

Which candidate is more in touch with the people?

None of these people will be the next president of the United States: former New Mexico governor Gary Johnson, a Libertarian Party ticket; Jill Stein, a Massachusetts physician running as the Green Party’s candidate; and Virgil Goode, a former Virginia congressman running on the Constitution Party ticket; and more.

In that same vein, Steve Brown, a free-speech activist, is running for office as a student government candidate at Utah State University. He is running for the position of ASU Student Body President.

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Salt Lake City Winter Olympics or during his terms as governor of Massachusetts. Each of those small aspects of his life have helped me in determining the kind of man he is.

When you dig deeper, you find stories of selflessness. – The time he shut down his entire business and took his employees to New York to help search for a business associate’s child, he spent secretly volunteering for the New England Center for Homeless Veterans.

When Mitt Romney says that his goal is to help people – or in his own words while speaking to the American people at the Republican National Convention, “I want to help you and your family” – I believe him. I believe he’s got the background to back up what he says. I believe he’s spent a good deal of his life helping people. I connect well with someone who I know has a plan to help the people in this country and the experience to make it happen. For me, that type of connection is going to trump any connection of policy and optimistic views.

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In equal opportunity, From affordable health care to middle-class tax cuts, to a compassion- ate immigration policy and the expansion of education, Obama has fought to ensure that every American has the chance to build them- selves up, no matter what their circumstanc- es. The second presiden- tial debate was con- ducted in a town hall format, allowing voters to connect di- rectly to the candidates. Obama shine, not only with his understanding of policy and optimistic vision, but with his abi- lity to look voters in the eye and tell them all the things he has done to help them.

In contrast, Mitt Romney tends to alien- ate the American peo- ple. While many claim his excessive wealth as the cause, I remain skeptical. After all, Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy both came from affluent backgrounds. While they were wealthy, Roosevelt, Kennedy, daughter, or the young- er one of those less fortunate than themselves. Romney is the poster boy for Homeless cuts for the rich and taxes for corporations. While many Americans pay more than 30 per- cent in taxes, he noted he didn’t have a prob- lem paying 47 percent on a multimillion- dollar income. He also expressed his feeling about the American people in a private fun- dation, alleging that 47 percent of the popula- tion was “dependent” and would never “take responsibility of their lives.” How can a candi- date fail even after dissing half of the country? Obama is a true repre- sentative of the people, a living example of the American man. He is more comfortable in the com- pany of the poor and the rich. His role is to listen to a teacher and state- man resonate throughout the country. His com- passionate positions, natural charisma and strong leadership cre- ate a deep sympathy for the presidency. In short, he is a president of the people.

Mike McPhis is a senior from Toole, Utah, majoring in law and constitutional stud- ies. During the spring semester, he interned at the Salt Lake City Weekly. Through reading them, I gained a greater under- standing of the two men’s positions than I got from either of the televised debates.

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MEDIA: Coverage for obscure candidates

In particular they weren’t included in the excellent series of stories examining Obama’s and Romney’s stands on the issues, which The Post published Oct. 8-12 in print editions and online at washingtonpost.com or online at washingtonpost.com.

The Issue Engine.

In the second debate, the two major-party candidates’ positions on issues ranged from health care to immigration with informa- tion that the candidates did not provide. Through reading them, I gained a greater understand- ing of the two men’s positions than I got from either of the televised debates.

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