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Today **INSIDE** **SPORTS**

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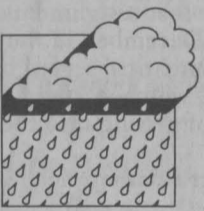
Driving through the Taggart Student Center parking lot, many students notice a barn with the phrase "Man's Best Friend" above the door. What is this building? Who is man's best friend? What is the building used for today? Find out in today's Variety section.

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>ALMANAC

On Oct. 23, 1983, Lebanese suicide commandos evaded security measures and simultaneously drove trucks packed with explosives into two Beirut bases where U.S. and French peacekeeping troops were stationed. Rescuers desperately searched among the rubble, but few survivors were found. The dual terrorist attacks took the lives of 241 U.S. Marines and Navy personnel and 58 French soldiers.

>WEATHER



Today's forecast calls for showers with highs in the low 60s and a low of 41. Showers are also expected for Tuesday with highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.

>AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS

The Governor's Awards in the Humanities recently recognized university professors and programs for outstanding accomplishments. Bonnie Glass-Coffin, along with Cameron Hatch, represented USU and the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences when last year's Tanner Symposium, "Body, Mind, Spirit: Culture and Health," was recognized. The Tanner Symposium was among the Merit Awardees. Merit Awards honor those who have conducted exemplary UHC-funded projects.



Language threatens Utah

Officials consider making English official language

DOUG SMEATH
Assistant Features Editor

An initiative Utahns will be asked to vote on Nov. 7 seeks to make English the official language of Utah, and in the midst of the passionate debate on the issue, both sides say they are afraid the general public doesn't understand the true nature of the initiative.

Initiative A, the so-called English-only initiative, would "declare English Utah's official and sole language for state and local government documents and action," according to the language of the initiative.

It also includes a list of exceptions to the English-only rule, including federal law and regulations, law enforcement, public safety and health, some judicial proceedings and public and higher education, among others.

Those who support the initiative, which has twice been defeated by the Utah Legislature but is now on the Utah ballot after receiving enough signatures in a petition drive, say Utah immigrants need to know English to get by. But those who oppose it call it impractical, unnecessary and possibly divisive.

Initiative supporters say it encourages non-English speakers to learn English. "It's not a crisis in Utah yet, but good government doesn't wait for a crisis," said Rep. Tammy Rowan, R-Orem, of the possibility that too many languages will complicate government.

Rowan sponsored two "English-only" bills in the

Legislature in 1998 and 1999, neither of which passed.

She said the law would give government a policy for dealing with minority languages, an issue for which she said there is no current policy. As a result, she said, minority policy varies from agency to agency, some providing documents in two languages, some in more, some in just English.

"You start with two or three [languages], and pretty soon it will be seven or eight," up to the 120 languages spoken in Utah, she said.

But those opposed to the initiative call it divisive, saying it borders on racism.

"This would not speed up the English-learning process but would instead fuel the few individuals in this state who are advocating ethnic supremacy," said Everardo Martinez-Inzunza, director of Utah State University's Multicultural Student Services.

USU political science professor Michael Lyons agrees. "Deliberately or not, it conveys an attitude of cultural superiority, as if somehow the English language and the people who speak it are better than other people," Lyons said.

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt also has called the initiative divisive. In an Aug. 24 news conference, he said that while he believes all

Utahns need to understand English, passing such a law is unnecessary.

Both Lyons and Martinez-Inzunza also said if the initiative passed, it wouldn't do anything practical.

"By several accounts it will not have a huge effect if it is passed," Lyons said. "It is mostly symbolic."

Martinez-Inzunza said not only would the initiative be ineffective, but it would also waste the state's resources. He said the initiative is written based on a similar law that was passed in Arizona.

He said the Arizona law was tested in court and ruled unconstitutional. "We already know this law would not hold in courts," Martinez-

Inzunza said. "By passing this, we're setting up the state for a waste of time and money."

The signatures were gathered and the initiative introduced by U.S. English, a national organization trying to make English the official language nationwide.

Martinez-Inzunza called U.S. English a divisive, right-wing out-of-state group that doesn't represent the people of Utah.

Regardless of which side of the issue people are on, most who are involved say the general public doesn't understand the



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Gas prices not likely to fall much

MATTHEW FLITTON
Staff Writer

Gas prices are expected to come down, but not by very much said Dave Costello, an economist for the Energy Information Administration.

"Sometime in the spring gas prices should be lower than last year in numbers," he said. "Our projections suggest regular to be \$1.40 per gallon in March."

Costello said he expects prices to stay fairly flat in 2001.

He also said that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will probably cut back production in the second quarter of next year.

However, a cold winter could drive up prices, he said.

"If it gets really cold soon, demand will go up for heating oil," he said. "Demand will go up and result in a reduction in the output of gasoline to get more heating oil."

Despite higher prices, Utah drivers haven't changed their driving practices said Ron Germer, petroleum supply manager for Flying J convenience stores.

"We've seen a little bit of upward volume in gasoline around vacation times," he said. "We see the season swing downward, but as far as anyone not buying gas because of the price? I haven't seen a great deal of difference."

Gas prices in Logan are currently between \$1.58 and \$1.65 per gallon. Germer said valley residents should be concerned with local gas prices.

"The people of Logan are paying an awful price for gas," he said. "On average prices there are six to 10 cents per gallon more than [Brigham City]. The freight costs to Logan would only add about half a cent difference

for the cost of the product."

Randy Wallace, manager of the two Logan Chevron stores disputes those figures.

"I'm not sure about that freight difference," he said. "It all depends on the deal you've worked out with your driver. With the price of diesel fuel, a driver isn't going to come over that hill for only a half a cent more."

Wallace also claimed that other dealers were illegally charging less than they should. He cited a state law that requires convenience stores to make at least 6 percent profit.

"7-Eleven, Flying J and those stores sell the gas low so they can get customers inside to buy stuff. They're really illegal," he said.

Other local gas dealers either couldn't be reached or refused to comment on price differences.

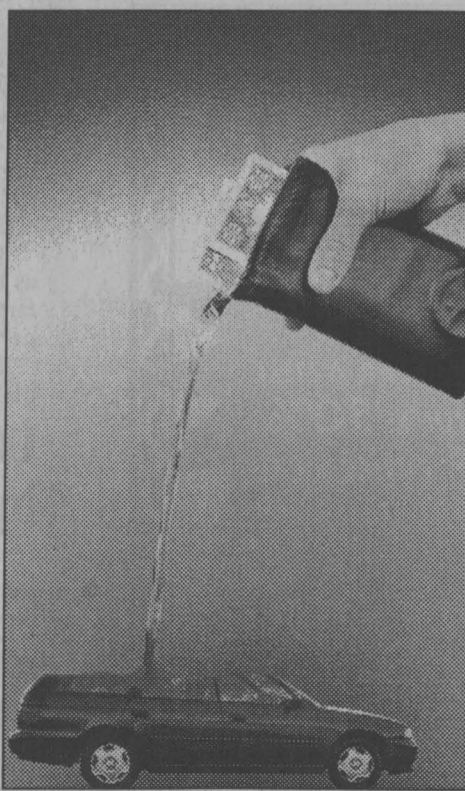
According to the information listed on the Energy Information Administration's web page, the average price for a gallon of gas in America is \$1.68.

Costello said the prices for crude oil are much higher than they have been for a year or two because production is trying to catch up to demand.

Costello said many factors were involved in the price of gas. The administration's Web site supported this assertion; 37 percent of the price of gas pays for the oil used to produce it, 14 percent goes to the filling station, 13 percent to the refinery, and about 36 percent goes to state and federal taxes.

Wallace said higher gas prices hurt retailers, as well.

"I wish gas was cheaper," he said. "We make more money when prices are lower. When you sell more gas, more people will come in and buy stuff. We're just barely getting by right now."



Zak Larsen photo illustration

Bookstore to remain owned by Utah State

CRYSTAL HOOPS
Staff writer

After more than two years of analyzing the future of the Utah State University Bookstore, a committee has concluded that it is in USU's best interest to remain a university-owned bookstore, said Paul Sampson, director of Auxiliaries and Service Enterprises.

"Thousands of hours have been put into this process so that whatever decision was made was based on the data, and when it was all laid out in front of us the conclusion pointed to a USU-owned bookstore," Sampson said.

Sampson said a Bookstore Assessment Committee, comprised of faculty, students and staff, gathered the information needed to reach an informed decision whether or not to privatize the Bookstore.

"We felt the Bookstore was related so much to both faculty and students that this process needed to include their involvement," Sampson said.

A consultant firm, Campus Bookstore Consulting Inc., was also hired to conduct an independent assessment, Sampson said.

The decision to not privatize the Bookstore had to do with the cost of textbooks and customer service, he said.

"It has been our desire to determine where we could get the best service and have the lowest costs," Sampson said.

Sampson said university-owned bookstores typically have a higher customer service rate, since a university only has to concentrate on

one store, whereas a large company with a chain of several hundred stores has to take into consideration the other stores as well.

"USU has the same access to books as a company like Follet, and then some," Sampson said.

To keep costs down, the Bookstore tries to buy as many used books as possible. Currently USU has an attainable goal of 40 percent used books, and the percent of used books for a privately-owned bookstore averages more than 20 percent, Sampson said.

"We haven't waited for this decision to take place, we are already working on the improvement of the Bookstore," Sampson said.

Layout plans to remodel the Bookstore are projected to be introduced in about a year, Sampson said.

"We want to provide customers with more convenient access to the store's products," Sampson said.

He also said four to six weeks of construction will take place possibly a year from January and will be completed in sections so the Bookstore can remain open.

"I think the Bookstore definitely needs a face lift, so to speak," said Debbie Spackman, a USU Bookstore employee.

Other improvements for the Bookstore that Sampson said have already begun

include a higher level of customer service, better availability of textbooks, shorter lines, online book ordering and check-ins for backpacks.

"We see the Bookstore as an extension of the classroom, and we want the best bookstore in the country," Sampson said.

Cache Valley honors, fights breast cancer

Pink tulips, ribbons to honor victims

JESSICA WARREN
Senior Writer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the Student Health Center is encouraging women to tell a friend.

The Tell a Friend program helps and encourages women to tell friends a mammogram can save lives.

The Health Center is participating in this program offering a free slice of Hazel's bread to women who can commit three friends to getting exams.

"It's critical to be doing the monthly breast exams," said Cynthia Allen, health educator for the Health Center.

She said women need to know how their breasts normally feel to be able to detect abnormalities more quickly. A doctor doing a yearly exam will only be able to detect large lumps, Allen said.

Allen also said women between the ages of 20 and 39 should do monthly exams and have clinical exams every three years. At age 40, women should add a yearly mammogram to their regular exams.

According to the American Cancer Society, 80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.

"It is erroneous to think that 'It's not in my family, so

I won't get it," Allen said. "It happens to people in their 20s and people without a family history."

The Tell a Friend program offers tips to find out why a woman hasn't gotten a mammogram. Often, the reason will be money concerns, embarrassment or fear, Allen said.

The program began Oct. 16 and will run through at least Nov. 3.

Another way women are showing their support for breast cancer victims and survivors is by planting pink tulips.

Janet Osborne, director of the USU Women's Center, said the idea started with a group of women who were writing a book.

One of the women connected with the project died of breast cancer and had asked to be remembered by planting a pink tulip.

Red Butte Gardens in Salt Lake City has a section of pink tulips, a bench and a memorial plaque for people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

Osborne and a friend she drove to visit the garden when the woman was receiving cancer treatment thought it would be a good idea to start a garden in Logan.

"It's a visual way to pay tribute," Osborne said.

She also said it has been a cooperative effort involving

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SMOKE RISES OVER THE WEST BANK skyline after Israeli helicopters fired missiles at critical Palestinian sites. The action came after two Israeli soldiers were beaten to death. / Knight-Ridder photo

Israel calls timeout in peace process after day of gunbattles

RON KAMPEAS
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Ehud Barak called for a peace "time-out" and Yasser Arafat told him to "go to hell." The Israeli and Palestinian leaders seemed further than ever Sunday from the peace their U.S. and Egyptian sponsors have tried so hard to salvage.

The violence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip showed no signs of abating, and the cease-fire called during last week's peace summit was little more than a memory.

In the fiercest fighting in the Jerusalem environs since clashes broke out on Sept. 28, Israeli helicopter gunships rocketed the Palestinian-held village of Beit Jalla. Some Palestinian homes were leveled. Electricity and phone lines were down, and Palestinians said the power plant had been hit.

The three hours of fighting started when Palestinian gunmen in Beit Jalla and in Bethlehem opened fire on residential apartment buildings in Gilo, a suburb of Jerusalem, and Israeli police responded with tank, machine-gun and helicopter rocket fire.

The army said it warned residents of targeted areas in Beit Jalla to evacuate before it launched its counterattack. Gilo residents gathered in the streets to watch, cheering each hit.

Next to a church in the largely Christian village, the gate to the Dabdoub family home was damaged.

Inside, 10-year-old Dalia shuddered beneath the folds of a blanket, huddling next to her mother. Abdullah Dabdoub said he was considering taking his wife

and daughters and leaving the region. "They could cut off our electricity, they could cut off our water, they could starve us to death," he said.

Toting his 2-year-old daughter beneath his arms, Yair Peretz tracked a bullet's trajectory for a TV crew. "It came in here, whizzed over her head here on the couch, where she was sitting," he said, referring to his daughter, "and came out here."

Elsewhere, four Palestinians died in clashes, including two teen-agers in the Gaza Strip, and two men near the West Bank town of Hebron. Stone-throwing clashes were reported in several chronic trouble spots. A total of 121 people, most of them Palestinian, have been killed in more than three weeks of violence.

"We need to have a time-out ... to reassess the peace process in light of the events of the last few weeks," Barak told his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday.

"One would have to be blind to security and political needs to continue as if nothing has changed," he said.

A statement issued by Barak's office did not say how long the "time-out" would last. Israeli negotiators would refuse to meet with their Palestinian counterparts until the time-out was lifted.

Arafat, speaking after returning Sunday from a two-day Arab summit in Cairo, said the Palestinian state would come — with or without the peace process, or Barak's approval.

Arafat said that his "response" to the time-out was that his people were "continuing their road to Jerusalem, the capital of the Palestinian state." Whether

Barak accepts that or not, Arafat said — in English: "Let him go to hell."

The intensification of the rhetoric came despite efforts by Egypt and the United States to salvage the peace process.

Egypt and the United States convened the summit last week at the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh that ended with a cease-fire declaration. The Americans said they would continue to work toward bringing the sides together.

While campaigning Sunday, President Clinton managed to reach Barak by telephone for a 15-minute conversation, White House spokesman Elliot Diringer said.

Clinton restated his commitment to working with both sides to "ensure full implementation of the Sharm El-Sheik agreement ... and ultimately to get back to the peace process," he said.

Egypt, meanwhile, headed off an Arab summit declaration that would mandate breaking off ties with Israel, effectively declaring the peace process dead.

Arab nations "hold Israel responsible for any steps taken in regard to relations with Israel by Arab countries, including their cancellation," said the final declaration of the Cairo summit. That fell short of efforts by radicals for a clear-cut call for ending ties with Israel — and left intact Egypt's moderating role in the region.

Barak thanked the Egyptians for moderating the summit but rejected the overall tone of the gathering. The summit and condemns the call, implicit in the resolutions, for continuation of the violence," he told reporters.

World GLANCE

Eleven killed when two small planes collide in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Two small planes collided in the air Sunday in western Argentina, killing all 11 people aboard the two aircraft, including four children, officials said.

It was unclear how the accident occurred over the city of Chucabuco, 125 miles west of Buenos Aires. Both pilots were well-known flight instructors, local fire chief Mario Bergaglio said.

Both Piper aircraft flew out from Chacabuco Airclub, he said. They collided over the outskirts of the city, falling about 1,600 feet before crashing. No one on the ground was hurt.

"The planes weren't performing special moves but flying normally," Bergaglio said.

Including the pilots, there were five people were aboard one plane and six on the other.

Mexico City disco fire kills 20

MEXICO CITY (AP) — With flames and smoke filling a glitzy Mexico City nightclub, terrified patrons fled for the sole exit — only to find guards barring the way to some, demanding they first pay their bills, survivors said.

The blaze killed 20 people, and injured two dozen more.

The Lohombo club was still packed at 5 a.m. when the blaze started Friday.

"Please! It's burning! Open the door!" Sara Falcon said she and others pleaded to the guards who stopped them asking for tickets proving they'd paid.

Hours after the tragedy, hundreds milled outside the charred building, its mirrors shattered and blackened with smoke. Its trademark, a sign featuring the face of a cartoon dog, was gone.

Police said a short circuit in the sound booth may have sparked the blaze, but firefighters said witnesses reported hearing several explosions.

Former Peruvian strongman Montesinos leaves Panama

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Peru's former intelligence chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, left Panama on Sunday for Ecuador, the Panamanian president's office said.

The reason for his departure was not immediately clear. He arrived Sept. 24 in Panama seeking political asylum, but there has been speculation that Panama was lukewarm to the move.

As Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori's spy-chief and closest adviser, Montesinos was viewed by many as the most powerful man in Peru.

The release of a video in mid-September showing him apparently bribing an opposition politician unleashed a political crisis that triggered his flight to Panama.

Panama has a history of harboring Latin American strongmen reviled in their home countries, but the pressure to deny asylum to Montesinos was high.

Anti-asylum demonstrations broke out here, protests not seen since Panama gave asylum to the Shah of Iran in 1979.

Since then, Panama has allowed in Haitian dictator Raul Cedras, reviled former Ecuadorean President Abdala Bucaram, and former Guatemalan President Jorge Serrano Elias, who attempted to seize absolute power in his country in 1993.

With early deadline Tuesday, Olympics ticket sales outpace goal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Looking for front row seats to the 2002 Olympics? Tuesday could be your last chance.

Midnight Tuesday is the deadline for early ticket purchases, which get preferential treatment for seat assignments.

Regular ordering will be open until December 12, but after Tuesday, all tickets will be on a first-come, first-served basis. During the first two weeks of ordering, which started Oct. 10, all ticket buyers have an equal chance of getting into the front row.

"My advice is, get in early," said Mitt Romney, head of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

He said the tickets are already going faster than the committee expected.

More than \$40 million worth of tickets has been sold to U.S. buyers, nearly 60 percent of the overall in-country goal of \$68 million, according to the SLOC.

More than 20,000 orders had been placed by Friday and an additional 17,000 potential buyers had downloaded the online ticket forms.

More than half of the seats for freestyle skiing, figure skating, giant slalom, snowboarding and skeleton, a type of head-first luge, have been snapped up.

Not everything has been rosy, however.

Customers have complained about ticket prices, which run as high as \$885 a seat for the opening ceremony, and large families have struggled with the SLOC's limit of four tickets per order for some events.

And the time-consuming ordering process has drawn complaints, as well.

Utah phone company to be bought by New York-based conglomerate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The tiny Central Utah Telephone company has agreed to be acquired by Lynch Interactive Corp., a New York-based telecommunications conglomerate.

Central Utah Telephone and its subsidiaries, Skyline Telecom and Bear Lake Communications, serve approximately 4,100 telephone access lines in Rich, Cache, Carbon, Sanpete, Wasatch, Utah and Juab counties. The company also has a contract with Qwest Communications International Inc. to acquire four rural telephone exchanges operated by the former US West. Those exchanges in Dugway, Wendover, Mt. Pleasant and Spring City will add another 3,300 access lines to the company's operations.

The sale was strictly a financial decision, said Ed Cox, Central Utah's vice president and general manager.

"Our company needed a little deeper pockets so we can continue to upgrade service and bring new products and technology to our customers," he said.

Central Utah was founded as Fairview Telephone in 1903. Cox's grandfather, Ralph Cox, was one of the original founders of the company. He acquired sole ownership of Fairview Telephone in 1919.

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LTD finds new route, controversy

MATTHEW FLITTON
Staff Writer

Cache Valley residents outside of Logan will vote on two initiatives that would provide bus services to cities from Richmond to Hyrum, including unincorporated corridors between cities.

The first would establish a public transit district. The second would fund the transit district by raising sales tax in the affected areas from 6 percent to 6.25 percent.

"Both issues must pass or this doesn't happen," said Ron Bushman, director of the Logan Transit District.

The proposed plan would start with buses going out to Richmond and Hyrum seven times a day, with one hour between buses at peak use periods. North Logan would receive one additional route per day.

"The extra route for North Logan is because it serves businesses on Main Street from 500 North to 2600 North," said Jay Aguilar, transportation planner for the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization. "There's a high-density residential area as well."

Explaining the reason for the low number of rides to other cities, Aguilar said, "This is a conservative first step. The estimate is that we'll receive enough money to start improvements almost immediately."

Bushman said the county service will be run by the

Cache Valley Transportation Department. While both companies will contract with Laidlaw Transportation, the CVTD will have a different governing board from the LTD, made up of mayors around the valley.

"They will make determinations about services," Bushman said.

No fare will be charged for the county service for the first year. Aguilar said when the LTD was started eight years ago, the same promise was made.

"We don't want to presume the board will continue the policy, but based on an estimate by LSC Consultants, it will generate \$650,000 annually from sales tax," Aguilar said. Bushman anticipates service to start next August. He said he would like to finish the new transit center before starting more bus routes.

"With the transit center, things are going to be a hairy mess for a few months," Bushman said. "But I'd like to get services started a week before school starts to get drivers used to routes."

Aguilar said another reason for the delay is that funds for the new district can't be collected until April.

Jim Gas, city manager for Smithfield, said it will be good for the valley and that it has widespread support in his city.

"The only concern raised was the potential for children to get on the bus and go to Logan without their parents' knowledge," he said. "All the

comments I've heard have been positive."

However, not everyone is in favor of the plan.

"One of the drawbacks for River Heights is that there's no scheduled stop here," said Brent Greenhalgh, councilman for River Heights. "I don't think it's a good idea to raise the sales tax and get nothing out of it."

Aguilar said most of the objections he has heard have come from groups opposed to the taxes. He said in cities where buses charge fares, the fares only account for 10 to 15 percent of income.

"These people say that the market should support itself, through fares," Aguilar said. "You cannot point to a mode of transportation that is not subsidized, automobiles being the most subsidized of all."

In support of his point, Aguilar pointed to taxes to build and maintain roads and other costs associated with automobiles.

"Toyota is subsidizing the Prius," he said. "They say it's costing \$30,000 to build, but they're selling it for \$20,000."

Aguilar also said more transportation alternatives make a better community. He would like to work public transportation into the growth of Cache Valley.

"Having that [public transportation] alternative can provide opportunities for the next generation to be more like Europe where there's no stigma to public transportation," Aguilar said.

MTV owners upset about voter apathy

DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Young people are tuning out the presidential campaign in such numbers that they may be the most disconnected group of potential voters in the nation's history, MTV's top researcher said Thursday.

Surveyed a month before the election, one quarter of people ages 18 to 24 couldn't name both presidential candidates without prompting, and 70 percent couldn't identify the vice presidential candidates.

"There seems to be a finite window of opportunity to engage young people and that window seems to be closing," said Betsy Frank, executive vice president of research for MTV Networks.

Only one-third of young people polled in July said they were certain to vote in November, MTV said. That compares with 57 percent in July 1992, when young people were energized by the campaigns of Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

Subsequent polling as the campaign has heated up this year found more young people interested — but still not up to levels of previous campaigns, Frank said.

These people aren't necessarily apathetic; they just don't see the relevance of politics to their lives, she said.

Seventy percent of those polled identified issues they were concerned with, but only 30 percent said they were interested in politics and government, she said.

To explain a lack of participation, young people cited a confidence that the country is doing well already, a belief in local activism instead of voting and a feeling that politics represents "big money and gross exaggerations," she said.

Potential young voters also aren't interested in issues that have dominated the campaign, including Medicare, Social Security and prescription drugs, she said.

"Young people don't think politicians are listening to them and politicians see low turnout among this group and don't think young people care what they have to say," she said. "So there's a growing communication gap."

The numbers didn't surprise a representative from YouthVote2000, which is working on voter registration efforts across the country.

"They're very accurate and we're very concerned about it," said Julia Cohen, executive director.

Many young voters think Al Gore and George W. Bush aren't talking about issues that concern them, said Erica Terry, a 26-year-old representative of MTV's "Choose or Lose" campaign.

The voter information was commissioned by MTV and Time magazine and was based on five telephone polls by Peter D. Hart Research and John McLaughlin and Associates conducted between October 1999 and this month.

More than 600 people were questioned in each poll and the margin of error was plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

News Briefs

USU Ski team promotes film

It will soon be ski season and that means ski movie season.

Teton Gravity Research is releasing its new feature "Further" this fall. It will be shown at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 in Kent Concert Hall. Tickets will be sold by the Utah State University ski team Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the Taggart Student Center.

"Further" is Teton Gravity Research's finest film to date, promoters said, with the sport's most progressive athletes and the world's most insane locations. For example, Candide Thovex throws a 720-degree spin over a 120-foot gap. Filmgoers will be able to check out Les Trois Phillippe's breaking ground in new terrain parks around the world.

Shot on 16mm film, "Further" contains the "most progressive multiple angle coverage and state of the art editing in the adrenaline sports arena," Advance Publicity said.

Part of the proceeds of the benefit will go to assist the USU ski team. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 at Norda's in downtown Logan.

Workshop aims to teach finances

The Family Life and Financial Counseling centers will provide a free workshop to help students evaluate their finances from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

The workshop will include information on evaluating debt level, savings, retirement and insurances.

For reservations, call the Family Life Center at 797-7224.

Faculty Forum to address surveys

The annual Faculty Forum will be held Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Eccles Conference Center auditorium.

Topics to be discussed include benefits funding and Utah State University's ranking in national surveys.

For more information, call Martha Peters in the Provost's Office at 797-1166.

Coyote protection to be discussed

The Student Animal Liberation Team will sponsor a video and lecture presentation addressing the persecution of coyotes in killing contests Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Taggart Student Center Auditorium.

Presenting will be Andrea Lococo, Rocky Mountain coordinator for the Fund for Animals. She will also speak about the protection of wild horses and the listing of trumpeter swans under the Endangered Species Act.

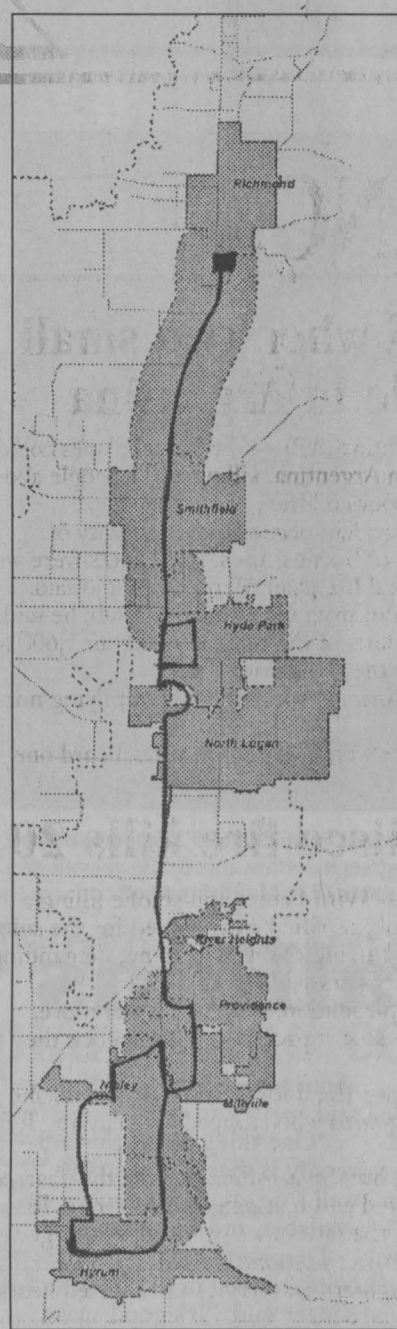
For more information, e-mail SALT at crystal@cc.usu.edu.

Butler honored by council

Anne Butler, professor of history at USU, was recently honored by the Utah Humanities Council, being named a Research Fellowship Recipient.

Butler received the Albert J. Colton Memorial Fellowship for her work "Across God's Frontiers." Fellowship awards from the UHC are presented to two humanities scholars each year: one for a project in Utah studies and one for a topic of national or international scope.

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Students to rally against tuition hike

JESSICA WHATCOTT
Staff Writer

When the Board of Regents meets at Weber State University Friday, the Associate Students of Utah State University will be there to rally against a possible tuition increase of 10 to 25 percent.

Ben Riley, ASUSU president, is taking an active role in addressing the hike. The issue, as he sees it, is that higher education faces serious funding problems and the state of Utah has not made supplementing tuition one of its priorities.

"Higher education is clearly underfunded by the state, and because our tuition is very reasonable this is something I think we as students could see coming for quite some time now," Riley said. "However, we obviously do not support large tuition increases."

At the lowest estimate, a 10 percent increase would mean \$200 to \$300 extra dollars a year in tuition.

"This is a huge increase, especially if a student is paying his or her own way through school and has to come up with

that extra money out of their budget," Riley said.

USU has been especially concerned about funding, Riley said, because the Board of Regents bases the education budget on school growth. Because the growth at USU has slowed in the past few years, the school doesn't get as much money as faster growing junior and community colleges, Riley said.

Students rallying on Friday will try to catch the Board of Regents at a "visible time" before they vote on the increase, Riley said. ASUSU wants the Board to be aware that students are concerned about affordable education.

Riley also said it is disturbing that the current trend to fund higher education asks that "students pay more and more, while the state pays less and less."

ASUSU does concede that 3 to 4 percent annual increases in tuition are necessary to combat inflation. Riley said he understands that because Utahns have big families, the government has a small tax base to work with when funding education. He said that "by and large, the state does a good job."

Instead of using students to make up the funding gap, ASUSU would like to see more money from the state allocated to higher education, Riley said. Although it is an unpopular idea, he suggested the state use money from an increased sales tax or a new Internet tax for education money.

If ASUSU generates enough student interest in the rally, Riley said, they will take a bus to Weber State instead of asking students to drive. Although it doesn't have an agenda from the Board of Regents yet, Riley predicts that the rally will be held during the Board members' lunch break.

Students interested in participating should contact the ASUSU office as soon as possible.

Students who cannot attend the rally but would like to address the issue can write Cecelia Foxley, Utah Commissioner for Higher Education.

If requested, she will forward letters to the Board of Regents. Her address is 3 Triad Center Suite No. 550, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108-1205. Her e-mail address is cfoxley@utahsbr.edu. Ben Riley can also be contacted at benriley@cc.usu.edu.

Emerts honored as science center namesake

SHARALYN HARTWELL
Staff Writer

A new Science Learning Center is under construction next to the newly-completed Widtsoe Hall, answering the "tremendous need for good lecture space for science classes," said Donald W. Fiesinger, College of Science interim dean.

As the building was designed, the main goal was to have state-of-the-art technology.

"We're having to adjust and modify as we go along, especially in terms of technology," Fiesinger said.

The main feature of the center is the 500-seat auditorium,

which will be named after Utah State University President George H. Emert and First Lady Billie Emert.

The auditorium seats will rise from the basement to the first floor of the center. Underneath the seating in the back will be space for various departments to store lecture and demonstration materials, Fiesinger said.

"Right now we have people trying to move demonstration materials all over campus," he said.

The storage rooms should be able to keep things in the same facility, he said. The center will include another lecture hall, in addition to the auditorium. These lecture halls are

specifically designed for science class use, he said, with cameras and projection screens for students to see what the professor is demonstrating.

The center will include a computer lab expected to house about 30 computers, he said. The lab will also be used for the learning and testing required by the computer literacy program.

There will also be a student interaction room for students to work on group projects and have group discussions.

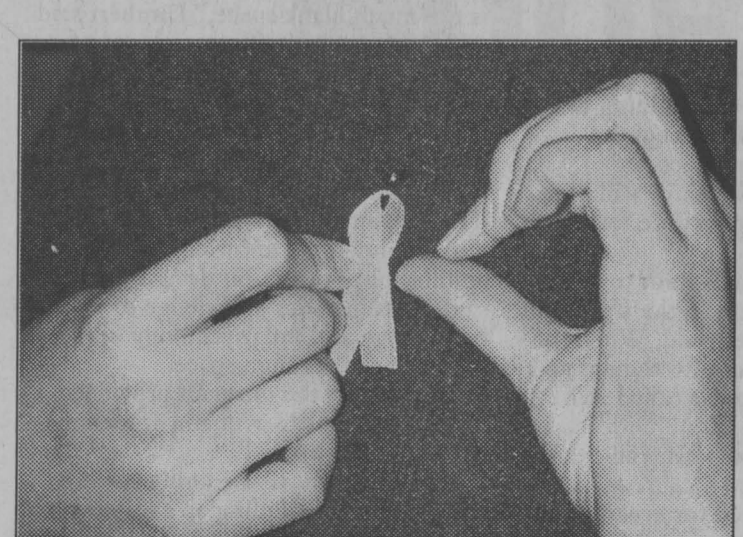
The building will feature special heating and lighting systems that are specifically designed for energy-efficient operation," Fiesinger said. The lights will automatically shut off when no one is in the room.

The construction of Widtsoe Hall has been funded by the state because the old Widtsoe Hall was determined unsafe, whereas the nearly \$6 million Science Learning Center has been funded entirely by private donations.

"This is a phenomenal example of private support for this university," Fiesinger said.

More than \$1 million has been saved by building the shell of the science center under construction contracts that were coupled with Widtsoe Hall, he said.

The design plan took three years to complete and was approved in 1997, Fiesinger said. The center is scheduled for completion July 15, 2001.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, which has been symbolized by wearing a pink ribbon. Every year 182,800 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,800 women die. Liz Maudsley photo

ENGLISH

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initiative's true intent. "Please don't make decisions based on ads," Rowan said. "Read the initiative."

She said opponents of the initiative want to make it sound racist and divisive but that it is really a practical solution to a potential problem.

Martinez-Inzunza agrees the public doesn't understand the issue, but he said people see the initiative as logical and patriotic without realizing its divisiveness.

"One of the problems with these sorts of initiatives is that they mask themselves as patri-

otic and wrap themselves in the American flag," he said. But he said the initiative encourages ignorance — "and, by a few, arrogance" — of immigrant issues, ignorance that "can mislead people from truly appreciating the value and the beauty of our American diverse heritage. To be diverse is to be American."

The full text of the initiative, an impartial analysis of it and arguments for and against it can all be found at Lt. Gov. Olene Walker's elections Web site, governor.state.ut.us/lt_gover/2000vip/tableofcontents.htm.

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community and individual sponsors.

This is the third year, and 1,000 bulbs have been planted between Logan Regional Hospital and Bear River Health Department.

Osborne said the goal every year is to find different spots and different communities to create a visual reminder throughout the valley of survivors and victims.

Past sites are in front of the Animal Science building and near 300 East in Logan.



THE USU ART BARN, photographed here in the 1940s, was not moved in the '50s when much of the campus was under reconstruction. It was deemed 'too stationary and sentimental to be transported.' /Special Collections and Archives photo

'Man's Best Friend'



TODAY, THE ART BARN stands in the northeast corner of the Taggart Student Center parking lot and houses the school of speech communications, as well as the psychology department's research body parts. /Liz Maudsley photo

Art Barn: Ceramics, speech and stallions



Building

SPOTLIGHT

Editor's note: Every two weeks, the Variety section of the Statesman will spotlight one of the buildings on campus. Each building has its own stories to tell, and an understanding of their history can help students better appreciate their university.

NATALIE LARSON
Senior Writer

Once a stable for "man's best friend," the Utah State University "Art Barn" now houses a menagerie of teachers' assistants, graduate students and professors involved in areas from philosophy to

psychology to the speech communications emphasis of the languages and philosophy department.

In addition to students and professors, the barn houses the psychology department's research body parts.

But still, the entrance

reminds visitors that the barn in the corner of the Taggart Student Center parking lot once housed several horses, the animal that is better friends with man than even the dog, according to the stable hands who emblazoned the nickname above the door.

"A lot of people think it's abandoned," said Harold Kinzer, a coordinator of speech communications. "We rather like it here. It gives us something to talk about on the first day of class."

According to the pictures and history of the Barn displayed in the building and

compiled by Nancy Birch, who had her office in the "first stall," the first known pictures showing the barn were taken in 1927.

Birch said the barn was originally used to house the horses used at USU.

The surrounding area had other smaller barns, and where the TSC lot is now, there was a corral, Kinzer said. It was a model farm used for research and study much like the dairy is now, he said.

During the 1950s, the university did some restructuring of the building, but the Art Barn was left in its place

because it was "too stationary and sentimental to be transported," Birch said.

"It's completely made of concrete," Kinzer said. "It's just too darn sturdy."

During Spring Quarter of 1959, a ceramics class was moved into the Art Barn, thus giving it its current name, Birch said.

"They decided it wasn't such a great idea having kilns in Old Main," Kinzer said. The Art department was in the Barn until the Chase Fine Arts Center was built.

The speech communications emphasis moved in

about seven years ago, Kinzer said.

"One thing about this university is that it uses space well," he said. "This space was available, and we took it."

Despite the jokes about being housed in the Barn, Kinzer said, "It's good space. Our department is located together, where previously we were all in different buildings."

"I think they will continue to use this building for many, many years," Kinzer said. "I plan to retire in this building. We can't count on getting funding for new buildings."



SUSAN LAMBERT, collections manager for the Eccles Art Museum, carefully unpacks a ceramic piece by the artist Ah Leon in the museum's vault. Ah Leon's art will go on display in the spring. The staff of the museum will replace several pieces this week. /Joe Rowley photo

A lot goes into setup of art shows

ALISHA TOLMAN
Staff Writer

Every eight to 10 weeks, Utah State University's Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art brings a new exhibit to its upstairs gallery.

By the time a new show opens, it has been in the works for months, or even years, said Education Curator Victoria Rowe.

"We're currently working on exhibits that will run two years from now," Rowe said.

The museum usually purchases traveling exhibits from other art museums through packets, like ordering from a catalog, Rowe said.

The process of installing a show begins by verifying that the museum can get the exhibit, said Collections Manager Susanne Lambert.

Then the museum staff begins thinking about the best way to display the objects.

For example, Lambert said, the museum recently housed a show of more than 70 small sculpture pieces. Lambert displayed the sculptures on pedestals she built and student staff members painted.

The next consideration is the color scheme and design of the show, Lambert said.

"Most people don't think about the mechanics when they look at the exhibit," Rowe said.

Often, the museum staff will build or move walls in the gallery in addition to re-painting them.

When the artwork to be displayed arrives, and after Lambert has personally checked the pieces for shipping damage, the museum staff can begin to group and display the objects.

Often, the exhibit's creator will send instructions in written or slide form, Rowe said.

Artists will sometimes want to display an evolution of thought in the way their work is set up, Lambert said. When the artist himself contributes to the design of the exhibit, the show is called an "installation."

The final step in preparing an exhibit is the lighting.

"Lighting is changed for every show," Rowe said.

The lights on tracks in the ceiling include several kinds of bulbs, since some artwork is more sensitive to light than others, Lambert said.

The process of installing an exhibit is "like creating a painting," Rowe said. "You have to think about what the 'whole look' will be."

But individual positioning is just as important as the overall picture.

"You also have to think about what people are going to see first, and if there is too much blank space," Lambert said.

The museum staff is composed of full-time curators and several student assistants.

The staff gains its training primarily from hands-on experience, and any background in art is helpful, Rowe said. The curators, like Rowe and Lambert, also employ some knowledge of the "philosophy" of exhibit design, Rowe said. This includes knowledge of color psychology and the psychology of how people move through space.

In the past, the museum provided paid internships to acquaint students with museum work.

The museum will be going through the process of installing an exhibit starting next week, when it prepares for the arrival of a show by painter Sam Erenberg. Erenberg will also be giving a presentation and student critique, Rowe said.

They know it's weird, but they still grave hunt

MARTIN MILLER
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — J. Watson Garman knows people think he is weird. People above ground anyway.

"They find out about it and say, 'Whoa! I think I'll stand over here (away from you),' " said Garman, a Los Angeles resident.

The 53-year-old free-lance photographer is a member of the Hollywood Underground, a group that is accustomed to reactions of wide-eyed disbelief to their hobby of celebrity grave hunting. At least once a month, the group of a couple dozen members meets at a Los Angeles area cemetery to look for new grave sites and to revisit the final resting places of some of Hollywood's greatest legends.

Garman, like many group members, keeps careful records of his graveside travels. He photographs each new celebrity-related grave and writes down any pertinent information that his diligent research can dig up about the deceased.

He then meticulously catalogs the bounty in a three-ring notebook. (Most younger members record the information on their Web pages.)

"My wife thinks I'm crazy," he admitted. "But is this so different than going to a wine auction and paying \$5,000 for a bottle?"

Besides, Garman maintains, they aren't the real weirdos.

"Compared to the Trekkies, we're like the Salvation Army," he said. "But I have to say there is a real nut element to this and they are the ones that give us a bad name."

The "nuts" are the ones who crash graveyards at night. (Hollywood Underground doesn't. Graveyards are closed and it's hard to find a head marker in the dark anyway.) The nuts

dress in black. (Actually, some Hollywood Underground members dress in black, but it's not a prerequisite for joining or participating.)

The nuts, Garman said, usually don't have jobs or social lives. (Most Hollywood Underground members have both.) And, in perhaps the most important distinction, the nuts sever the heads off small animals. (Hollywood Underground doesn't. Indeed, many report having happy pets.)

"Once we found a headless chicken behind a gravestone," said Steve Goldstein, a Hollywood Underground member finishing up a book called "Southern California's Graves of the Famous, the Infamous and the Just Plain Dead." "I mean, we're not doing satanic rituals here. We're just normal people with an unusual hobby."

Hollywood Underground is certainly not the only group that chases down dead celebrities. By far, the largest tribe of grave hunter-gatherers is made up of tourists. Camera-toting looky-loos from around the globe frequent many of the Los Angeles area's half dozen or so major cemeteries.

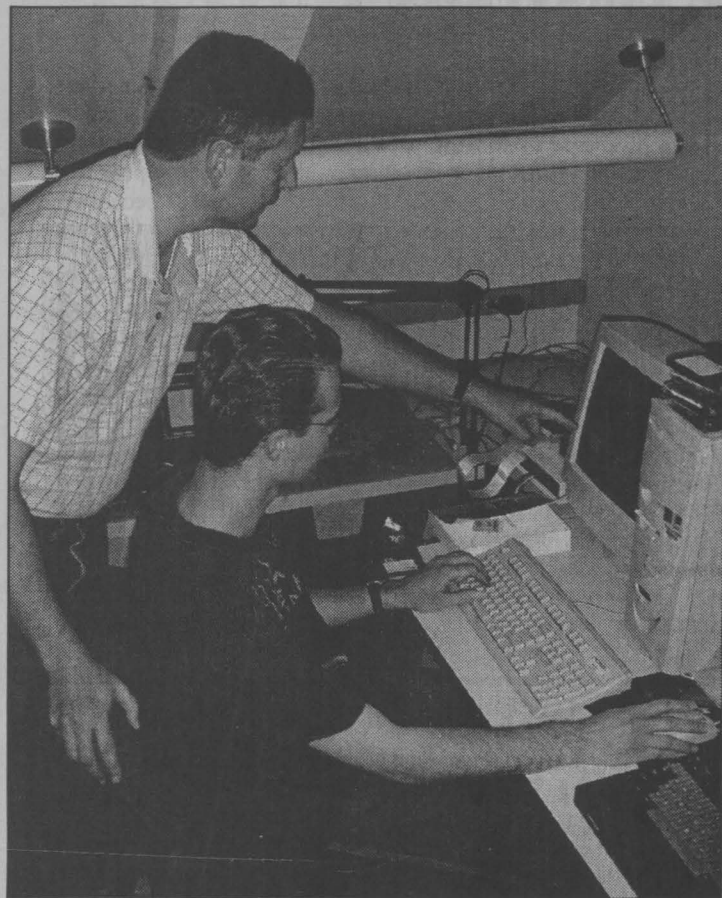
Tourists, however, are relative fair-weather fans in the world of celebrity grave hunting. For determination, persistence and organization, it's hard to beat Hollywood Underground.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, members endured 100-degree-plus temperatures to tour one of their favorite haunts, Forest Lawn Memorial-Park in nearby Glendale. The cemetery reads like an all-star lineup of entertainment greats. Members passed by Walt Disney, Dorothy Dandridge, Sammy Davis Jr. and Errol Flynn, to name just a few.

"You get closer to them in

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PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE Scott Cannon helps Kevin Goodsell debug a software program for a satellite that will be launched by the Air Force. /Liz Maudsley photo

Professor knows fish, planes and computers

Editor's note: The Variety section of the Statesman will periodically spotlight a member of the USU faculty. Knowing more about the people they learn from will help students get more from their education.

CRYSTAL MOORE
Staff Writer

Computer science means hard classes, computer geeks, pocket protectors, calculators and binary jokes, right?

Who in their right mind, as the commonly asked question goes, could possibly want to major in computer science?

For one Utah State University professor, computer science goes well beyond bits and bytes, RAM and ROM — in fact, it ventures into the wild blue yonder.

Aside from his work at USU, computer science professor Scott R. Cannon has a passion for airplanes. He builds and flies remote-controlled models.

Cannon received his private pilot's license in 1980 and hopes to finish building his own airplane soon.

He is currently working on building a World War II replica.

When he's not with planes and computers, Cannon also raises tropical fish and coral.

But even his work with computers is an exciting part of his life, Cannon said.

"Writing computer programs is very creative," he said. "It's almost like art."

Students say Cannon is an enthusiastic, happy person with a great sense of humor, in addition to being a good teacher.

"He jokes around a lot," said senior Kevin Goodsell, who has taken classes from Cannon for three years. "His classes are usually pretty fun. He was the second CS teacher I'd had up here, and I was impressed right away. He made sense."

As with most teachers, there are things Cannon's students dread about his classes.

"[Cannon] likes to give pop quizzes, but they are mainly for attendance,"

Goodsell said.

But it's not enough to scare Goodsell away from Cannon's classes.

"I would choose to take a class from him over certain other professors in the CS department," he said.

Cannon was born in Salt Lake City. He grew up in both Boise, Idaho, and Murray and attended four years of college at the University of Utah, where he studied biophysics and medical computer science.

After attending graduate school at the University of Texas, Cannon taught computer science and did computer instrumentation research in San Antonio in artificial heart valves, ultrasound and blood flow.

Through all his work and education in computers, a field that was just developing at the time he was in school, Cannon said he had one consistent thought: "I just hoped there'd be a job at the end of it."

He said he discovered his interest in computers while studying other things, and that led him to choose them as a major field of study.

"When I got started in physics as an undergraduate, computers were just starting to become generally useful tools," Cannon said.

That was enough to get him interested in studying computers.

"They fascinated me."

Outside of school, Cannon lives with his relatively large family, which consists of himself, his wife and seven children.

The five eldest are college-age, and the two youngest are in high school and middle school.

"We have a very close family," Cannon said. "We try to vacation together whenever we can."

Cannon has been a professor in the computer science department at USU for 18 years and has at least another 13 years to retirement.

In other words, "I'll be here a long time," Cannon said.

Glowing bunny a work of art or latest in scientific controversy?

LIBBY COPELAND

The Washington Post

In a Paris laboratory, Alba the albino rustles and sniffs. She is gloriously white and plump, her ears long and supple. Granted, she is just one experimental bunny among many, her beauty obscured by her scientific purpose.

There's this man in Chicago who wants Alba badly. "All I want is for Alba to live with us and have a loving family," says

Eduardo Kac.

But Alba's not just any rabbit destined for leaf lettuce and a cedar-chip bed. Alba glows in the dark.

Well, glows in the dark isn't quite right; more precisely, she glows when placed under an ultraviolet light. She glows a peculiar lime green from her feet to her nose. Her eyes gleam like green flashlights.

Alba knows not the controversy that surrounds her existence. She is the product of a

union between a rabbit embryo and green fluorescent protein, or GFP, which comes from a certain jellyfish.

She's also the latest blip in the debate over a brave new world that increasingly looks like a sci-fi novel, where altering the living seems as effortless and trivial as blowing your nose, where human cloning seems just over the horizon.

Eduardo Kac, an artist at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, claims he conceived

of Alba and spurred scientists to create her for the sake of art. He wanted to use her to generate debate about the future of genetic engineering.

Art? you exclaim. Greening a living this as art?!

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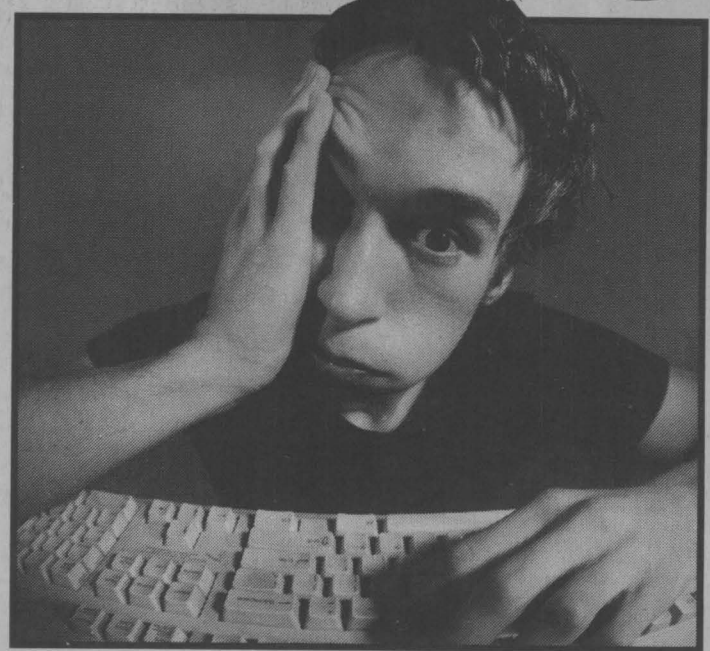
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Heidi Ingebrigtsen

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How does the little lump of flavored sugar do it?

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First, let's look at the cookie as a tool of bribery.

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Do you really think you enjoyed walking half a step, only to have your pudgy little infant face hit the carpet (or maybe cement, for the not-so-lucky) a second later?

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On the flip side, how many of us use the cookie to get what we want?

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Try this experiment.

When you go home today, make a batch of cookies, arrange them on a plate and await the arrival of your roommates.

You will see that whoever will be snared by the aroma of your cookies will sacrifice almost anything to get just one in their possession.

This is the golden opportunity to get the coveted silk shirt your roommate keeps in a plastic protective cover (only worn for costume, of course) out of her closet and into yours.

Cookies can also play the role of a peace offering.

Is there someone you have not spoken to in years?

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I bet you didn't realize

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But now that you do know and your mind has been enlightened, use cookies in your favor and not just as a means to fill a sweet-tooth craving.

You'll find their powers exceed your expectations.

And they go great with milk.

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More WORDS

“A plate of cookies can be used as a cheap birthday present, a reward, payment for a debt, a pass at the opposite sex and much more.”

GRAVES

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death than you ever would have in life,” said Goldstein, whose findings from his many graveyard shifts can be seen at www.beneathlosangeles.com. “In a graveyard, you're only 6 feet away.”

Sometimes, in cemeteries such as Forest Lawn in Glendale, it's hard to get even 6 feet away. Many celebrities, including Mary Pickford, Humphrey Bogart and Dick Powell, are buried behind walls with locked iron gates and doors. It takes a special key to enter, which only cemetery staff, family members and close friends may have.

In fact, among the Los Angeles-area cemeteries, Forest Lawn in Glendale is probably the least accommodating to the pursuit of celebrity grave hunting. The graveyard's locked gates and strict policies have earned it the nickname the “Fort Knox of Cemeteries.”

For instance, its Great Mausoleum — resting place of W.C. Fields, Clark Gable and Jean Harlow — allows visitors to grieve for their specific loved one, but then they must leave immediately. No wandering or snooping around for celebrities.

Such a policy, which is designed to protect the privacy and the dignity of the departed, leaves little room for Hollywood Underground members to maneuver. Members try to sneak in quietly, but nearly every member has a tale about being chased off by Forest Lawn staff.

“There's one (staff member) I avoid as much as I can,” said Anne Parisi, 33, of San Diego. “She doesn't put up with anything. She can tell who you are and what you are there for.”

Most members would probably stay away but can't, because the Glendale cemetery inters most of old Hollywood's most famous dead.

“It's hard to believe they

would have spent their life working to be famous and then would want to disappear from the public eye just because they are gone,” said Garman, voicing a common grave hunter defense.

It's a defense members have had a lifetime to prepare. Many acquired a fascination for and comfort with cemeteries during childhood.

As a youngster growing up near Boston, Goldstein remembers visiting the grave-stones of Paul Revere, John Hancock and Louisa May Alcott. Then he collected headstone rubbings — a kind of signature produced by putting a piece of paper upon a headstone and lightly penciling over it.

“I had cousins who lived across the street from a cemetery and we used to play there,” said the sales manager for a payroll company. “I guess I never grew out of it.”

Group member Lisa Burks has enjoyed soaking up the tranquil atmosphere of cemeteries since visiting the graves of her grandmother and grandfather as a preteen in Michigan.

“I always found it very peaceful in cemeteries,” said Burks, 39, a press manager for NBC Entertainment. “For me, it's like gardening or going to the beach with a book.”

The other common thread among members is a love for old Hollywood. Over time, members develop loyalties to certain cemeteries and graves. Goldstein prizes the Douglas Fairbanks Sr. grave at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Burks' No. 1 is Harlow's site at Forest Lawn Glendale.

“I guess my favorite would be Al Jolson (at Hillside Memorial Park),” said Parisi. “He's got a big waterfall and that little sculpture. I guess basically you could say he proved you can take it with you.”

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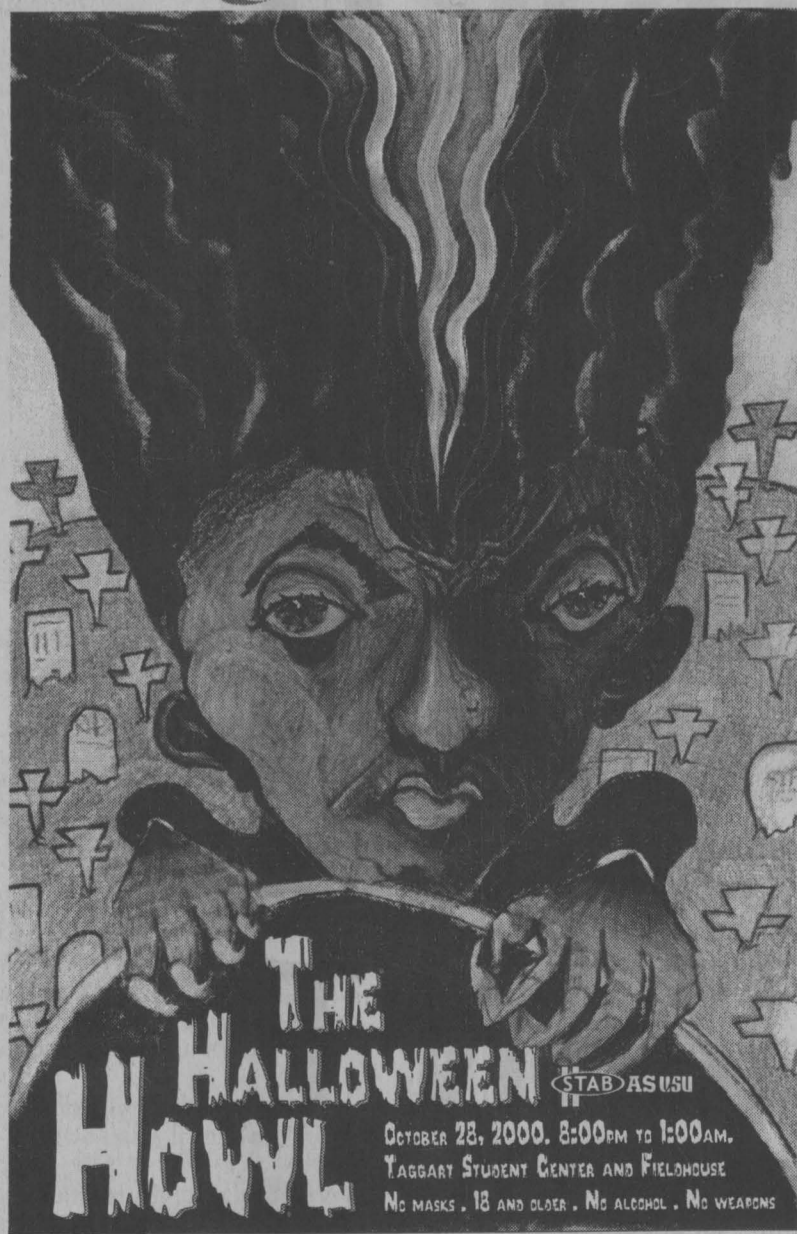
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The Chi Omega Sorority will sponsor a Halloween Carnival October 31, 2000. from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. in the USU fieldhouse. The cost for the carnival is one can of food per child or four per family.

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- 11:30pm Auditorium - Comedy Sports Sunburst - Punjab Walnut - Jogan Janes
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Center dispels organ myths, educates donors

MANDY BUTTERFIELD
Staff Writer

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It's a myth — and it's one of many in the field of organ donations.

"We educate people to dispel myths and to inform them about being donors," said Ben Dieter, public relations coordinator for the Intermountain Organ Recovery Center.

It is illegal to buy or sell organs in the United States because of the threat of contamination, and there is no known "black market" for organs or tissues.

Intermountain Organ Recovery System (IORS) is a federal nonprofit community service organization dedicated to the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissues.

The IORS serves 2.5 million residents in Utah, southeastern Idaho and Western Wyoming.

"One person who is a donor can potentially save nine lives," said Dieter. "A tissue donor can benefit up to 100 people."

Organs that can be donated from a deceased body are the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver and pancreas.

Tissues that can be donated are the eyes, bones, skin, veins, heart valves and tendons. Most people who die are potential tissue donors.

"All you can donate while you are alive is one of your kidneys, part of your liver and in some cases part of your lungs," Dieter said.

He said more than half of all potential donors don't become donors because their family declines consent.

"Our number-one message is that if you

become a donor, share the decision with your family," Dieter said.

He said most families don't give consent because they are misinformed about their family members' wishes to donate organs or tissues.

Anyone can be a potential organ or tissues donor.

Eligibility is based on the specific circumstance at the time of the death.

It costs the donor nothing to donate organs or tissues. All laboratory tests, lab fees and doctors' fees are billed to the IORS. The IORS then bills the transplant center, which in turn bills the recipient and his or her health insurance.

Organ and tissue donors can still have an open-casket funeral. Prosthetic devices are used with bone and eye donations to maintain the regular body form. Organ and other tissues that are donated involve standard surgical procedures, and incisions are covered by clothes.

Dieter said there is no discrimination of donor recipients according to race or money. Organs are distributed based on medical condition, blood type, tissue matches, matching organ size and length of time on the transplant list.

"We look for any avenue we can to reach the public and educate them," Dieter

said.

Employees at the Department of Motor Vehicles are educated to inform potential donors about the decision, and a team travels to educate students. There is even a Donor Sabbath Program, where religions are encouraged to talk about donating.

There are 243 people on waiting lists, and 13 or 14 people die daily waiting for an organ or tissue.

For more information on how to be a donor, call 1-800-366-6744, or visit www.iors.org.

Myths AND FACTS

- There is no "black market" for organs.
- One donor can save nine lives. A tissue donor can benefit up to 100 people.
- Donors' families must give permission for a donation to take place. A note on a driver's license isn't enough.

➤ ALBA

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other rabbits have been injected with the GFP gene in embryo, said the project's lead scientist, Louis-Marie Houdebine. Over the past five years, GFP has been used in plants and animals worldwide because its glow-ability helps scientists study cell proteins.

GFP can be injected into stem cells or embryos, says Gordon Hager, a scientist at the National Cancer Institute who uses GFP to study hormone receptors. GFP is non-toxic and apparently has no disruptive effect in its hosts.

But what about Alba? Kac maintains that she serves no scientific purpose. He says he spurred the laboratory to create Alba specifically so he could showcase her at an art exhibition in Avignon this summer (she didn't get to go), then take her home.

Houdebine — apparently contradicting statements he made last month to the *Boston Globe* when he backed up Kac's story — says Kac is mistaken. He says he created Alba, born last January, for the purposes of experimentation by mating one rabbit already injected with GFP with a normal animal. Houdebine says Alba was

never meant to go home with the artist. He did intend to lend Alba to Kac for the exhibition in Avignon, Houdebine said, but backed down when his higher-ups balked.

What's more, Houdebine adds, the photo of Alba on Kac's Web site (www.ekac.org) looks greener than she really is. Kac says he didn't alter it.

"Alba" doesn't exist," Houdebine says. "For me it's rabbit No. 5,256 or so." In any case, these aren't pets, Houdebine says. "We can't have affection for" them.

But Kac does. He says he visited Alba once before this controversy started and now feels responsible for her fate.

"Since then it has become sort of a custody battle," says Kac.

It's also a philosophical battle. Because if Kac did "conceive" Alba, and she serves no scientific purpose, she could be troubling. How dare some guy make a rabbit glow? Some ethicists argue that altering a living animal's nature for no medical benefit damages the public perception of 21st-century science and threatens to demean the animal's life.

But Kac says Alba is no

mere exercise in oddity. An assistant professor of art and technology, Kac's mediums are biological and technological art. He uses science so complicated he must sometimes enlist experts' help. His art has come in the form of virtual reality, mutating bacteria and, in one case, a "live, bidirectional, interactive, telematic, inter-species sonic installation" measuring the microvoltage in a plant as it responds to a canary singing across a phone line.

Kac says measuring the plant's microvoltage was a means to show that it, too, has consciousness of a sort.

Which leads back to Alba. "My colleague in New York told me that we are about 30 to 40 percent similar in the genome to the mustard plant," says Kac, who finds such a link "humbling."

But instead of emphasizing similarities, genetics now focuses on differences, he says. "All these notions of determinism — the gay gene and the Jew gene, the intelligence and the obesity gene." Kac says he wanted to create Alba to move the questions surrounding genetic engineering into the art world.

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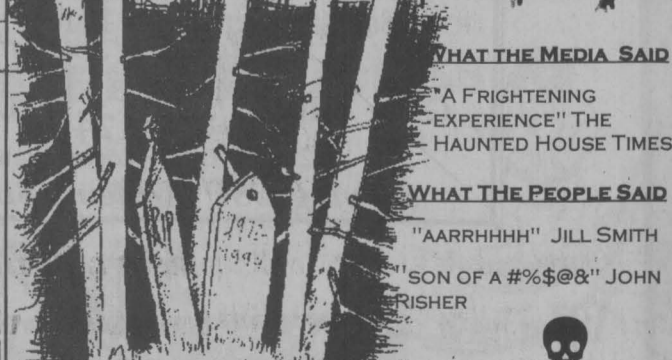
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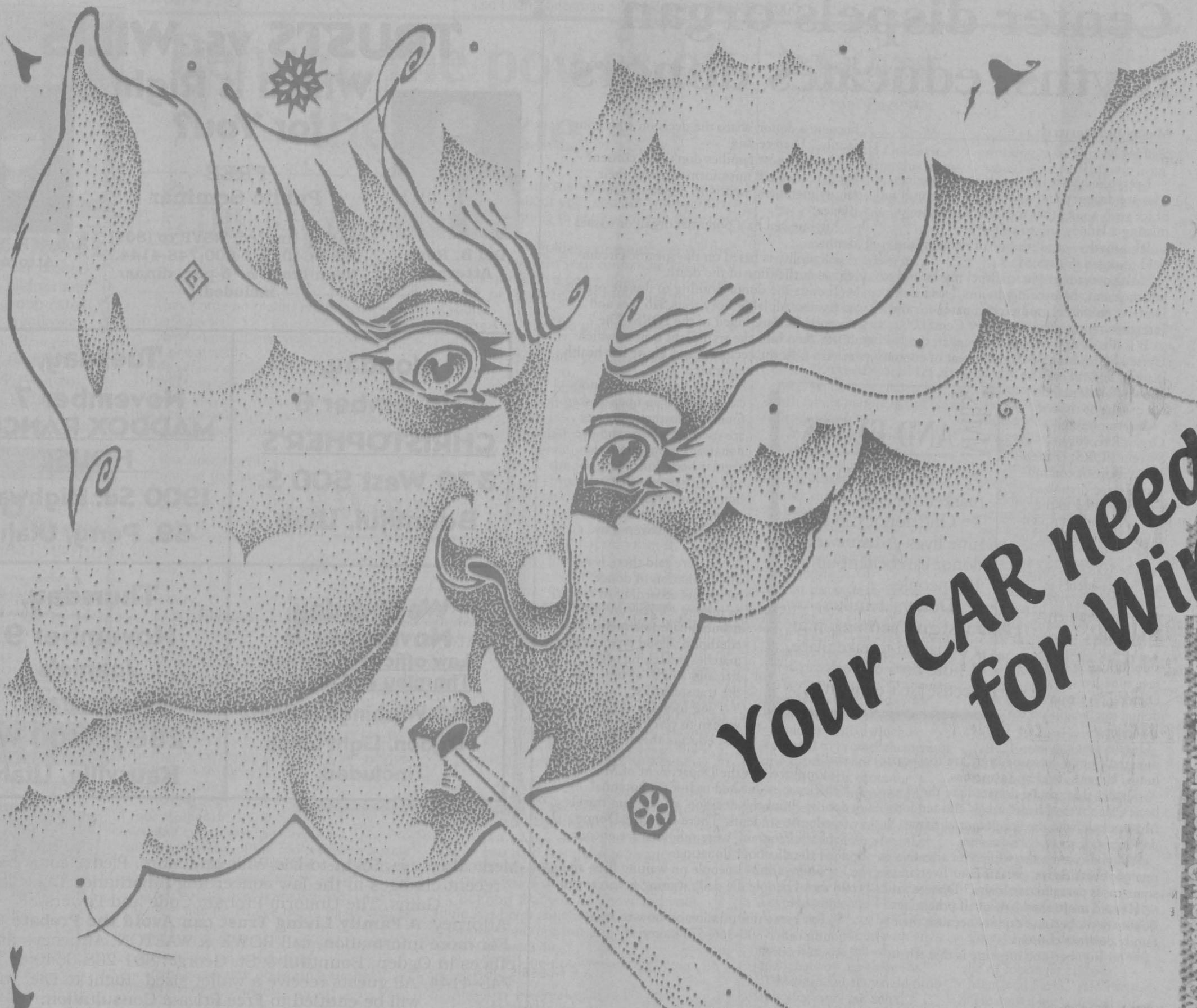
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By Evelyn Kanter
Copley News Service

Few of us would let a day pass without brushing our teeth and eating foods which are good for our bodies. And if our bodies give us a warning signal that something is wrong, we pay attention.

Yet, few of us pay as much heed to our vehicles. When there's a warning sign - a puddle in the driveway, a grinding noise, a pull to the left - we are more likely to adopt a "wait and see" attitude.

Spending a little time and money on your car now can save a lot more later.

Here's an easy checklist to keep your vehicle healthy through the coming winter, and to increase the dollar value of Old Breakdown if you are preparing to sell or trade it soon.

- Checking the oil is one of the nicest things you can do for your car, best done when it's warm, but not hot, from driving. Remove the dipstick, wipe and replace. Remove it again to check level and color. If it's thick and cloudy, change it. An oil change every 3,000 miles (or more frequently for stop-and-go driving) can help avoid costly valve and piston repairs.

While you're at it, change the oil filter, too, since it is coated with up to a quart of the same gunk you are getting rid of.

- Remember all those vehicles you passed this summer, stranded by the side of the road, plumes

of smoke gushing from beneath their hoods? They overheated because their owners had ignored the cooling system. Engines produce a lot of heat and the cooling system, made up of radiator and fan, works hard keeping engine and passengers cool. It needs coolant to do that.

- When the engine is cold, remove the radiator cap and run your finger inside the filler neck. If your finger stays dry, add more fluid. If your finger gets covered with sludge, the cooling system is a candidate for a blowup. Have it drained, flushed and refilled with clean, clear coolant or antifreeze.

Also, check radiator hoses to be sure there are no loose or corroded connections or cracks. If the hoses crack when you squeeze them gently, replace them.

- When was the last time you checked your transmission fluid? It's as simple as checking the oil. When you pull out the dipstick, you should see red, not orange, brown or black. How about the brake fluid? Check the owner's manual for the fluid with the proper boiling point. And, don't forget to refill the windshield wiper fluid. Replace blades, too, if you have been noticing them streaking or missing spots in summer rain storms.

- While you're under the hood, look around. If the engine compartment looks like a coal mine,

clean it up with a liquid or spray degreaser.

Read the owner's manual first to be sure you know what parts don't like getting wet, so you can avoid them.

The battery is likely as grimy and crusted as its neighbors under the hood, but before you scrape or spray anything, disconnect the terminals. A good residue remover is plain old baking soda. Just dissolve a couple of tablespoons in a quart of water. Dip an ordinary household cleaning brush into this mixture, and scrub.

- If you're lucky, you haven't had a flat in awhile. That also means you haven't thought about

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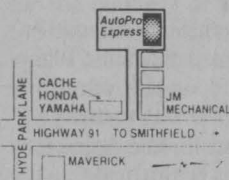
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the spare, either. Remove it from the trunk to check its
pressure. If necessary, top it off with the proper amount
of air. You can do that the next time you take the car in
for a wash or fill the tank.

Remember, tire pressure changes 1 pound for every
10-degree change in the outside temperature, so it's
important to recheck tire pressure after any sudden
change in the weather, as well as to adjust to the new
season. Check the pressure in the rest of the tires, too.
Proper inflation will improve the ride.

Each vehicle has a recommended inflation pressure;
your owner's manual will tell you what it is. Every vehi-
cle should be equipped with an inexpensive pressure
gauge; leave it in the glove compartment, to use first
thing in the morning, once a week.

Higher pressure generally results in improved steering
response and fuel economy, but it produces a stiffer ride
and wears out the tread in the center. Lower pressure
generally provides a smoother ride, but under-inflated
tires lose shape and wear out at the sides. Under-inflated
tires also waste gas, because more power is needed to
push the car.

Never, ever exceed the maximum load limit for your
tire, and always check tire pressure when the tires are
cold. Even driving a couple of miles to the nearest gas
station can provide a false pressure reading. Nor should
you take out air when the tires are hot from highway
cruising. It is normal for pressure to increase 6 or more
pounds, and taking out air at this point can create dan-
gerous stress on the tires.

- This is a good time to rotate your tires. Regular
rotation helps achieve more uniform wear. According to
the AAA, it should be done every 6,000 to 8,000 miles,

unless your owner's manual recommends differently. A
good rule of thumb is to rotate after every other oil
change. Wheels and tires should be balanced at least
once a year.

Unbalanced tires can cause vibration, produced by the
tires bouncing up and down on the pavement. This, in
turn, can cause the car to pull and steer unevenly.
Balancing is best done using a computerized machine.

- Back in the passenger compartment, trash all that
stray paper and paper cup scraps. Take the most power-
ful vacuum cleaner you can find and attack. Remove the
floor mats and either clean or wash them outside the car.
Road dust, coffee stains and fingerprints have no appeal
any time of the year, so after you put the vacuum away,
arm yourself with a spray vinyl cleaner and a soft cloth
to attack the dashboard and seats. A good upholstery
cleaner will do the trick on fabric seats; if you have
leather seats, follow the manufacturer's recommenda-
tions.

- Outside the vehicle, use an aerosol silicone spray to
treat the weatherstripping around doors, windows and
the trunk. Be sure to wipe away the excess.

- Hose off the vehicle's undercarriage to prevent rust-
ing from road residues. Either use as much water pres-
sure as your system can muster or, if you have a movable
lawn sprinkler that's low enough, simply set that under
the car to wash what you can't reach.

- Finally, wash the car. Ordinary dishwashing liquid in
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Still undefeated in the BWC

Offense puts up largest numbers of the season in win vs. Vandals

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

USU's football team has proven itself a team to beat after Saturday's smashing of the University of Idaho 31-14 in Romney Stadium.

After being picked to finish last in the Big West Conference by the coaches, the Aggies (3-4, 2-0) now find themselves atop the BWC standings.

"This was as fine a win as I've been a part of," said USU head coach Dennehy. "I was so proud of all the kids."

"They whipped us," said Idaho head coach Tom Cable. "Give Utah State all the credit."

USU nearly rewrote the record book offensively, racking up 569 yards. Quarterback Jose Fuentes not only threw for 421 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions — the most by an Aggie quarterback since 1993 — he also caught an 18-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

Freshman wide receiver/running back David Fiefla threw the touchdown of a halfback option play to a wide open Fuentes. The play capped a 10-play, 99-yard third quarter drive that gave USU a commanding 24-14 lead with 3:23 left in the quarter.

"We felt we had a chance to make a big play if they pressured us, and we did," Dennehy said. "The key thing is that [the USU players] expected to win."

To start the drive, Fuentes threw, from deep within his own end zone, to a sprinting Aaron Jones for 32 yards. Jones caught eight passes for 233 yards, a career best. The senior burned the Vandal single coverage all through the game.

At midfield, the drive stalled, giving USU a fourth-and-one situation. Dennehy didn't hesitate and went for the first down and Emmett White produced, running for 2 yards and the first down.

"We all started to show some confidence," Dennehy said.

As for the trick play that scored the touchdown, the coach credited the hard work of the players.

"We practiced three or four times that play — he didn't catch it once," Dennehy said.

Meanwhile, for the second week in a row, the USU defense played well. The Aggies held the Big West's best offensive team to just 14 points, 17 fewer than Idaho's average.

"[Idaho's] offense was good," said linebacker Jesse Busta. "We knew they were going to get yards."

And the Vandals (3-5, 1-1) did, racking up to 406 yards. But on the scoreboard, USU won easily by stopping U of I on both its fourth-down conversion attempts and winning the field position battle. USU punter Steve Mullins (44.1 yards per punt) out-kicked Idaho's Ryan Downes (36.4).

While the Vandals started on their own 20, 11, 12, 13, 30 and 17 to begin the first half, USU never started inside its own 20 and started in Idaho territory twice.

Idaho did score first, but it took an 80-yard run by Willie Alderson for the team to get into scoring position when he dove into the end zone from one yard out two plays later.

The touchdown gave the 14,217 fans some thing to worry about, but it didn't frazzle the home team.

"We knew we were going to have a war on our hands," Dennehy said.

The Aggies then marched 54 yards to cut the lead on a 40-yard Brad Bohn field goal.

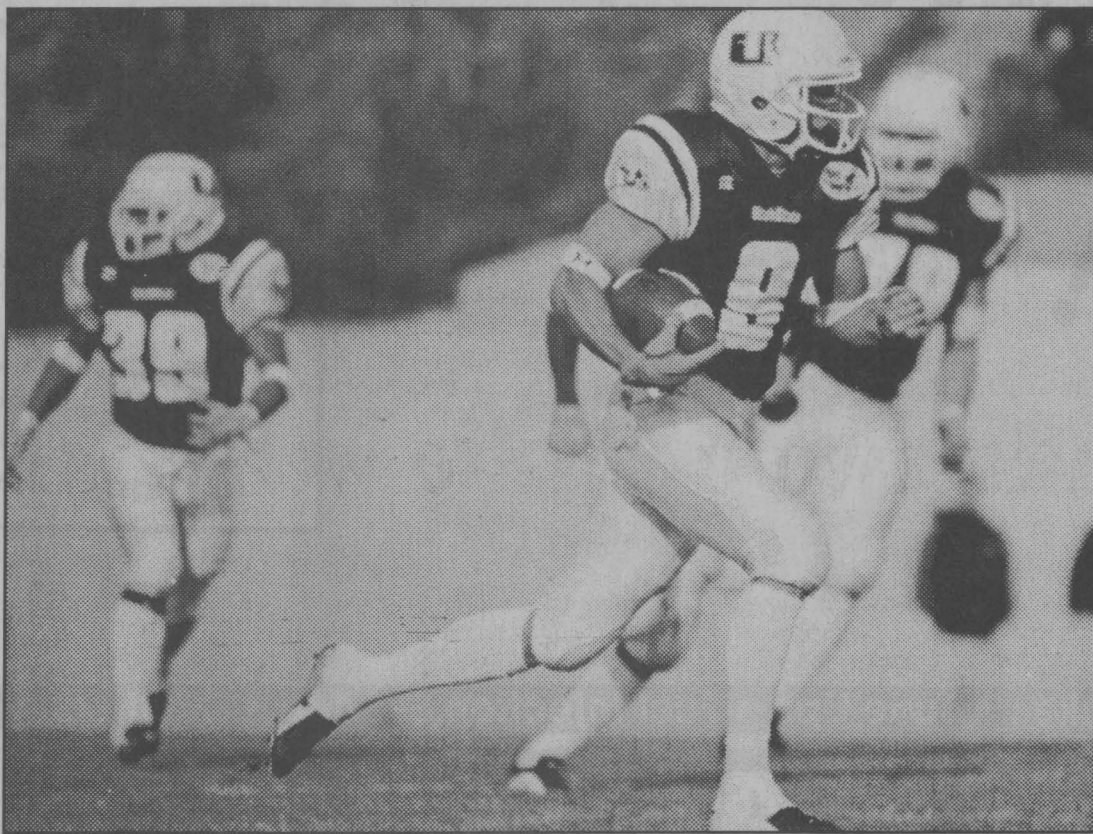
The Vandals' next drive was cut short by Busta's interception of U of I quarterback John Welsh. After three other interception attempts went through Aggie defenders' arms, linebacker Brent Passey tipped the pass into Busta's hands at the Idaho 35-yard line.

"I was just happy to be in the right place," Busta said.

Five plays later, USU was in the end zone on a 24-yard touchdown pass to Jones, beating single coverage again.

The momentum had shifted USU's way, Idaho only managed 18 yards on their next drive, giving up the ball after only five plays.

The Aggies then drove 73 yards for a touchdown and a 17-7 lead. White punched into the end zone for a four-yard score. The drive was



AGGIE RECEIVER AARON JONES runs upfield after one of his eight catches Saturday against the University of Idaho. Jones scored one touchdown in the Aggie victory. / Zak Larsen photo

keyed by a Jones 53-yard catch and run where he fooled two Vandal defenders on one cut to gain an additional 10 yards. In addition to Jones' eight catches, seven other Aggies caught passes.

U of I turned around and scored a touchdown of its own — a 1-yard Alderson run — to cut the lead to 17-14. But USU held onto that lead for the rest of the first half. It was the team's first halftime lead of the season.

The Aggies tacked on an insurance touchdown with 7:34 left in the game. Facing third and four on the USU 26, the Vandals blitzed, forcing Fuentes out of the pocket. He hit White on the run as he emerged from the pack. He followed a few blocks down the

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Aggie wideout Aaron Jones shines vs. Vandal's man on man secondary

JASON TURNER
Staff writer

The Utah State offense sizzled Saturday against Idaho in the frigid air of Romney Stadium. One of the many bright spots for the Aggie offense was senior wide receiver Aaron Jones, who helped put the "air" back into the USU offense.

Jones took advantage of single coverage throughout the afternoon, shredding the Vandal secondary for 233 yards on eight catches. With 233 receiving yards, he had the third highest single-game output in USU history — only 10 yards behind Aggie great and former New York Giant Kevin Alexander.

Fortunately for the Vandals' secondary, USU elected to run the ball in the fourth quarter and keep the clock moving.

"I just wanted to come out, play well and help the team win," Jones said.

After a subpar game against the University of North Texas, Jones was eager to return to the form that garnered him preseason all-Big West honors from Athlon Sports.

Did he ever.

From his second catch of the day, a 49-yard gain on a flanker screen, to the last, Jones consistently created separation from his defender. More impressive was Jones' ability to make defenders miss and pile on additional yards after the catch.

It was a well-executed naked bootleg that Jones caught for a 24-yard touchdown, giving the Aggies a 10-7 lead — a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

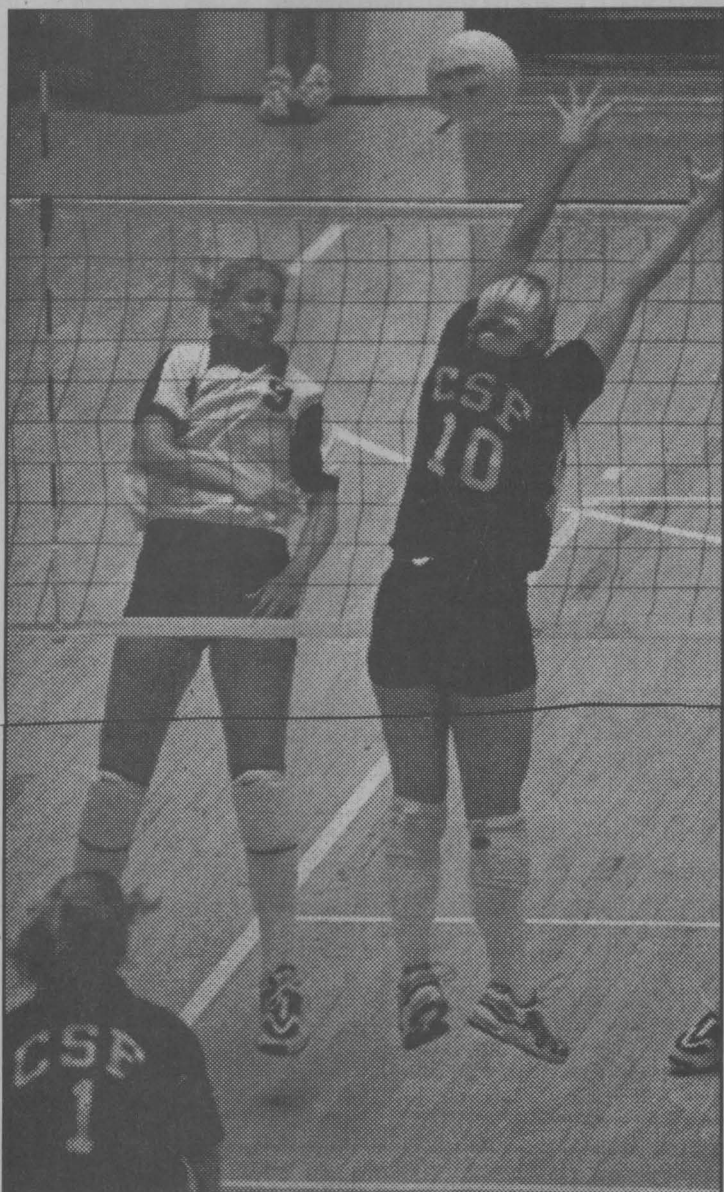
Midway through the third quarter, with the Aggies clinging to a 17-14 lead, Jones caught three balls in a three-minute span, including a critical first-down catch on third and eight to keep the drive alive. The Aggies scored on that possession, seizing the momentum for the remainder of the game.

Both Jones and USU coach Mick Dennehy said they felt the team could be productive through the air if Idaho continued to play the USU receivers man up.

"We felt that if they pressured us, we could make some things happen," Dennehy said. Jones said it was good to get the offense going.

After **THE GAME**
USU 31
Idaho 14
Vandals

USU's record: 3-4, 2-0 BWC, Idaho drops to 3-5, 1-1 BWC
Key Stats: USU QB Jose Fuentes threw for 421 yards, while receiver Aaron Jones had 233 yards receiving
Beta's didn't know: With the win, the Aggies have a 2-0 BWC record for the first time since 1997



USU'S MICHELLE MATHESON spikes the ball against Cal State Fullerton's Jamie Ivers in the victory Saturday. / Zak Larsen photo

Volleyball extends winning streak by defeating Titans

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Continuing its five-game winning streak, the USU women's volleyball team defeated California State Fullerton in three games Saturday night (15-9, 15-13, 15-3). The Aggies currently boast a 17-5 overall record, 7-2 in Big West Conference play.

No. 22 USU, which is in second place in the BWC, took the lead early in game one, hitting .417 over CS Fullerton's .171 hitting percentage. At 14-7, USU kept the game interesting by missing on four opportunities to claim victory. Junior Chelsi Neves' kill earned the Aggies their final side-out, and they went on to win 15-9.

The Titans came out stronger in game two, staying ahead of the Aggies until they tied the game at 7-7. The Aggies managed to sustain the lead, although never by a margin of more than three points. The game remained tight at 14-13 for four plays, until Neves killed the ball to end the game at 15-13.

Senior middle blocker Denae Mohlman said the Titans played smarter than she

had expected.

"They're a better team than when we played them earlier in the season," she said.

Head coach Tom Peterson said CS Fullerton played with excellent strategy; the Titans noticed USU's offensive scheme of using tips early in game two.

"Teams don't usually pick up on that so well," Peterson said.

The Aggies dominated game three, posting a .765 hitting percentage, while holding the Titans to a negative .067. USU did not commit any errors in the third game. Peterson said he can't remember the last time the Aggies went error-free in a game.

"I always tell the team that errors are a sin; we can't be doing that," Peterson said.

A kill by senior outside hitter Melissa Schoepf ended the third and final game at 15-3.

As a team, the Aggies hit .349 for the match. UC Fullerton hit .123. USU out-killed the Titans 52-40, out-dug UC Fullerton 42-35 and out-blocked the Titans 11-4.

"That's a good amount of blocks for three games," Peterson said. "But we're getting greedy with our blocks, we want more."

Neves, Schoepf, Mohlman and senior outside hitter Amy Crosbie were team leaders in the match, each recording hitting percentages of .360 or higher. With her parents looking on from the crowd, Neves, a junior college transfer from Sheridan Junior College, posted 34 set assists, nine kills and a .533 hitting percentage. Crosbie said she looks to Neves to be a team leader.

"She has surpassed all our expectations," Crosbie said.

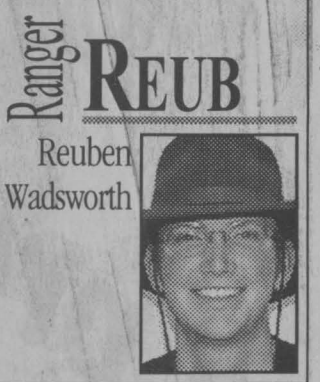
Neves not only mans her position as setter, but has also recently improved on her attack skills using dumps, Crosbie said.

"I really love to dump," she said. "I never really got to do it before (at Sheridan JC) but now coach (Peterson) has it drilled into my head."

Mohlman said the offense worked so well in the match because she and Neves were connecting. Neves agreed, saying they were better able to set the ball to Mohlman in the middle, rather than having to go to the outside hitters.

"It's wonderful," Neves said. "That helped a lot."

USU will conclude its six-match homestand on Monday.



Poetry is my favorite sport

I came for a visit to this well-known park and went for a little walk. A great hike it was for me and my friend and ideal for some small talk. We took a route called the Peek-a-boo loop and saw a few hoodoos. The dirt on the trail was a distinctive color of orange, which got on my shoes. Bryce Mud I call it because of its shade and because of the place from which it came.

—1993

I was inspired to write this poem after a trip to Bryce Canyon National Park in which I engaged in my all-time favorite sport — hiking.

The word sport, as defined by The American Heritage College Dictionary, is "an activity involving physical exertion and skill, governed by rules or customs and often undertaken competitively." However, the second definition of the dictionary lists defines sport in its purest form: It says, "an active pastime, recreation."

Hiking is definitely physically exerting. Anyone who has hiked the Narrows in Zion National Park in a single day can attest to that. The last time I hiked the narrows, I could hardly walk just hours after finishing the route and most of the next day — but that won't deter me from ever going again. I thrive on that kind of stuff. As soon as I got back to the car from that trip, I started missing the hike.

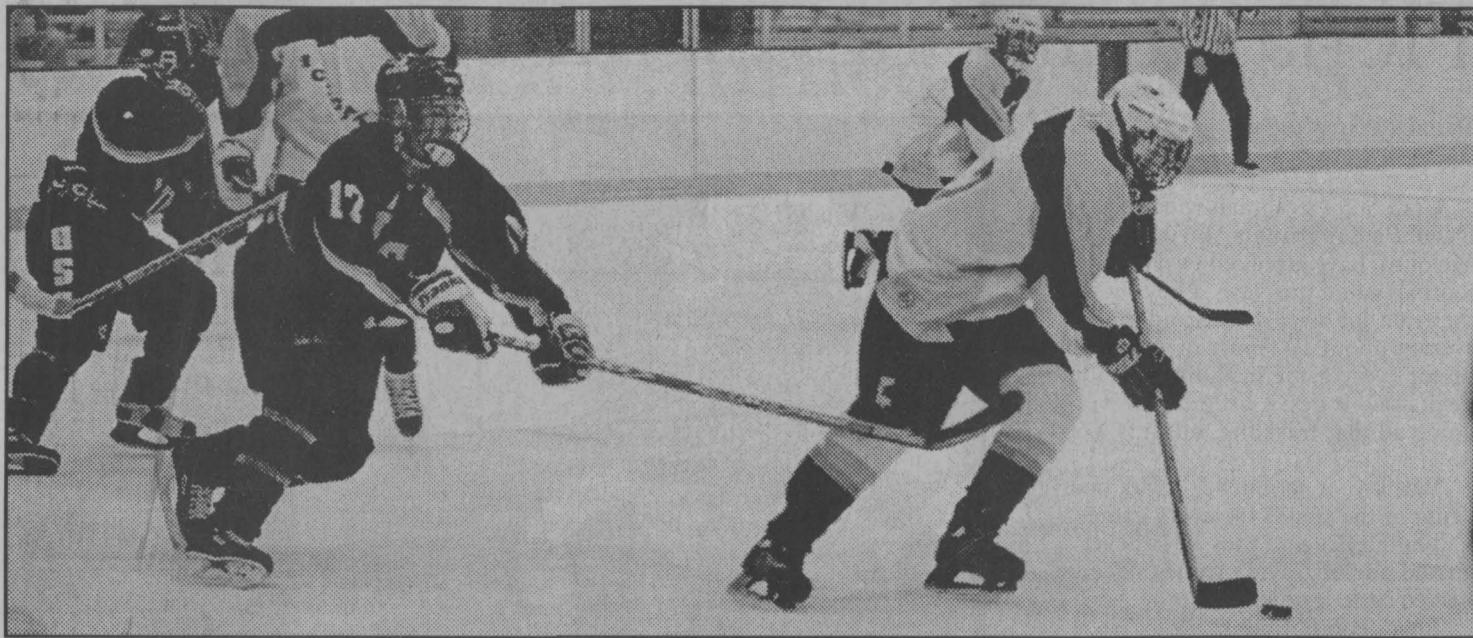
The skills of hiking are knowing what to take and what route is best. For the Narrows, if a hiker knows anything, he or she will take a hiking stick — otherwise the going will be slow, difficult and he or she will get drenched while trying to maneuver down the Virgin River through what my dad refers to as "polished bowling balls." The skills of hiking can also be the rules.

Rule No. 1: Always bring enough water.

Many may argue that hiking isn't a sport because it isn't competitive. I disagree. When you go on a hike you are essentially competing with yourself and nature, and if you want, you can compete with your peers.

Entering the Fiery Furnace in Arches National Park is a competition with nature. The last time I hiked in the Fiery Furnace last spring, I was one of only two people in our group of eight who had ever been there. When I hiked it six years ago, I found my way around without incident. However, last spring I learned the hard way that nature can play tricks on

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AGGIE DEFENDER RYAN KEYS tries to hook a Provo player in USU territory during the game Friday. The Aggies beat the Icecats 6-4 but were defeated by San Jose State on Saturday. The Aggie overall season record now stands at 2-4-2./Joe Rowley photo

Hockey splits two over the weekend

JASON TURNER
Staff writer

Looking to improve on last weekend's 1-1-1 record, the USU hockey team got off on the wrong foot, falling behind early to the Provo Icecats (Brigham Young University) and San Jose State University. Although the Aggies were able to overtake the Icecats, the slow start proved costly against the Spartans. As a result, USU settled for a 6-4 victory over the Icecats Friday night in Provo, but fell to the Spartans, 4-1, Saturday night in Odgen.

SJSU 4, USU 1

Despite what USU hockey coach Jerry Crossley called at least a dozen excellent scoring opportunities, the Aggies were only able to convert one, losing to San Jose State University 4-1 Saturday night at the Weber County Ice Sheet.

"We had our scoring chances, we just couldn't put the puck into the net," Crossley said.

The Aggies, hoping to improve on Friday's game

against BYU, came out flat, picking up a quick penalty. SJSU wasted no time capitalizing, scoring a goal against the short-handed Aggies to make the score 1-0.

Following a nice glove save by the Spartan goalie on a shot by Rad Anderson, SJSU scored what would end up being the winning goal.

USU would have a couple of golden scoring chances late in the period, led by forward Aaron Burrell, but was off on its shots.

Aided by a Spartan holding penalty, the Aggies came out of the first intermission strong. Unfortunately for the Aggies, the Spartan goalie was also up to the challenge, stopping shots by Anderson and Deryk Anderson and making a heads-up play on a pass from Kelly Froerer to Burrell.

"Their goalie played a great game," said Aggie forward Tony Haughey. "He came up with some great saves, but we just couldn't put the puck in the net."

Not only were the Spartans able to survive the onslaught, but they were also able to increase their lead to 3-0, forcing

the Aggies to press a little bit.

That didn't deter the Aggies, whose persistence finally paid off on a goal by Haughey on a well-placed pass from Anderson. Haughey's goal, less than two minutes before the end of the period, fired up the crowd.

Unfortunately for the Aggies, the momentum didn't carry over to the third period.

SJSU came out strong, putting a lot of pressure on the Aggies' defense in the period's first five minutes. At one point, the Aggies were playing two men down, but were able to hold their ground.

Although USU was able to withstand the Spartan attack for the majority of the period, SJSU would tack on one more goal with about three minutes left in the game.

Crossley said although he was disappointed that the team wasn't able to find the back of the net, the loss wasn't a result of poor decision making.

"I think our decision-making is getting better," he said. "As a team we're making better decisions and are playing smarter. We just need to

score."
USU 6, BYU 4

Progressive improvement throughout the course of the game made the difference, USU forward Deryk Anderson said as the Aggies overcame a sluggish start to fend off a determined effort by the Icecats.

"To their credit, BYU played a lot better than they did the first game (last Saturday)," Anderson said.

The Icecats took advantage of USU's slow start, taking an early 1-0 lead. However, the Aggies were able to score two goals of their own before the period ended.

Even though the Aggies had a lot more shots on goal during the second period, Anderson said, they weren't able to increase their lead. Each team scored two goals, making the score 4-3 with USU on top entering the final period.

"We had plenty of opportunities to score, we just didn't capitalize on many of them," Anderson said.

"The score wasn't indicative of what the game was like," he said.

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Fiefia family never misses a game

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Utah State freshman wide receiver David Fiefia's parents, Tevita and Melolini, have attended every USU football game this year. They fly with the team for away games and said on average about 20 family members show up for every game in Romney Stadium.

“We love it so much,” Tevita said of being in the stands for every game. The Fiefias said they have never missed one of David's games since he started little league.

That's commitment. Commitment is one of David's finest qualities, said his father. “He's very committed,” Tevita said. “Whatever he does, he does the best he can.”

“If he believes in something, he'll go for it,” added Melolini. Tevita said his son has been very successful in school and in athletics.

David did it all for the Hunter High School football team during his three years there. He played running back, cornerback and kicker. He rushed for 1,600 yards and 24 touchdowns, had six interceptions and averaged 39.1 yards per punt his senior year. He was named “Mr. Football” in the state of Utah by the *Deseret News* in 1998.

David was also a three-year letterwinner while playing guard on the high school basketball team. His parents said he has also played volleyball since he was in junior high.

Sports run in the Fiefia family. David is the second cousin of Walter and Vaea Fiefia, Cache Valley natives who were both first-team all-Big West defensive tackles during their careers at USU. David wears the number 39 because of another football playing family member. His uncle, Kava, Melolini's brother, wore the number while playing at the University of Utah in the mid '80s.

Tevita said David's second cousins



TEVITA AND MELOLINI FIEFIA watch their son David along with the rest of the Aggie team on Saturday afternoon. / Zak Larsen photo

helped play into his decision to come to USU, but ultimately he came because David was happy with the coaching staff. David spurned offers from Brigham Young University, Weber State University and Utah to become an Aggie, his father said.

“He loves it here,” Tevita said. Melolini said she and her husband talk to their son the night before every game and tell him to do the best he can and to play smart.

“But most of all I tell him to be humble,” she said.

Starting at receiver as a freshman has gone to David's head a little bit, said his father. David entered the game against the University of Idaho ranked fourth nationally in receptions by freshmen, catching 22 passes on the year, including the Idaho game.

While in the stands during the Idaho game on Saturday, the Fiefias witnessed a scare down on the field. David had to be helped off the field after suffering an ankle sprain in the first quarter. Tevita was escorted to the sidelines by a football staff member to check his son's condition. Fortunately, David's ankle was

re-taped and he came back to contribute in the second half. Melolini said she was praying he would be OK and was relieved to see him return to the field.

Good thing he did return. David entertained the Romney crowd with an 18-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Jose Fuentes after receiving a pitch from Fuentes with 3:23 left in the third quarter. Fiefia now holds the distinction of being the only Aggie this season to have completed 100 percent of his passes — even if it was only one.

USU head coach Mick Dennehy said David did a good job because on such a play there is a tendency to throw too hard.

“Those things are fun plays,” Dennehy said. “I think it relaxes things a bit.”

Dennehy thinks David will have a promising career at USU.

While Aaron Jones is now the go-to guy for USU, Dennehy said he feels David will also become a big-play receiver.

And his parents said they are planning to be in the stands at every game to watch him develop into one.

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Women's soccer loses two on the road

JULIE ANN GROSSHANS
Staff writer

The result of the Utah State women's soccer team road trip wasn't what it was looking for. Extending their losing streak to six games, the Aggies were shutout 2-0 on Friday against the University of California at Santa Barbara and shutout again on Sunday against Cal

Poly, 3-0.

UCSB came out fast, pressuring the USU defense and outshooting the Aggies 10-2 during the first half.

The Gauchos scored first when Tiffany Dawson put one in off a deflection from Meghann Phillips during the 66th minute of play. UCSB scored its other goal at the 86:30 mark.

The Aggies only took five

shots against the Gauchos' 16. USU goalkeeper Tracy Brady recorded four saves.

Not taking very many shots at the goal was the theme for the weekend as the Aggies only took one shot on goal in the entire first half against the Cal Poly Mustangs, who were able to aim at the net 10 times.

Cal Poly scored its first goal of the game at the 38:59

mark when Megan Schlegel found the net on an unassisted goal giving the Mustangs the lead, which ended the first half at 1-0.

The Mustangs dominated play again during the second half, giving the Aggies only two shots on goal while scoring two themselves.

The Aggies play their final two home games this week on Friday and Sunday.

VANDALS

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left sideline for the 74-yard touchdown.

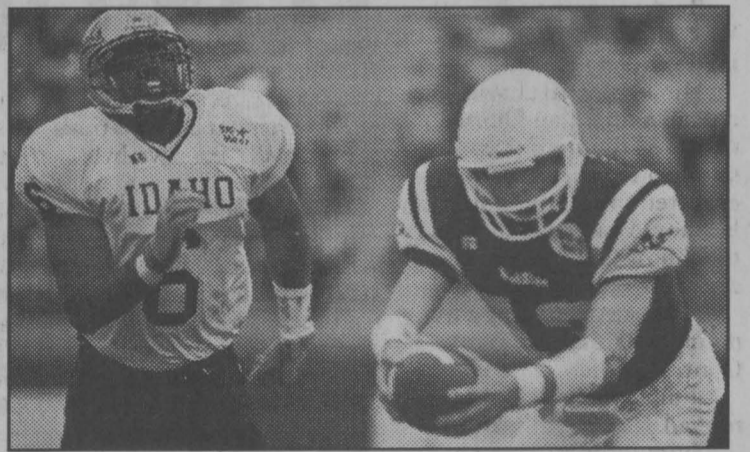
Dennehy was impressed with Fuentes' fifth career start. “I think he continues to make progress,” he said. “He's not prone to making mistakes.”

Meanwhile, the USU defense shut the Vandals down for all of the second half, forcing them to punt five times and stopping them on a fourth down conversion try. Finally, Shaun Healy recovered an Idaho fumble forced by Busta to give USU a chance to kneel on the ball to tick off the remaining 1:31 left on the clock.

The Aggies will take on winless Arkansas State University Saturday at Romney Stadium. “(We will) just try to keep the momentum going,” Busta said.

GAME SUMMARY

Idaho	USU	RUSHING
20	21	Idaho, Alderson 25-155, Gerstner 2-15, Jelmeberg 1-1, Hi 1-minus 1, Welsh 6-minus 15. USU, White 29-128, Fiefia 2-10, Roberts 1-6, Fuentes 5-minus 14.
36-155	37-130	PASSING — Idaho, Welsh 27-45-1, 251, USU, Fuentes 19-35-0, 412, Fiefia 1-1-0, 18.
251	439	RECEIVING — Idaho, Jelmeberg 7-51, Townsley 5-66, Roberg 4-30, Lacy 3-49, Alderson 3-20, Jones 2-18, O'Connell 1-8, Belsler 1-8, Gerstner 1-1. USU, Jones 8-233, Poppinga 3-24, White 2-84, Stallworth 2-31, Sanders 2-31, Fuentes 1-18, Fiefia 1-9, Roberts 1-9.
71	52	
27-45-1	20-36-0	
4-18	1-10	
9-328	7-309	
1-1	2-2	
6-40	4-40	



USU QUARTERBACK JOSE FUENTES dives into the end zone after receiving a pass from wideout David Fiefia. / Zak Larsen photo

POETRY

From Page 10

hikers — or perhaps my memory was playing tricks on me. I helped get myself and my friends and I lost in the furnace's maze. We didn't even make it a fourth of the way through the hike. The important thing is we still had a lot of fun. We saw arches and landmarks hikers on the ranger-guided tours don't see. And most importantly, we were able to find our way out!

Hikes can also be a competition against the government agency that supposedly maintains them. This summer while a friend and I were hiking in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming we tried to find a lake on a trail that was full of fallen trees and overgrowth. At one point, even an inkling of what used to be a trail was not visible, so we had to

bushwhack our way through many places, but to no avail. The next day while stopping in Pinedale, Wyo., we found out from an outdoor products store proprietor that the trail we were on hadn't been maintained in years. If so, why was it still on the map? We didn't regret our wanderings in the wilderness, though. We were hiking, weren't we?

Hiking can be a competition against one's self. During the approximately 1/4 mile final ascent of the Kolob Arch Trail in Zion, I always try to hike without resting in order to push my body to the limit. I've been able to do it the last two times, so I guess it's time for me to find another trail.

In addition to sometimes being competitive, hiking is entertaining. Where else can

you see chipmunks eating a horse's fecal matter, like I saw on the hike that inspired the earlier poem? Where else can you say “hi” to an unashamed, topless European woman whom my brother-in-law described as a “National Geographic Special”? On another note: How else can one partake of the breathtaking vistas in places like Angel's Landing in Zion, Bryce Point in Bryce Canyon and Sunset Point in Capitol Reef National Park that stimulate the emotions into writing poetry? Only through hiking.

This week we examined one of my poems with no established structure. Next week: haikus.

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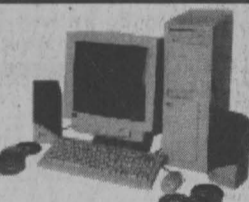


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Remains of last four soldiers killed in ship attack returned to the U.S.

CHRISTOPHER THORNE
Associated Press

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The remains of the last of the 17 sailors killed in a suspected terrorist attack on USS Cole were returned to the United States on Sunday for burial. Family members watched from the tarmac as pallbearers removed four flag-draped caskets from a military plane and carried them to waiting hearses before an honor guard. Two of the deceased were identified as Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Kenneth Eugene Clodfelter, 21, of Mechanicsville, Va., and Fireman Apprentice Patrick Howard Roy, 19, of Keedysville, Md. Maj. Frank Smolinsky, chief of public affairs at the base, said he could not identify the other two sailors

whose remains were returned. The bodies will be examined at the Dover base for evidence and prepared for burial and then delivered to their next-of-kin. The remains of eight sailors have so far been returned to their families for burial. On Saturday, the family of Seaman Craig Wibberley buried the 19-year-old near his hometown of Williamsport in western Maryland. More than 700 people, including Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, attended the funeral. "Whether you've been in the service for one day or 20 or 30 years, it's important to show that all of us are members of a family," said retired Air Force officer Susan Hankey Webb, who was those attending. In all, 17 sailors were killed and 39 others were injured Oct. 12 when an

explosion tore a 40-by-40-foot hole in the USS Cole while the destroyer was refueling in the Yemeni port of Aden. Authorities in Yemen have been searching houses and other locations believed to have been used by two suicide bombers and possibly others involved in the attack. A senior U.S. government official in Aden, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a great deal of physical evidence had been found, though he wouldn't elaborate. Meanwhile, sailors on the USS Cole continued repair work on the destroyer while divers collected forensic evidence from the sea bed below the damaged ship. The 505-foot destroyer is to eventually be carried back to the United States on the deck of a "heavy lift" vessel.

Albright makes visit to North Korea

GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Embarking on a journey that seemed highly improbable just a few months ago, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright opened a two-day visit to North Korea early Monday in hopes of advancing her goal of a tension-free Northeast Asia for the first time in decades.

No other secretary of state has visited North Korea and none of Albright's predecessors had even considered the idea because of the grim state of the relationship. Albright was greeted at Pyongyang's airport by North Korea's vice foreign minister, Kim Gye Gwan. An 8-year-old boy wearing a red kerchief presented her with a bouquet of flowers. She quickly left the airport in a motorcade that included vehicles driven up from the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, South Korea. In between meetings with top North Korean officials, Albright planned to visit with kindergarten children and tour a food distribution site. Also on her agenda was a performance of the Pyongyang Acrobatic Circus. Albright left Washington shortly after midnight Sunday on the 17-hour journey to the North Korean capital, a city U.S. forces had reduced to rubble during the Korean War. It is now a metropolis with tall buildings and broad boulevards,

although with scarcely any traffic. If her talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il go well, President Clinton will follow her to Pyongyang as part of an Asia trip next month, administration officials said.

"We still believe there are very significant steps that have to be taken to meet the concerns the United States has," said a senior State Department official aboard Albright's plane, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "We have reason to believe that because of discussions that we have had that North Korea may be prepared to take some very serious steps."

The official did not elaborate, but Albright's main concern is North Korea's missile development program and its export of missiles to Iran and Syria. She will confer with Kim on those issues but officials said no agreements are expected.

The United States is considering the creation of a national missile defense, partly out of concern that North Korea may some day direct ICBMs at American cities.

North Korea has for years ignored American efforts to stop exporting missiles, and the possibility that the Pyongyang regime may now be listening to these concerns has generated excitement among arms control advocates.

"North Korea may be the most historic and important trip of her (Albright's) tenure,"

says Joseph Cirincione, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In Clinton's quest for a foreign policy legacy worthy of the history books, his initiative with North Korea seems more promising than any other, a turn of events few would have predicted six years ago when the two countries seemed close to war. Clinton has shown patience and diligence in seeking an accommodation with North Korea. His initiative has prospered, at least for the time being, because of a surprise willingness of Kim to reciprocate. Kim, perhaps motivated by economic catastrophe, has scrapped North Korea's policy of reclusiveness and has been reaching out not only to the United States but to other countries, most notably South Korea. In the process, Kim has shed the stereotypical view of him. Don Oberdorfer, a Korea expert at the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies, said Kim was depicted in intelligence reports as an awful man who was "introverted and strange."

But he showed himself to be "very confident and very poised" when in June he had his historic encounter with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung.

Joel Wit, a former State Department official who has visited North Korea 14 times, agreed that Kim has not lived up to his reputation as being "a little bit crazy."

Space shuttle in orbit for extra day

MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Stiff wind prevented space shuttle Discovery and its seven astronauts from landing on Sunday, keeping them in orbit an extra day.

By the way the forecasts look, they may end up staying even longer.

Mission Control told commander Brian Duffy that the crosswind was strong and steady and not expected to change, and that he should aim instead for a touchdown on Monday afternoon.

"The winds are not complying with us," Mission Control said.

"I understand," Duffy replied. Gusts of up to 22 mph

were whipping across the 3-mile-long landing strip when flight director Leroy Cain called off efforts to bring Discovery home following its space station construction mission. NASA's limit for a safe shuttle touchdown is 17 mph.

Even stronger wind is expected Monday. Rain and clouds, meanwhile, are forecast for the backup landing site in California; conditions there should improve by Tuesday.

"The forecasts are both marginal at this point, but we'll come in ... and see how the weather looks," Cain said. Discovery has enough fuel and power to stay up until Wednesday. Its flight — the 100th in space shuttle history — began back on Oct. 11.

After a week of exhausting work at the international space station, the astronauts are eager to come home.

Duffy and his crew installed a new docking port and an aluminum framework on the 240-mile-high complex, a job that required four spacewalks on four consecutive days. Their successful work paved the way for the arrival of the space station's first permanent crew, in just 1 1/2 weeks. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts are scheduled to rocket away from Kazakstan on Oct. 31. They will spend four months aboard the space station, activating all its systems and working on a couple bad batteries.

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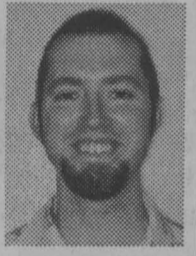
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The WAY I SEE IT

Rich Timothy



Election time is once again upon us, and from the general consensus of students I've talked to, choosing a candidate for this election year falls into the same realm as why Eskimos eat whale blubber. It's not because they like it, it's because it's the only thing available. So, in my ongoing pursuit to educate and enlighten, I'm here to let you know about the options for third parties available to you that most of you probably don't even know about. Here are the third parties on the Utah ballot this year:

First we have the Constitution Party. This party is strongly pro-life, anti-gun control, anti-tax, anti-immigration, protectionist, "anti-New World Order," anti-United Nations, anti-gay rights, anti-welfare, pro-school prayer — basically a hard-core religious rights platform. At the 1999 national convention, the party narrowly adopted a controversial change to its platform's preamble that declared "the foundation of our political position and moving principle of our political activity is our full submission and unshakable faith in our Savior and Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ" — although the party officially invites "all citizens of all faiths" to become active in the party. In short, if you believe doctors who perform abortions should not pay taxes but should be shot, this is the party for you. I like the part about officially inviting all faiths to join. That way they won't have far to go to begin assimilating those not Christian.

The Independent American Party is next. This small party has existed for years in several Western states. The Utah chapter believes include pro-education, pro-public land use, equal representation of counties in the Utah Senate, the right to

bear arms, asset forfeiture, forced fluoridation, English as the official language of Utah, protecting the family and health insurance. So basically what we have here is a group that is for the education of how to infiltrate our protected nature reserves, while carrying guns, so that it can protect its families from crazed woodland creatures mainly because they don't speak English and refuse to drink fluoride-enriched water.

The Libertarian Party believes in total individual liberty (pro-drug legalization, pro-choice, pro-gay marriage, pro-home schooling, anti-gun control, etc.) and total economic freedom (anti-welfare, anti-government regulation of business, anti-minimum wage, anti-income tax, pro-free trade, etc.). You may be asking what all this means. Well that's easy, basically if you don't want welfare to help you to buy your drugs while you stay at home to teach your kids that same-sex marriages are much better for avoiding abortions, but even if they wanted one it's OK, this is the path to follow.

The Natural Law Party has been gaining votes over the past few years. The NLP, under the slogan "Bringing the light of science into politics" and using colorful imagery, advocates holistic approaches to medicine, Transcendental Meditation, "yogic flying," and other peaceful "New Age" and "scientific" remedies for much of our national and international problems. Well, yeah, this makes a lot of sense. I'm sure relations in the Middle East would clear right up if we could only get the leaders together to meditate and learn how to achieve "yogic flying."

The Reform Party traditionally reflected Perot's center-conservative fiscal policies and anti-GATT/NAFTA views, while avoiding taking any offi-

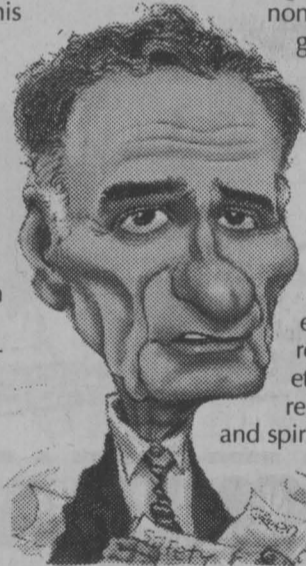
cial positions on social issues (although much of the party's "Old Guard" seem to hold generally libertarian social views). Is it just me or does this whole avoidance of taking any official positions on social issues sound a little lazy? Granted, they have a point — they simply cater to the people's wants. The problem is, sometimes the people's wants go against the Constitution. And for some reason a political party that could turn into an anti-Constitution party doesn't sound like a good thing.

And let us not forget the Green Party ("The Greens"). The Greens beliefs consist of respect for diversity, feminism, social justice, grassroots democracy, community-based economics, decentralization, ecological wisdom,

nonviolence, personal and global responsibility and future focus. What is being implied here? Simple, if you like the idea of getting stoned to the point that you do no longer want to beat people up, are ready to treat everyone equally regardless of cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity and at the same time take away the corporations' hold on American politics and give it back to the people, well then welcome to the party.

Well, there you have it. These are some of your other choices on the Utah ballot for this year's elections, according to this site I found on the Internet: governor.state.ut.us/lt_gover/patries.htm. But remember, more important than the choices we have to choose from is the fact that we have the right to choose. Let's do our part as Americans and get out there and make a choice. Voting is our right, so do the right thing and vote.

Rich Timothy's column, "The way I see it," appears every Monday in the Statesman. Comments may be sent to timothy1@hotmail.com



Conserve gas, don't just complain

Gas prices have shot up in recent months, and people all over the state and the nation are complaining about the high costs at the pump.

Although the high prices are putting dents in pockets, they are not likely to change anytime soon, and that is something that people need to accept — complaining won't do any good.

In 1998 the United States was fortunate enough to have low gas prices. The prices were a reflection of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' overproduction of oil. Oil prices fell to \$10 a barrel,

THE VIEW

A Statesman Staff Editorial

causing gas prices to fall well below a dollar a gallon. But last year OPEC started to lose money because of the overproduction in oil, and in 1999 gas prices started to rise. A barrel of oil became worth \$30, and gas prices skyrocketed to \$1.60.

It's easy to complain about the high gas prices, but complaining won't change the price tag at the pumps. Gasoline retailers and gas stations are not at fault for the high prices; the prices are a reflection of an eco-

nomical correction by OPEC. Fighting gas prices by boycotting gas purchases on a specific day, as some Internet mass e-mail have suggested, will not change the prices.

There is a way, however, that can help curb the amount of money put into a weekly tank of gas — conservation. Routine oil checks and emission tests, forgoing unnecessary trips and carpooling are all ways to fight the high prices and to lessen the blow on the wallet.

Gas prices will eventually fall, but it's not something that people should hold their breath for.

Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Bush, Cheney should be proud to be endorsed by NRA

Dear Editor,

George Bush and Dick Cheney aren't the only politicians who have been endorsed by the National Rifle Association.

You will find many, many members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives who have received the NRA's endorsement, and on both sides of the aisle, as the saying goes. Being endorsed by the NRA is not something to hide or be ashamed of, rather it is something to take pride in, as it indicates that you stand up for the rights of our country's citizens.

Since Gov. Bush signed the right to carry law in Texas, violent crimes have dropped by a significant percentage. The 1997 legislation you refer to

mainly clarified a part of the law that was previously cloudy and vague, by setting the conditions by which a business, school, or place of worship may legally restrict the carry of concealed weapons.

On June 19, 1999, Gov. Bush signed into law something the citizens of the state had been asking for, and fully supported.

Frivolous lawsuits by cities and other jurisdictions against gun manufacturers are nothing more than poorly concealed attempts to remove the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Don't punish the law-abiding gun owner, punish the criminal.

Dick Cheney voted against a bullet ban that affects ammunition that was only available

to law enforcement agencies.

A subsequent bill that sought to ban more so-called "cop-killer" bullets would have effectively banned more than 80 percent of current sporting bullets designed for hunting, target shooting and personal defense.

The vote against plastic guns was a vote against a threat that did not then and does not now exist.

The Glock, the gun that created the "plastic gun" myth, is more than 70 percent metal and is easily detected by X-ray equipment — including the polymer frame.

If you care about your rights as a citizen of the United States, think before you vote. I know I will.

Barry Harmon

There are some misconceptions about plastic guns, cop-killing bullets, NRA

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity to rebut Peter Ruben's letter concerning gun control. The words below in quotations belong to Mr. Ruben.

"Gov. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney have been endorsed by the National Rifle Association, and have received \$750,000 from the NRA in campaign funding." The NRA is a lobbying organization, of course they support candidates, that's what lobbyists do. What about the AMA, Teacher's Union, AFL-CIO & even anti-gun lobbying groups. Don't they also support individual candidates and give them money?

"Think that's a good thing?" Yes, I do. As do the almost 4 million other members of the NRA.

"Bush supported and signed a law on May 26, 1995, that allows Texans to carry concealed weapons." This is because law-abiding citizens carrying concealed weapons save lives. Violent criminals do not obey the law, they prey upon the innocent for fun and profit. I have nothing but respect for the men and

women of law enforcement, but they can't be everywhere. When a criminal decides to take innocent lives, would you prefer to beg for their mercy while hoping the police arrive in time, or would you rather have a law abiding citizen take action and end the threat?

"Bush signed another law that removed churches, hospitals, nursing homes and amusement parks for the list of places that can prohibit concealed weapons." Once again only those who obey the law would even pay attention. Criminals by definition do not.

Gun free zones are only hunting preserves of defenseless people for violent predators. Research by Dr. John Lott and Dr. Gary Kleck have proven that concealed weapons in the hands of citizens lower the violent crime rate. Criminals are mean, but they aren't all stupid. Attacking people who may be armed is bad for their health.

"As for Dick Cheney, he was one of only 21 members of Congress who voted against banning 'cop-killer' bullets." That's because they are a figment of the media's imagination. To the best of my knowledge there has never been a

police officer killed with an armor piercing handgun bullet. Of course fatal shootings of police officers increased when the news started talking about how cops wore bulletproof vests because the criminals started shooting them in their heads instead.

Cheney "voted against banning plastic guns, which are non-detectable by airport security."

That's because there wasn't such a thing. The gun they were talking about banning was the Austrian Glock handgun, which utilizes a polymer frame for its lightweight construction and corrosion resistance.

The Glock however is still 80 percent metal, and appears like any other pistol on a metal detector. The furor over the so-called plastic terrorist pistol was nothing but a hoax. The USU Police, Logan City Police, and about a third of the Police Departments in America now carry these "terrorist" guns.

"Think before you vote." I certainly hope that everybody would think, and quit just repeating the sound bytes they hear on the news.

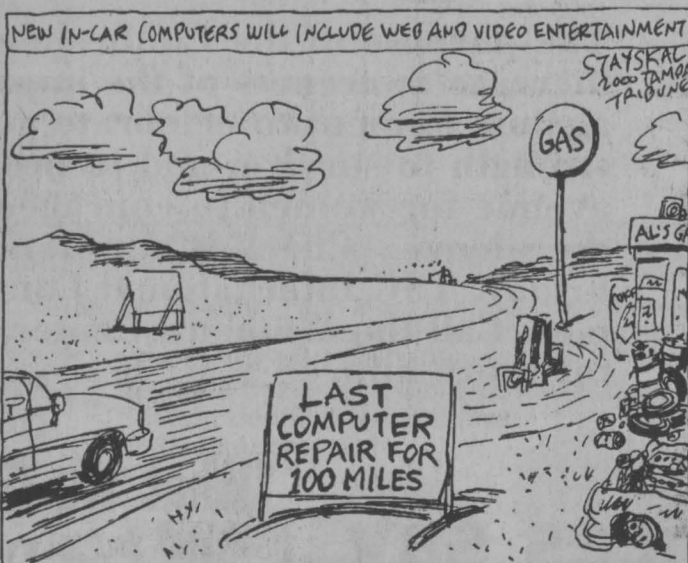
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Halloween costumes by Calvin Klein?

Halloween is coming, and you parents know what that means! It means it's time for you to make fun and creative costumes for your kids! Otherwise you are not as good as the other parents.

Dave's WORLD

By Dave Barry



Even as you read these words, competing parents - the kind of people whose homes have candles burning in front of statues of Martha Stewart - are hunched over their workbenches, creating costumes that require more time and effort than you spent planning your wedding. These are the parents you see on the "home and family" segments of morning TV shows just before Halloween:

HOST: Our next parent is Mrs. Shirley Hamperwinkle, who has dressed her daughter, Tiffany, as an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower! What an amazing costume! However do you do it, Shirley?

PARENT: Well, Sue, first I forged 12,000 miniature steel girders in my home blast furnace, using ore I dug out of my garden. I assembled these girders using 2.5 million tiny handmade rivets with the help of my husband, Ed, before he ran off. Then I attached the tower to Tiffany using 147 surgical screws.

HOST: But how does she take the costume off?

PARENT (becoming agitated): Take it off? Take it OFF?? WHY WOULD SHE TAKE IT OFF???

This is the kind of parent you're up against. So you can't just throw some half-baked costume together at the last minute, the way we did in my childhood, when 80 to 90 percent of us kids stum-

bled around blindly on Halloween night wearing bed sheets with poorly aligned eye holes. We were supposed to look like ghosts, although this never made a ton of sense to me. I mean, ghosts are the spirits of dead people, right? Why would dead people wear bed sheets? Did they all die in an explosion at a hotel laundry?

I preferred to trick-or-treat as a vampire, which I felt was much scarier. The problem was the plastic vampire teeth. I have a powerful gag reflex, so when people opened their doors, instead of being terrified by the awesome, bone-chilling specter of the Prince of Darkness, they'd see this short, caped person, retching. Their only terror was that I might throw up on their shoes.

But getting back to my point: As a modern parent, you need to get to work on your children's costumes RIGHT NOW. Don't worry if you're not the "artsy" type! I have a really original and creative costume idea for you. Start by gathering together the following arts-and-crafts materials:

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- OK! Now drive to the mall and buy your child a creative and original costume that was originally created in a factory in Taiwan. You'll have lots of choices!

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For little girls, you may choose from the following: Ballerina Barbie, Princess

Barbie, Cheerleader Barbie, Presidential Intern Barbie, Bride Barbie, Severe Hangover Barbie, Minority Group Barbie, Joint Chiefs of Staff Barbie, Chest Cavity-Dwelling Alien Fetus Barbie, The Barbie Formerly Known As Barbie and Al Gore.

Now your kids are all set for some real trick-or-treat fun! But before you let them leave the house, the U.S. Department of Consumer Nervousness reminds you to follow these important HALLOWEEN SAFETY RULES:

- Be aware that many municipalities have established special dates for trick-or-treating. For safety reasons, these dates are never on Halloween. Some of them are closer to Easter.
- Make sure each child is carrying a fire extinguisher and wearing a head-mounted smoke detector.
- Trick-or-treat candy may have been tampered with, so you should take it away from your children, check it carefully, then eat it.
- Never allow your children to trick-or-treat at night, or in dangerous areas such as outdoors.

Remember: The important thing is to have fun in a safe and federal manner. Even you adults can join in the Halloween fun! Why not think of a clever and topical costume? For example, if you're a fat hairy man, you can walk around naked; if the police stop you, simply explain that you're trick-or-treating as the guy who won the million dollars on "Survivor." I'm sure the police will applaud your cleverness! Then they'll take you to a place where you can make your one phone call. To Defense Attorney Barbie.

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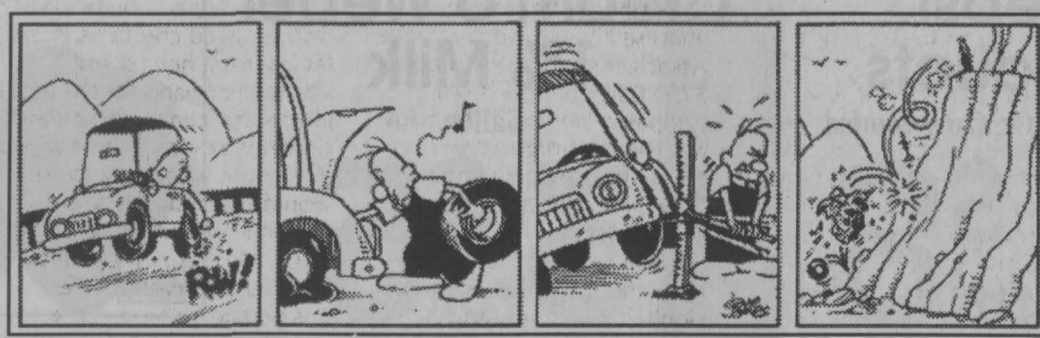
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- Field Sports Day through Oct. 26 on the Quad. Register your club/organization to compete in soccer, ultimate, volleyball, tug-of-war, and ultimate fitness test (also open to individuals) Registration sent to Henrick@cc.usu.edu. Award and food.
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- Trick or Treat for Cans, Oct. 26. Meeting in the Service Center between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteer to collect canned food. Contact Dolly 753-3001.
- Learn how to evaluate your own financial situation at a free “Financial Checkup” workshop presented by the USU Family Life Center. Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m., at the USU Credit Union. Register 797-7224.
- Everyone is invited to general meeting for Habitat for Humanity, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., TSC, Room 335. “Building Homes, Building Lives!”
- Gold and Green Ball. Flash back to the War Days. Student and Senior Citizen dance, with live band playing music from the war era. Wear clothes of the war period! Oct. 28, 4 to 6 p.m., Logan Senior Citizen Center (100 E. 240 North)

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- The Whittier Community Center is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Night, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center at 290 N. 400 East in the gymnasium. Light refreshments will be served. Come meet the candidates for County Council as well as the Utah State Legislature. Info. 753-9008.
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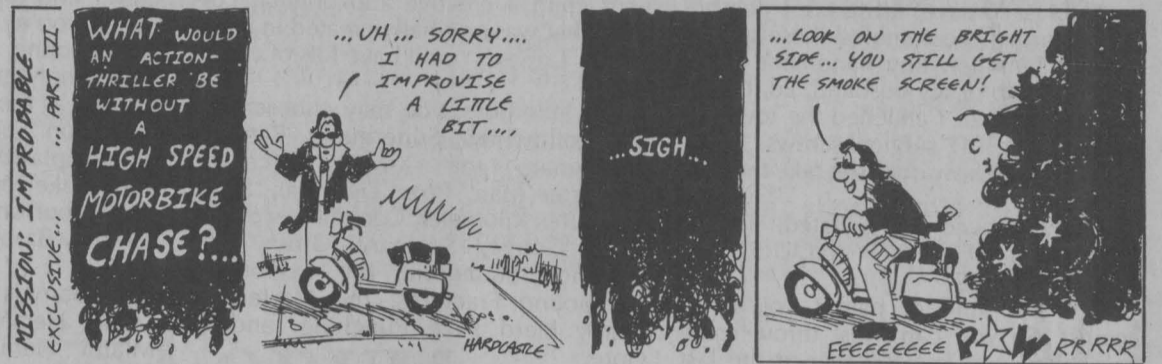
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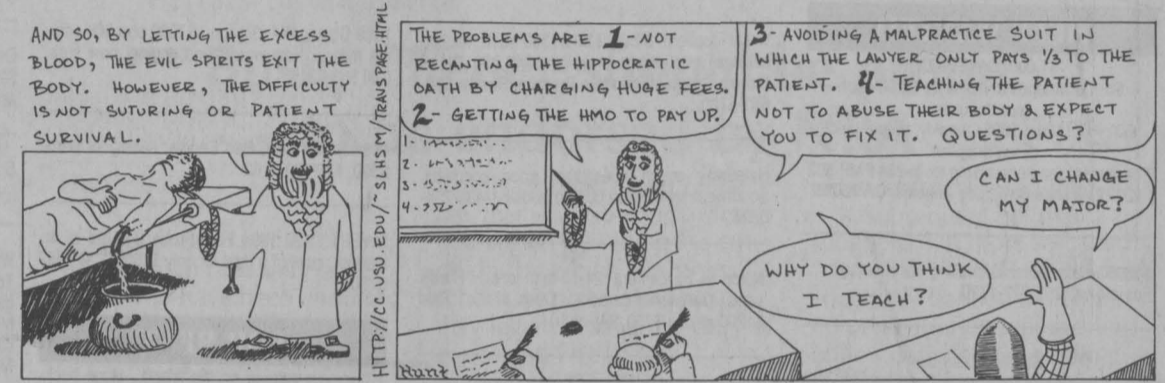
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