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USU plays for Big West championship Saturday at Boise State. *The Statesman* gives analysis on the match-ups.

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Mr. and Miss International were named Wednesday night from 13 participants who competed for the title.

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On Nov. 10, 1970, the Great Wall of China, previously out-of-bounds, opened to world tourism. Commercial benefits for the People's Republic were quickly realized as tourists flocked to see the greatest building enterprise in the history of man. The first emperor of China had linked up existing walls and built new sections to create the Great Wall in the third century B.C. Built of earth and stone as a fortification against the Huns in the north, it stretched 1,500 miles.

> **WEATHER**



Today and through Sunday will have highs in the low 30s and lows in the 10s. Snow and freezing rain is expected throughout the weekend.

> **AGGIE NEWS NUGGETS**

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Bush or Gore?

Recount chaos controls Florida, but the nation could be waiting for a while for the 43rd president

RON FOURNEIR
Associated Press

George W. Bush's lead over Al Gore in all-or-nothing Florida slipped beneath 300 votes in a suspense-filled recount Thursday, as Democrats threw the presidential election to the courts claiming "an injustice unparalleled in our history." The Bush campaign was considering recounts in two other close-voting states.

Chaos reigned. It may take weeks to untangle the thickening legal and political webs and determine the nation's 43rd president.

"The presidential election is ... on hold," said James A. Baker III, the secretary of state in the Bush administration brought in to protect the Texas governor's interests.

Gore wants a follow-up recount in

four Florida counties and perhaps a new election in the Palm Beach area — ideas the Bush camp said amounted to "politicizing and distorting" the electoral system.

Amid a campaign-style flurry of charges and countercharges, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said his party will support legal actions by voters and supporters who say a confusing ballot may have led them to vote accidentally for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

"We're raising some very serious questions and legal actions will be taken," Daley said at a Florida session with Warren Christopher, the former secretary of state acting as Gore's recount consigliere.

The Bush campaign fired back by staking its own claim to a Florida victory and questioning Gore's motives.

Still, Republicans eyed recounts elsewhere in case Gore prevails in Florida, raising the specter of a lengthy, multi-state battle.

"One of the options that they seem to be looking at is new elections. Our democratic process calls for a vote on Election Day, it does not call for us to continue voting until someone likes the outcome," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said in Austin, Texas.

Both sides dispatched dozens of lawyers and political operatives to Florida and geared up fund-raising drives to finance what is exploding into a post-campaign recount campaign.

As the drama unfolded in Florida, Attorney General Janet Reno said in Washington she saw no reason for federal authorities to "jump in" the controversy. The former Miami prosecutor said she would review any complaints

brought to her. "We are not here to generate controversy," she said.

There was already plenty of that.

An unofficial tally by The Associated Press showed that Gore had cut Bush's lead to 225 votes with 65 of 67 counties recounted. Nearly 6 million votes were cast in the state. The official total lagged behind, and Secretary of State Katherine Harris said it could be as late as Tuesday — a week after the election — before the state certifies ballot results from all 67 counties.

She said it may take until Nov. 17 to tabulate ballots cast by Floridians living overseas. "Nobody ever said that democracy was simple or efficient," said election board member Bob Crawford.

The winner of Florida stood to gain

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One president named, one to go

Provost Kermit Hall from NC State to succeed Emert as 14th president in 2001

MARCIE YOUNG
Assistant News Editor

While the country waited to hear who the next U.S. president would be, Utah State University received the news that its next president will be Kermit L. Hall.

Hall, a scholar with a Yale law degree, tenure at two nationally recognized land-grant institutions and professional links with President Bill Clinton, will step up as USU's 14th president in early January, replacing current USU President George H. Emert, who in May announced he would be resigning after more than eight years at USU.

It's Hall's experience and scholarly education that has the Board of Regents, Search Committee members and others in the campus community singing his praise.

"He really knows what students are faced with," said Ben Riley, ASUSU president. "It's not just lip service."

Even candidates Rodney Brown, dean of the College of Agriculture, and Vice President of Advancement Jim MacMahon said they are impressed with Hall's resume.

"If I had been on the committee, I would have nominated him as a finalist," Brown said. "Everything I've seen ... will make him a great president."

Brown also said his greatest hope was that USU could

get the best president possible. From what he's seen in Hall, he said he can't complain.

Hundreds of faculty, staff, students and community members gathered in the Sunburst Lounge in the Taggart Student Center yesterday to hear the announcement. Utah Commissioner for Higher Education Cecelia H. Foxley welcomed the crowd and introduced Charles Johnson, chair of the Board of Regents.

"We not only plan to start an election process, but to complete it all in one afternoon," Johnson said, poking fun at the U.S. presidential election that was still up in the air as of Thursday night.

Before the announcement was made, the 22-member search committee, led by David Jordan, and the Board of Regents were introduced. Some were present in person, others by phone. In roll-call fashion, each of the members of the Board of Regents elected Hall with a unanimous "yes."

And with that, Hall and his wife Phyllis entered the packed room to a standing ovation. After the applause ended, Hall introduced himself as "what was in the secret box."

Hall will be leaving his position as provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at North Carolina State University to join what he calls the "team" at USU.



KERMIT L. HALL introduces himself to Utah State University in the Taggart Student Center Sunburst Lounge Wednesday afternoon. Hall will relocate from North Carolina to become the 14th president of USU. His tenure will begin in January. /Liz Maudsley photo

The university cannot stand alone, and administrators need to lead by serving the USU community, he said.

"We are engaged in a team sport," Hall said.

Hall said individual achievement is crucial to the university, but that individual accomplishments are accom-

plishments for the entire team, as well. The desire to work as a team starts with initiative, he said. Initiative creates involvement, and involvement creates excitement.

"Communication has to be frequent. It has to be repeated. It has to be consistent," Hall said.

In a meeting reserved for the press, Hall said he has a short list of priorities for himself and USU. First on his list is interaction with his colleagues. By starting at the inside and working out, Hall

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Vietnam War prisoner shares experience, lesson in faith



CAPT. GERALD COFFEE speaks in the TSC Ballroom yesterday afternoon. A Prisoner of War for seven years, Coffee learned that faith is a survival tool. /Sylvia Turner photo

MATTHEW FLITTON
Staff Writer

Capt. Gerald Coffee, who spent seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, spoke to Utah State University students Thursday in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom.

Coffee, author of "Beyond Survival," written about his experiences as a prisoner of war, shared the key to his survival in Hoa Lo (pronounced Wall-Oh), also known as the "Hanoi Hilton." The key to survival, he said, was faith.

"It wasn't just a religious faith, there were four parts: Faith in myself, faith in one another, faith in our country and faith in my God," he said. "The key to my survival in prison was the key to my survival when I got home. Each of us can use this to survive."

Coffee was captured on Feb. 3, 1966, after his Vigilante Mach 2 jet was shot. He lost control after the jet lost all of its hydraulic fluid. As the jet began to roll, he ejected himself and

the copilot as the plane hit speeds of 680 MPH. The force of ejecting at that speed knocked him unconscious, he said.

"God had his hand on my shoulder that day," Coffee said. "I blacked out, but somehow I managed to remove my oxygen mask, detach my parachute and activate the flotation device. When I came to, I was floating half a mile off the coast of Vietnam."

The Vietnamese captured him during a skirmish with U.S. jets and moved to Hanoi, Coffee said. The journey took 12 days. He rode in a Russian jeep by night and was exhibited to villagers during the day as war prize.

He described his 3-foot by 6-foot cell. There was a slab that served as a bed, he said. At the foot of it were metal ankle locks. One small window with double bars gave a view of broken glass set into cement on the prison walls. There was one bucket in the corner without a lid to serve physical needs.

"The place smelled of the human misery the cell had seen," Coffee said.

By the door was a yellow sheet of paper with prison regulations. "The prison rules were written in such a way that they contradicted the U.S. codes of conduct for prisoners of war," Coffee said. "We couldn't obey both of them, you had to choose."

Coffee described the support system among the prisoners. The motto of the prisoners was "unity over self." They weren't allowed to communicate verbally, so they developed their own form of Morse code.

"The code was based on a grid with 25 letters," Coffee said. "A was 1-1, b was 1-2, f was 2-1, and z would be 5-5," he said demonstrating the numbers by tapping on the podium.

Coffee described how all the prisoners would share any special areas of knowledge with the others.

"When I came home, I took a test

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Clinton creates new monument in Arizona, expands one in Idaho

MATT KELLEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton on Thursday created a new national monument to protect a spectacular line of red-hued cliffs in northern Arizona and dramatically expanded an Idaho monument featuring an eerie, volcanic landscape.

The Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, near the Colorado River north of the Grand Canyon, is the 10th monument Clinton has created this year and the fourth in Arizona, over the objections of the state's governor and other Republican officials.

Clinton also ordered 661,000 acres of federal land added to the 54,440-acre Craters of the Moon National Monument in central Idaho — expanding the monument by more than 12-fold.

Clinton used his power under the 1906 Antiquities Act to add protection to areas already owned by the federal government. Creating a monument allows the president to ban logging and mining, restrict off-road vehicle use and grazing, and bring added prominence to the areas.

Western Republicans have complained bitterly about nearly all of the 10 Western monuments Clinton has created. Critics say Clinton misused his authority, locking away federal land from commercial ventures that would have brought jobs and money to poor and remote areas. Lawsuits from conservative groups challenging several previous monuments are pending.

Clinton had not notified Arizona Gov.

Jane Hull of the plans to create the monument by Thursday evening, said Hull aide Scott Celley. While Celley said Clinton's earlier monument designations in Arizona were "unilateral and poorly communicated," the Vermilion Cliffs decision was no surprise because Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had recommended it in August.

Environmentalists, on the other hand, have cheered Clinton's monuments and urged him to create more.

"We think this area absolutely deserves monument protection," Pam Eaton of the Wilderness Society said Thursday of the Vermilion Cliffs. "And there are a number of other places we hope this president will protect before he leaves office."

Top environmentalists' monument wish list is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska.

Presidential hopeful George W. Bush and many other Republicans say oil companies should be allowed to drill in the refuge, while environmentalists and Vice President Al Gore

say the area should be off-limits to drilling.

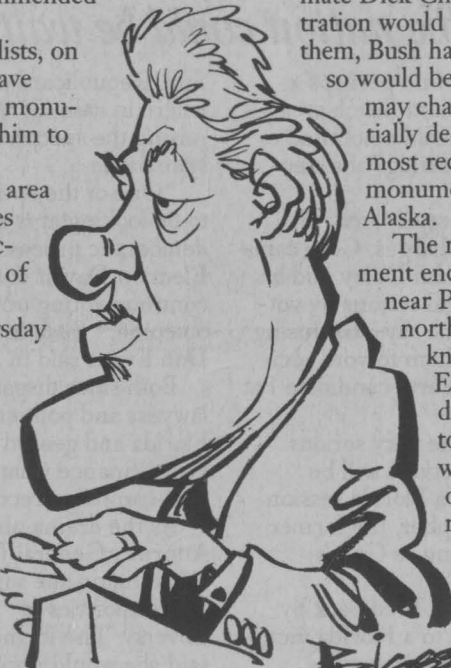
Clinton has not said whether he plans to make the refuge a national monument, which would block oil drilling there.

Bush also has criticized Clinton's monument designations, and while running mate Dick Cheney said a Bush administration would try to overturn some of them, Bush has acknowledged that doing so would be difficult. Congress also may change the status of presidentially declared monuments, as it did most recently with many of the monuments Carter declared in Alaska.

The new Vermilion Cliffs monument encompasses 293,000 acres near Page in the remote area north of the Grand Canyon known as the Arizona Strip. Endangered California condors have been reintroduced to the arid, rocky cliffs, which also contain hundreds of ancient American Indian ruins.

Craters of the Moon National Monument was first declared by President Calvin Coolidge in 1924, covering craters, spires and hardened lava flows.

NASA astronauts explored the area during their training for missions to the moon. The newly added area includes about 411,000 acres of relatively newer lava flows, as well as about 210,000 acres of shrub-dotted prairie.



BILL CLINTON
PRESIDENT OF USA

Two leaders meet

Arafat, Clinton join to discuss violence in Mideast

BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat slammed Israel on the White House doorstep Thursday after a two-hour meeting with President Clinton on the violence that has shattered already enfeebled peace talks. After shaking hands with Clinton and saluting him as he left, Arafat told reporters in a rain-swept driveway that he had reaffirmed his commitment to making peace, and the outcome depends on the efforts exerted by Clinton. The White House gave no indication that any ground was gained toward a firm truce or the more remote goal of reopening negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis. In fact, administration officials abandoned the phrase "peace process" and replaced it with "political process."

A White House spokesman, P.J. Crowley, would not say whether Clinton asked Arafat for a public demand that Palestinian protesters stop their rock-throwing campaign against Israelis. But, Crowley said, "Clear statements by both leaders can only help."

"We continue to be frustrated," Crowley told reporters. Arafat was defiant in his own exchange with reporters earlier. Thrusting at Israel, he said: "I am not the one who initiated the violence. I am not

the one who is attacking Israelis. My tanks are not sieging Israeli towns. I did not order my tanks, my air force, my artillery, my heavy weapons, my navy." He interrupted his interpreter to make sure his English was conveyed as he wished.

"We are facing a very dangerous situation that is really hindering the peace process," he said.

"We are a nation with one airplane," Arafat said as he left.

He met later at his Washington hotel with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Arafat said he had raised with Clinton his proposal that the United Nations set up an international force to protect the Palestinians from Israel. He did not say how Clinton responded, but the State Department has dismissed the idea all week long, saying the preferred approach is for Israel and the Palestinians to carry out the truce they have already approved.

Crowley said: "It was discussed. I would not say it was a major topic of discussion."

On Friday, Arafat is due at the United Nations in New York, where he is likely to campaign for more support for the Palestinians, who generally can count on it there. Meanwhile, resumed negotiations with Israel appeared only a highly remote possibility.

"We're now in a very difficult cycle," Clinton's assistant for national security,

Sandy Berger, said before the Arafat-Clinton meeting. "The president is focused on what he can do in the next few months to try to reduce the violence and resume a political process."

Rejecting any notion Clinton's influence has waned as his term runs out, Berger said, "The business of the presidency goes on."

Once-optimistic plans to mold a final settlement between Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who comes calling on Clinton Sunday, are in disarray, shattered by differences on Jerusalem and five weeks of violence on the West Bank, Gaza and in Israel. In an interview with Telemundo, a Mexican television network, released Thursday by the White House, Clinton said it would be a "grave mistake" to try to force a peace formula on the two sides.

Yet he said, "The consequences of not making peace have been evident these last three or four weeks over there. And they are just horrible. So we should nudge them when we can." On Thursday, Israeli combat helicopters rocketed a pickup truck carrying with Palestinian guerrillas on the West Bank, killing one and critically wounding another. The Israeli army said the assault implemented a new policy of targeting ringleaders.

Two passers-by were killed, and 11 were injured.

World GLANCE

Ga. gunman sentenced 40 years in prison, 65 years of probation

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A teen-ager who shot and wounded six high school classmates last year was sentenced Thursday to 40 years in prison and 65 years of probation.

T.J. Solomon, 17, who pleaded guilty but mentally ill a day earlier, held his head in his hands through much of Thursday's hearing. He stood up straight and had no visible reaction to the sentence. Superior Court Judge Sidney Nation said he felt sorry for Solomon, but said he would "err on the side of safety for the community."

Solomon opened fire with a sawed-off rifle at Heritage High School in suburban Atlanta on May 20, 1999, one month after the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado. No one was killed or critically injured, and witnesses said Solomon, then 15, aimed below the waist. Witnesses said he surrendered to an assistant principal with a tearful: "Oh, my God, I'm so scared!"

Solomon's attorney, Ed Garland, had recommended 10 years in prison and indicated he may appeal.

"I'm very sad, I'm very disappointed T.J. will not be provided treatment for his mental illness," Garland said.

Victims who were in the courtroom hugged after the sentence was announced. Michael Cheek, whose son Jason was shot twice, described the sentencing as "bittersweet."

"I feel sorry for T.J. and his family but he did the crime and he should be punished for it," Cheek said. Jason Cheek, now a freshman at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky., was not in court.

Clinton announces plan to preserve internment camp sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton announced a plan Thursday to preserve sites of camps where the U.S. government interned 120,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II. Americans, he said, must "never forget this sad chapter in our history."

"We are diminished when any American is targeted unfairly because of his or her heritage," Clinton said in a letter read at the dedication of a memorial to those interned and to the 33,000 Japanese-Americans who fought for the United States in the war.

"This memorial and the internment sites are powerful reminders that stereotyping, discrimination, hatred and racism have no place in this country."

Attorney General Janet Reno, who represented the president at the ceremony, said the Interior Department is acquiring land and protecting the sites in Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Arkansas. "This nation is at a moment in its history that will be recorded in the history books for years to come," she said. "It is a great nation because we have learned from our past and experience."

The memorial near the Capitol is due to be completed in the spring, with stone panels devoted to each of the 10 camps.

Reno noted that Clinton recently presented the Medal of Honor to 19 of the Japanese-Americans, some of whom took part in Thursday's ceremony. Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta, the first Asian-American member of the Cabinet, was interned with his California family when he was 10. In a speech, he recalled that Dec. 7, 1941, the day that Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, was the first time he heard his father cry.

U.N. calls for end to U.S. embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly resoundingly criticized the United States on Thursday for maintaining sanctions on Cuba for nearly four decades and urged Washington to lift them as soon as possible.

The nonbinding, Cuban-drafted resolution passed with 167 votes in favor — the widest margin in the nine years that Cuba has brought the initiative to the United Nations. Only the United States, Israel and the Marshall Islands voted against it. Four countries abstained.

The resolution, introduced by Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, was nearly identical to ones approved in years past, even though U.S. legislation approved last month would allow sales of American food and medicine to the communist island for the first time in nearly 40 years.

But the law bars the federal government or U.S. banks from financing the shipments, meaning Cuba would have to pay cash or get credit from a third country.

Cuban officials say this year's resolution deliberately omitted any reference to the new U.S. law since Havana believes the legislation has toughened, not eased the embargo.

"The alleged authorization for companies to sell food and medicines to Cuba is established under such restrictions and obstacles that render those activities practically impossible," Perez Roque told the assembly before the vote.

Cuba insists on a total lifting of the sanctions imposed in 1962 in an attempt to squeeze President Fidel Castro's government — a call at the core of the resolution.

The resolution also expresses concern at sanctions that affect third countries — a reference to the 1996 Helms-Burton act, which was designed to discourage foreign investment in Cuba by punishing foreign companies investing in property confiscated from Americans.

Court questions witness in case of American accused of spying

MOSCOW (AP) — A Moscow court questioned a witness Thursday who served on a commission that decided documents sought by an American businessman on trial for spying were not classified, the defense lawyer said.

The court questioned Oleg Kosiskin, a professor at Moscow's Bauman Technical Institute. Kosiskin served on a commission that allowed documents to be given to Edmond Pope, saying they weren't secret, said Pope's lawyer, Pavel Astakhov.

Russia's Federal Security Service arrested Pope, a Pennsylvania businessman and former U.S. Navy officer, in April and he is being tried behind closed doors in Moscow on charges of trying to buy classified plans for a high-speed Russian torpedo. Kosiskin was also questioned by experts who served on a separate government commission that later determined the documents handled by Pope were in fact classified, as Russia's secret services allege. Pope has pleaded innocent, and his supporters say the plans were for 10-year-old technology that has already been sold abroad and were not classified.

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A man of numerous accomplishments, Hall gets ready for Utah

NICOLE GRUBBS
Staff Writer

As a person who specializes in history, it is only fitting that Kermit L. Hall will become a part of it when he steps in as Utah State University's new president.

Hall will become the new president in January, 2001, after President George H. Emert retires.

Hall has deep-rooted interests in history. He has taught history at three universities in the South: University of Florida, Wayne State and Vanderbilt.

In his role as a historian, he has spent a significant amount of time in Utah. He has studied archives, genealogy and history collections. He has also served on the editorial board of *The Western Historical Quarterly*, which is published on USU's campus.

In addition to these accomplishments, Hall received his doctorate in History from the University of Minnesota. He has written two published books, one of which focuses on American history.

Hall also is scholarly in other areas. His other book focuses on national and international Constitutional law.

In addition, he is the editor of a widely used legal reference book on the U.S. Supreme Court.

His experience grew when he was consulted in the writing of South Africa's current constitution. His list of accomplishments, however, continues. He won the Gavel Award of the American Bar Association. He is a member of several national advisory boards and was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate

to serve on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Assassination Records Review Board.

He is connected to other awards, as well. He is a recipient of the James Madison Award for the American Library Association.

Hall's education is diverse. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Akron, his master's from Syracuse University and his law degree from Yale University Law School. He also attended Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.

Hall has most recently held positions at North Carolina State University, the University of Tulsa and Ohio State University.

He leaves his position as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at N.C. State to become the 14th president of USU.

Hall was nominated for the position of president and is looking forward to serving the university. His experience at other land grant universities will come in handy, said Charles Johnson, Board of Regents chair.

"Utah State University has been and will be even more a university of the people of Utah. The opportunity to work with colleagues to set an agenda for increased excellence and access in the new millennium is a distinct pleasure and a great opportunity. My wife, Phyllis, and I look forward to becoming part of the University, its surrounding community and the state of Utah," Hall said.

Although Hall and his wife have no children, they have a cat named Sam. Hall said he's allergic to the cat, but said "life is full of trade-offs."

POWs vow to remain loyal to United States

MATTHEW FLITTON
Staff Writer

Prisoners of war, also referred to as POWs, are people taken captive by an enemy force.

The Geneva Convention of 1949 defines prisoners of war as "members of the regular armed forces who have fallen into the power of the enemy, but also the militia, the volunteers, the irregulars and

members of resistance movements if they form a part of the armed forces, and persons who accompany the armed forces without actually being members, such as war correspondents, civilian supply contractors and members of labor service units."

Retired U.S. Army Col. Joe Schlatter said over 2,500 soldiers were POWs or missing in action in the spring of 1973. All of those, he said, have been accounted

for. American prisoners of war must follow certain codes of conduct. Following are the codes, provided by Christopher Forsgren, a student in the Air Force ROTC program at Utah State University.

"Article I: I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense. Article II: I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

"Article III: If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy. Article IV: If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades.

"Article V: When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

"Article VI: I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions and dedicated to the principles that made my country free."



HUNDREDS GATHER at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans Day to witness the changing of the guard./Zak Larsen photo illustration

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and received credit for two years of French," he said. "I learned it through the wall tapping, and I scored average."

He also described a vocal version of the code where numbers corresponded to noises. He demonstrated it, sniffing, clearing his throat and sneezing.

"A Vietnamese soldier was standing in front of the cell of one of the new guys," Coffee said. "[The new guy] was hacking and coughing; it sounded like he was going to die of pneumonia. He was telling us that the Green Bay Packers had just won the Super Bowl.

Coffee described how prisoners had to chop wood. Those who chopped would broadcast messages to all the other prisoners by the rhythm of their chopping.

"Every morning we would pass a signal. A minute after the signal, we would all stand in our cells and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the

Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm."

Coffee contrasted the messages he received in prison and what he saw when he came home.

"We sat on a little stool with a light shining in our eyes; it was right out of Hollywood," he said. "They would tell us, 'In the U.S., they're playing baseball. America has forgotten about you.' When I came home, hundreds of people sent me prisoner of war bracelets that they had been wearing with my name on it."

Coffee outlined the importance of humor in his survival. He recited a poem he wrote about finding a part of a weevil in his bread. He described it as a reminder of the importance of keeping humor in our lives and laughing in all situations.

"They would tie us up with ropes, in ways that I won't describe, to torture us," he said. "We would tell the new guys, 'It's not so bad once you learn the ropes.'"

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said getting to know the people that make up the university is crucial.

"Nobody will follow you up the hill if they don't have enough respect for you," he said.

He included figuring out the budget process, creating alliances with other Utah schools and creating other partnerships through technology and the community among his initial top priorities.

Hall said he was nominated for the position, but doesn't know who gave his name to the Board of Regents for the confidential application process. Chancellor Marye Ann Fox at N.C. State hired Hall as provost two years ago. She said he had the qualities of a chief officer, such as president.

Although Fox said she and N.C. State are sad to see Hall go, she said he will be an excellent USU president. Fox said Hall accomplished more in his two years at N.C. State than what most people can get done in the same amount of time.

In the last eight years Hall has worked for four different institutions, which include N.C. State, Ohio State University, the University of Tulsa and the University of Florida. Although his experiences at each of the institutions seem like an asset, some have questioned Hall's loyalty to his new school.

Provost Craig Peterson, however, said he's not too worried.

"For [Hall] to move on, we'd have to benefit first," Peterson said.

He also said he thinks Hall is at USU for the long haul and doesn't anticipate having to repeat the presidential search process anytime soon.

Although they have jumped around the East, the Halls are not totally new to the West. They have spent time in Utah working at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History

Library. It was during that summer in Salt Lake City that the Halls fell in love with the state.

"It means so much to me [and to Phyllis] to be back in the 'Crossroads of the West,'" Hall said.

In addition, Hall thanked the search committee, the Board of Regents and the Emerts for their dedication to USU and the entire presidential search process. He said a university like USU requires a "combination of kick and kiss." Emert, he said, fit this requirement by being a "carpenter" for USU. Using this analogy, Hall said the Emerts have been stewards for the university and the USU community.

"[They have] built another step in the staircase of success," he said.

Emert also had the opportunity to speak, calling the event "a milestone for our institution." He encouraged Hall by complimenting the faculty, staff, students, alumni and community, who he said have done "great things" since he's been here.

"We get such a bang for our buck here," he said.

In an interview Thursday afternoon, Emert said the school is ready for Hall's new leadership.

"There are times of opportunity in the lives of institutions that occur at times of leadership changes," he said. At those times, institutions find people with skill, talents and other personality traits that more closely match the needs of the institution, Emert said.

He said that is happening now with Hall's selection as president.

The Emerts presented the Halls with a gift of sweat-shirts, T-shirts and hats to help pave their pathway to becoming Aggies. In addition, Emert commented positively on his and First Lady Billie Emert's tenure at USU.

"Our time has been a truly great adventure," he said.

News Briefs

Health dept. receives limited vaccine supply

The Bear River Health Department received a small shipment of the influenza vaccine and began administering the shots to people in high-risk categories yesterday.

More shots will be administered Nov. 13 from 9 and 11 a.m. and between 1 and 4 p.m. Shots will be administered until the serum supply runs out.

Because of manufacturing problems, the vaccine is in high demand and short supply this year. Only those over 65, with chronic illnesses or weakened immune systems will be eligible to receive the vaccine at the health department. Most healthy adults who develop influenza usually recover without long-term complications. Although the health department is expecting more shipments of the vaccine, officials do not know when more shots will arrive.

For more information contact the Bear River Health Department at 752-3730.

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In order to facilitate snow removal on campus, the Utah State University Parking and Transportation department will begin ticketing and towing vehicles parked on campus lots overnight. The policy will be enforced between 12 and 6 a.m. and began Nov. 1.

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For more information contact the Parking Office at 797-3414.

Golden Key and Humane Society team up

On Nov. 11, from noon until 3 p.m. there will be an Adopt-A-Pet day at the C-A-L RanchStore.

The Cache Humane Society will be presenting the USU chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society with a "Paws of Fame" paver, which is a cement brick. The society has been awarded the paver because of a donation from it gave to the Humane Society.

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> BUSH OR GORE?

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the state's 25 electoral votes — and the keys to the Oval Office, unless Bush's team makes good on a threat to contest Gore victories in Iowa and Wisconsin among others.

With votes still dribbling in from across the country, Gore's lead in the popular vote was shrinking to about 200,000 votes out of 100 million. With a few precincts still unreported (as of 8 p.m. EST):

— Gore had 49,113,600 votes.

— Bush had 48,906,647 votes.

It is the tightest election since 1960, when John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by 118,574 votes. Though it has no bearing on who is the next president, the total-vote lead gives Gore added psychological standing in his fight to overturn Florida's results.

Republicans and Democrats alike said the Florida-vote challenge poses incredible risk for both candidates, because an evenly divided electorate will soon tire of the political suspense and begin looking for somebody to blame.

"This is serious stuff; it's time to cool partisan passions or risk being damaged goods, even if you win the presidency," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy.

In competing news conferences Thursday, the strategies gelled: Bush's camp portrayed Gore as a poor loser who wants to overturn election-night returns that gave Bush the edge in Florida; Gore's camp accused Republicans of selfishly ignoring ballot irregularities and attempting to scare Americans with talk of a constitutional crisis.

Christopher and Baker met Thursday in what was described by Democrats as an uneven session.

Christopher dismissed Baker's election-on-hold remark as "self-serving myth" and pointedly said: "Let me assure you that the presidency goes on until Jan. 20 in a vigorous way, and none of our allies are in any doubt as to who's in charge of the government until Jan. 20."

But the election standoff rattled Wall Street, where stocks plunged after Daley's news conference but later recovered.

Eight lawsuits have been filed in state and federal courts to challenge the Florida results, including six in Palm Beach County and two in Tallahassee. One of the federal cases was withdrawn by the voter who filed.

The Tallahassee cases alleged race discrimination, and Palm Beach County voters sought a new election because they said the ballot was too confusing. Thousands of ballots were not counted because they were punched twice. Democrats say Gore backers voted for Buchanan — then voted for Gore after realizing their mistake.

Bush aides said Palm Beach county is home to 17,000 voters allied with the Reform Party, and thousands of Palm Beach County ballots were invalidated in 1996.

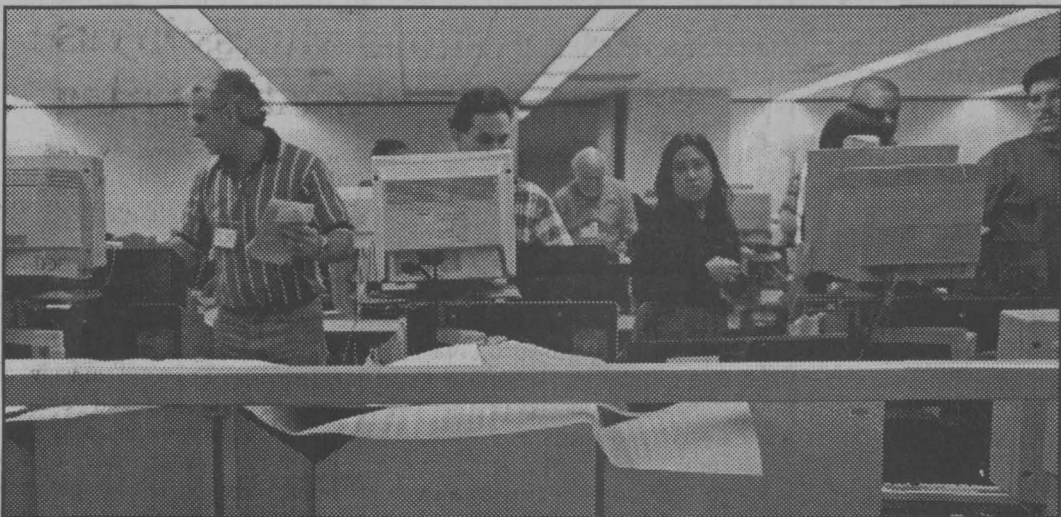
In Florida, Daley said Democrats would seek a more thorough second recount of ballots cast in Palm Beach, Dade, Broward and Volusia counties — some 1.78 million votes, many of them Democratic.

He said the Bush campaign was willing to "blithely dismiss the disenfranchisement of thousands of Floridians as being the usual mistakes" that afflict elections.

"I would assume that the courts will take a serious look at what may be an injustice unparalleled in our history," Daley told CBS.

Both candidates were working simultaneously to prepare their transitions to power and fight the ballot dispute. Democrats were trying to raise \$3 million to finance Gore's challenge, while Republicans geared up their own fundraising drive.

Nearly 48 hours after the polls closed, Bush had won 29 states for 246 electoral votes. Gore had won 18 states plus the District of Columbia for 255. New Mexico and Oregon were too close to call.



AT 3 A.M. WEDNESDAY ballot tabulators continue to count the last few thousand absentee ballots from Miami-Dade County at election headquarters in Government Center in Miami, Fla./Associated Press photo

Students shine in International Pageant **On the TOWN**

JULIE SULUNGA
Staff Writer

Miss and Mr. International were both named Wednesday night during a showcase presentation of talent from cultures all over the world.

The event was held in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. It included students from around the globe representing the various countries they are originally from. The festive atmosphere provided for a lot of audience participation.

Hyungkmin Cho, Mr. Korea, was named Mr. International, and Neja Dagley, Miss India, was named Miss International with Guacayarima Machado, Miss Dominican Republic, and Sophia Voitanik, Miss Ukraine, named as the first and second runners-up. Maria Saenz, Miss Spain, received the Miss Congeniality award.

Dagley was very proud to have won, but also very shocked.

"I came into this really wanting to represent my country," she said. "I had planned [to participate] since July while in India."

Dagley is currently majoring in political science with a minor in business. She already has a scholarship, so the scholarship she and Cho (Mr. Korea/Mr. International) received from the Utah State University Bookstore will not be needed.

"I was too determined to not [participate] in it," Dagley said. "I worked hard and tried my best."

The night started out with an opening dance where all the contestants participated. It reflected the many differences amongst the contestants, and at the same time showed the similarities that bind them together.

The two master of ceremonies Khanh Nguyen, Mr. International from last year, and Miss USA, from last year's pageant, then introduced the pageant's program as well as who the judges would be for the Miss International Pageant. The judges for the Mr. International would be picked from the crowd if they had an envelope under their chair.

The Ms. International Pageant then had a cultural walk where each contestant got to represent their culture through their costume. Following that was the talent performance.

Voitanik, Miss Ukraine, read a poem, but she started things out on a lighter note about how she wasn't going to make bad jokes about Americans.

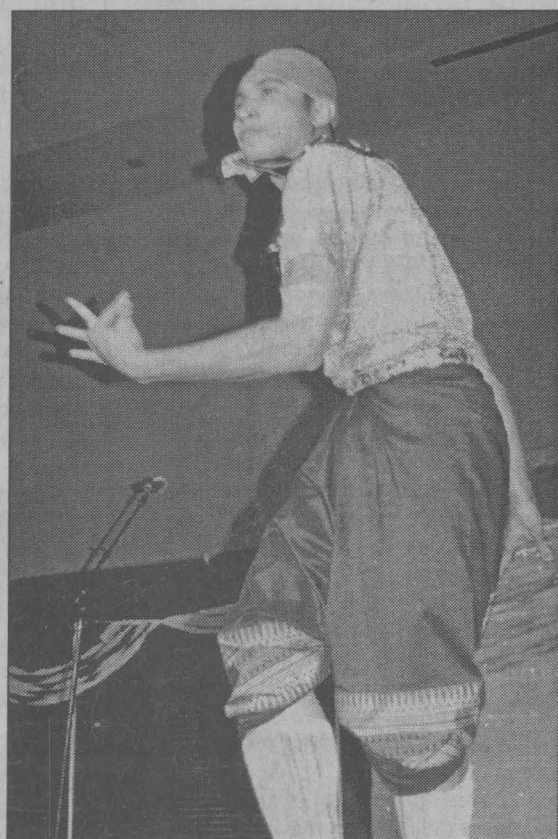
The highlights of the talent performances included the dance by Dagley, Miss India, and a dance by Machado and Melvin Paredes, Miss and Mr. Dominican Republic.

A break in the pageant was needed for the ladies to go change after finishing the talent portion of the pageant so they could prepare for the evening wear portion of the program. The lull was filled by a



ABOVE: JACKIE BRAVO, MISS VENEZUELA, performs the Teopla, a festive dance native to her country.

LEFT: JIAE KWAK, MISS KOREA, is aided by some of her fellow students in performing a fan dance./Mickelle Bench photos



PRASENT KENPANKHO, MR. THAILAND, performs a dance from his native country entitled 'Enjoy Bangkok' as part of the Mr. and Miss International Pageant Wednesday night./Mickelle Bench photo

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A night in the seventh circle of hell

I have lived in Logan for more than 20 years and for the most part I have enjoyed my time here in Cache Valley.

It's quiet and comfortable and safe. A person can jog at night on Main Street and not be mugged, shot or knifed, and a loving father or mother can leave their eight kids in the family's Chevy Suburban, shop for the drum of instant potatoes and wheat and return to the car with their kids smiling and unharmed. Cache Valley is all about family, safety

and has a peaceful quality not found in many cities.

However, despite all this, there is a dark side to Mayberry.

I found this out on election day.

Either there are some serious nut-jobs hiding in Logan or politics reveals the inherent stupidity and evil that is usually locked away in the secret places of normal folks' hearts and minds. I don't claim to be anything resembling a political philosopher, but

I'm sure if Jefferson, Washington and the rest of the founding fathers could see some of the freaks on election night in Cache Valley, they would pack up and send the ships back to Great Britain.

Now, before you revitalize McCarthyism and consign me to Siberia, please understand that you would feel exactly as I do if you were in my shoes. I seriously wish I had a mirror with me on Tuesday, because I would've loved to have people get a good look at their imbecilic faces, or, better yet, a tape recorder so the men and women of all ages could hear the asinine things they uttered. A lot of people love America but hate Americans. It's pathetic.

It all started around 7 p.m. First, I went to vote. Standing in line, listening to people talk about politics, I grew angry. "Don't vote for Gore, he's gay like Clinton," or "Bush is a retard. Anyone voting for him is an idiot," or, even better, "People who vote for Nader should be shot because they're wasting their vote." I decided while stand-

ing in line that people should never talk. Ever.

Around 8 p.m. it grew worse. Sitting in the Democratic headquarters, where my mother was waiting to see if she won her bid for the Utah House of Representatives (she didn't), I listened to one party trash the Republicans and anything and everything resembling an elephant. I half expected them to go dump tea in Bear Lake, but then I remembered they'd be hard pressed to find any tea in Logan. Nevertheless, I wondered why people are so mean to each other and why very few people respect different viewpoints. Opinions are beautiful and they are a part of what makes this country great, but they are just

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Friday

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Photos of Matthew Reier
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free

Theater

"As You Like It"
Presented by ACTER
Morgan Theater
7:30 p.m.
free with USU ID

Concert

Ysaye String Quartet
Eccles Conference Center
Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
\$5

Dance

Mad Hatter Dance,
LDS Institute
8:30 p.m.
\$5 per Institute couple
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Saturday

Concert

"Sounds of the Stadium"
USU Aggie Marching
Band
Kent Concert Hall
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Theater

"As You Like It"
Presented by ACTER
Morgan Theater
7:30 p.m.
free with USU ID

Concert

Colors
Ellen Eccles Theater
7:30 p.m.
\$6

Monday

Concert

HooRayWho, Froglick
and Low Profile
Habitat for Humanity
benefit concert
Kent Concert Hall
6:30 p.m.
\$3 or \$2 with can of food

Tuesday

Concert

Herman's Hermits
Ellen Eccles Theater
8 p.m.
\$16, \$19, \$22

Thursday

Concert

Tim Reynolds
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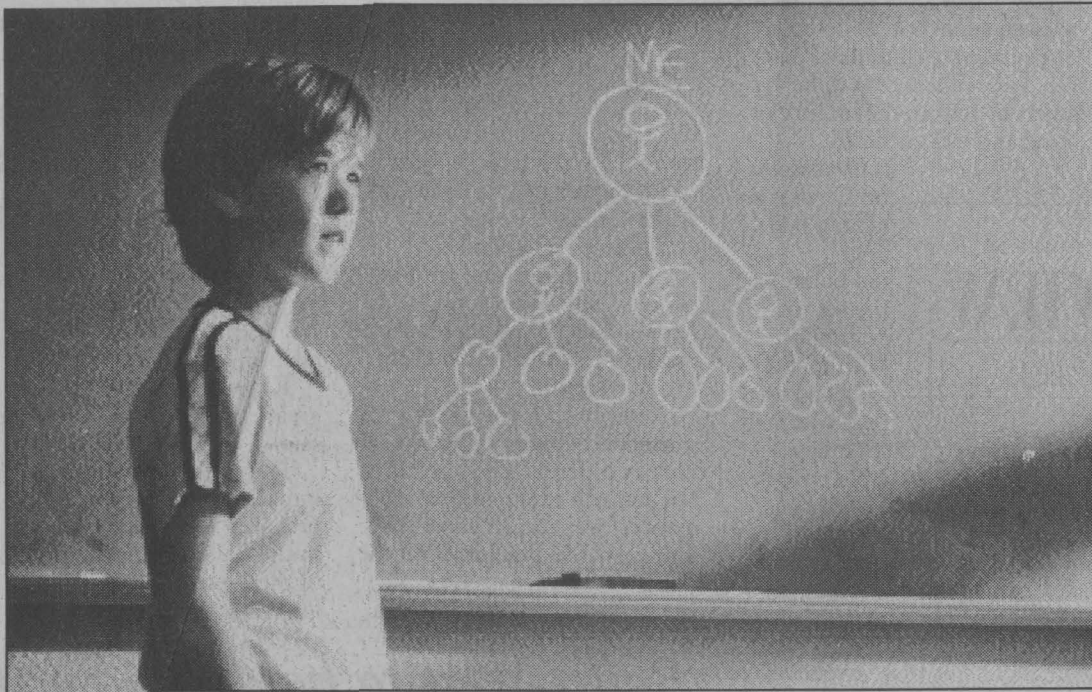
MOVIE REVIEW
Pay it Forward /Grade C

AY MORGAN
Staff Writer

I hate to do this, because I like the world of Kevin Spacey, Ben Hunt and the "I see dead people" boy from "The Sixth Sense," Haley Joel Osment, but I'd be lying if I told you "Pay It Forward" was a great flick. In fact, it's pretty meh. Which, quite frankly, makes me steamed.

The theatrical trailer gave me goosebumps, and I thought I found a film stacked with this much talent was destined for Oscar greatness. Unfortunately, "Pay It Forward" is an untruthful, cliché-ridden film that mimics greatness and finds itself becoming a downhearted slideshow for what could have been.

Inspired by last year's novel by Catherine Ryan Hyde, the story revolves around the lives of three main characters: Eugene Simonet (Spacey), a school teacher with horrific burn scars on his face, chest and neck; Arlene McKinney (Hunt), a woman battling alcoholism and an abusive husband who keeps popping in and out of her life; and Trevor McKinney (Osment) the good-hearted young man who creates "pay it forward."



TREVOR MCKINNEY (HALEY JOEL OSMENT) is given an assignment by his teacher to change what he hates about the world in 'Pay It Forward.' /movieweb.com photo

Trevor begins "pay it forward" when he helps Jerry (Jim Caviezel) a homeless man, inviting him to eat Captain Crunch at his home, shower and sleep in a warm garage. When Arlene wakes up after a drinking binge and finds Jerry, she freaks out and tracks down Trevor's teacher who spurred the entire class to change what he didn't like about the world. Of course, when Arlene tears into Mr. Simonet, he is defensive, she is rude and their inevitable romance begins. Couple that with the return of Arlene's ex-husband (Jon Bon Jovi) and a pessimistic television reporter hell-bent on tracking

down the source of "pay it forward," and you have a decent storyline mingled with first-class acting. So, why does the movie fail? It's simple: Like most films, "Pay It Forward" has ample intentions, but it gets muddled between trying to be entertaining and endeavoring to be honest. The biggest glare is at the ending. The director, Mimi Leder ("Deep Impact," "The Peacemaker") could have stopped and the finale would have been remarkably straightforward, but she pushes onward and the ending quickly becomes plastic and unbelievable. But really, by the time we

stumble to the ending, there isn't much that can redeem the film because we've already been put to sleep. On the positive side, Spacey and Hunt fit well in their characters, especially Hunt, who is extremely nasty looking and crabby. Osment is decent, but at times it seems as though he's trying to beam his "Sixth Sense" performance into "Pay It Forward." Seeing dead people and seeing nice people are two different concepts. However, one concept everyone agrees on is saving money, which means "Pay It Forward" is only worth it if you see it on the discount-theater marquee.

Students present evening of one acts

CYNDD MCCOY
Staff Writer

Uta State University Theatre presents an evening of One Act Plays, directed by students in the USU Theater department's advanced acting class Nov. 15 through 18, in the Fine Arts Building, Room 224. All performances start at 7:30 p.m.

As part of the requirements for completion of the advanced directing class, each student must first choose a script for a one act play that meets the guidelines set forth by associate professor of acting/directing, Kevin Doyle. The students then take on the role of director in order to stage a performance of the play. The students are involved in casting actors and then guiding those actors through rehearsals to achieve a production that resembles the director's vision of what the particular play should look like and say to the audience.

The five plays being produced this term are: "Haiku" directed by Kathy Batman. This script is

a sensitive character study of a mother and her two daughters, written by Katherine Snodgrass.

The character of Nell, the mother, is played by Jessie Dredette. The older daughter, Billie, is played by Elizabeth Lester. Christynn Glover is playing the younger daughter, Louise.

"Long Ago and Far Away," directed by Amber Tuttle and written by David Ives, is an unusual journey through realities for the characters of Laura, Gus and Jack.

Laura is being played by Amy Lewis. Laura's husband, Gus, is played by Cameron Dekany. Joel Wayman is playing the part of Jack, and Brooke Pulver plays the landlady.

"Date With A Stranger," directed by Lillith Fields and written by Cherie Vogelstein, is a social commentary on relationships played out through the interactions of Clark and Paula.

The three characters of Paula, Clark and the Man, are played by Cassandra Orr, Brian Bahr and Kyle Scanlon.

"Hidden In This Picture," directed by Erica Stoddard, was written by Aaron Sorkin. The script depicts the hilarious adventures of a first-time movie director's attempt to shoot the final scene, when everything just goes wrong.

The director, Robert, is played by Jay C Stoddard. Jeff, Craig and Reuben are played by David Nickle, Frank Shaw and Don Osborne.

"Bash: Latter-day Plays Part II: A Gaggle of Saints," directed by Michael Flood, is on the surface a recounting by two characters of their relationship and a trip they took to the city. This powerful script was written by Neil Labute.

The characters of John and Sue are played by T.J. Larsen and Kristin Clement.

All of the plays contain adult language and themes. Admission is free.

Colors releases fourth album

MANDY BUTERFIELD
Staff Writer

The local band Colors is releasing its fourth album, "Outside The Lies." They will be in concert tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellen Eccles Theatre performing its new songs.

"It's fun. If you had to use one word to describe the album, it's fun," said Emily Madsen, manager of Colors. "They are really excited, they feel like it is good representation of them as artists, that they've really progressed," Madsen said.

Colors is made up of three Uta State University students, Russell Dixon, Ryan Merrill and Brian Tibbets. They started performing in high school, and now tour an album. They have also released four CDs. They released their last album two years ago, which Madsen said is more mellow than this one.

During the summer Colors usually tours, but the band took the summer off to write the songs for the album, Madsen said. Then from August to October they recorded the songs. For this

album they have hired a producer and used "fuller" instruments, Madsen said. They used an electric guitar, a full set of drums and not the same standard percussion they've used in the past.

"This album is another step in the right direction," Madsen said.

They officially released the album last Friday in Provo.

"They would have loved to release it here," Madsen said, but the Ellen Eccles Center was booked, and they wanted to stay on schedule to open in other cities before Christmas.

After they release the album here, they will release it in Bountiful and then in Rexburg, Idaho. After Christmas they have plans to release it in California, Arizona, Texas and Virginia, Madsen said.

"They have other jobs, but they love recording and performing," Madsen said. "Performing is their passion."

Tickets are on sale for \$7 at the Eccles box office or at the USU ticket office.

"It will probably sell out. We've been encouraging people to buy tickets early," Madsen said.

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'Nicky' is pure hell Nutcracker a Salt Lake 45-year tradition

DESSON HOWE
The Washington Post

Note to self, after watching "Little Nicky." Warn nation Adam Sandler is spawn of Satan.

No, really. In his latest comedy (for want of a better term), Sandler is Little Nicky, a shy man-child with a permanently twisted facial expression and a hunched shuffle, who happens to be the youngest son of the Devil (Harvey Keitel).

The old man, who's the genial son of the original, hell-founding Satan (Rodney Dangerfield), is now in his 10,000th year and is thinking about a successor. But Dad can't bring himself to appoint either of his nasty older sons, Adrian (Rhys Ifans, the goofy one from "Notting Hill") or Cassius (Tommy "Tiny" Lister); and Little Nicky's far too shy and immature to be the new prince of darkness.

Dad decides to stay in charge, which infuriates Adrian and Cassius. They jet out of Hell to wreak havoc on Earth in general, and New York City in particular. Their insubordinate exit threatens the satanic cosmos: The gates of hell are violated, no more souls can enter and father Satan starts to physically deteriorate.

Little Nicky, who loves his dad, has a week to bring these

rogues home (in a special satanic-issue genie bottle) before Pops crumbles into devil dust. Oh, and while he's at it, he needs to restore the balance of good and evil on Earth.

His assistant on Earth is a talking bulldog. So much for the set-up. Naturally, "Little Nicky" is loaded for bear with hell jokes, many of them mildly amusing, but none big enough to induce major hysteria.

Sandler, who scripted this with Tim Herlihy and Steven Brill, is never one for bright, peppy writing. The story plods along, punctuated by gags that are more silly than inventive.

As always, he depends on a romantic subplot with an attractive co-star to endear his character to the audience. In this case, it's Patricia Arquette, who plays a beatific homeless person named Valerie, a sort of Chaplin companion. Except, there's no Charlie Chaplin hero in this movie, just a slurry-voiced demon-nerd who suggests Richard III's American love child.

How much you enjoy this movie depends on how funny you find Sandler talking out the side of his mouth with a gravelly squawk — for the entire movie. Throughout this movie, I dreamed of a speech therapist, a chiropractor and a good hairdresser offering Nicky their unlimited services.

MANDY BUTTERFIELD
Staff Writer

Sugar plum fairies, rats and a little girl named Clara will all be on stage as Ballet West performs "The Nutcracker" for the 45th year in Salt Lake City at the Capital Theatre.

"This is really Utah's favorite tradition, and a lot of people come," said John Roake, Ballet West director of marketing. "It's a whole event in and of itself."

Auditions for the ballet started in September. Roake said six different casts are chosen and will rotate performances over the 22-show run. The casts will practice until the first performance on Dec. 8. Performance will run through

Dec. 30. "Auditions are very competitive," Roake said, "several hundred children try out."

It is especially difficult for girls because so many more girls than boys are in ballet, he said.

"If they get through tryouts, then they are very good. It can be a very heart rendering time for those who don't make it," Roake said. "These are pretty talented kids."

Kia, who make the cut get great exposure in the show, he said.

Patric Fugit, star of the movie "Almost Famous," was first seen in the stage as Fritz in the Ballet West performance of the Nutcracker. Fritz is the lead male role, and Fugit

played it more than once. "The Nutcracker" Ballet West performs its William Christensen's version. He started it in San Francisco and it was the first full-length nutcracker ballet to be performed. Then Christensen started Ballet West in Utah and brought "The Nutcracker" along.

Roake said students may have a misconception that a tuxedo is required, but people will attend in clothes from formal wear to jeans.

The show will open Dec. 8, with performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling 355-ARTS or can be purchased at the Capitol Theatre box office.

Ballet West to hold fashion show fund raiser

NATALIE LARSON
Staff Writer

The Ballet West Guild will be hosting a holiday fashion show featuring clothing from Norstrom on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

According to Kay Massman Lobb, public relations coordinator for the group, this will be the first time the Ballet West artists will be modeling for this fashion show. The choreography will be done by Jonas Kage, the artistic director, she said.

This event will "kick off the holiday season," Lobb

said. This year they're using the dancers to help "increase the participation with the community."

"People will see the grace and beauty we have in the ballet in a more accessible way," Lobb said.

This event has been a tradition for more than 15 years, Lobb said. More than \$6,000 was raised last year for Ballet West.

Unique items created by popular artists will also be available for purchase, Lobb said. Some of these items include hand-made carpet bags, nutcrackers, alpaca hats and scarfs and cookbooks.

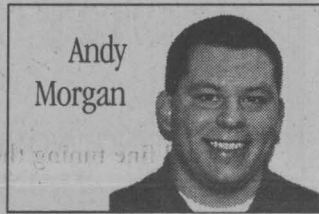
"It will be a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts you can't find in the stores," Lobb said. "They're not the same things that everyone and their dog has."

The cost for this event is \$25. This includes lunch catered by the Hilton. Proceeds will go to Ballet West.

Tickets are still available, Lobb said. There is no student discount for this event.

For tickets and more information, contact Jennifer Anderson at (801) 355-4185, Gloria Johnson at (435) 649-8537 or visit the Ballet West Website at www.balletwest.org

Two guys and a movie 'Bagger Vance': Nature film or nature fun



Andy Morgan

views of the beautiful post-antebellum landscape, some paper-thin characters and a not-so-subtle spiritual message that causes one to wonder if Depok Chopera was responsible for the script.

However, despite obvious flaws, when stacked against the rest of the dire Autumn releases, "The Legend of Bagger Vance" is one of the best, right up there with "Meet the Parents," "Almost Famous" and "Remember the Titans."

So, who is Bagger Vance? I am still trying to answer that question. Bagger Vance (Will Smith) is a golf caddy who comes out of nowhere (literally) to help Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon), a down-on-his-luck golf legend who has turned to booze and isolation in an attempt to block out painful memories from World War I. Vance offers to caddy for Junuh when the town fathers and Junuh's pre-war sweetheart, Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron), ask him to represent Savannah in a local golf tournament that features pro-golfers, Bobby Jones (Joel Gretsch) and Bruce McGill (Walter Hagen).

Junuh was a popular figure in Savannah before the war, but after going to battle and suffering some intense trauma (which is never fully investigated by the filmmakers), upon his return to Georgia he becomes a recluse. He has given up golf and has not said a word to Invergordon, which is odd because the two were madly in love before the war. This premise leads to the challenges — both physical and mental — that Junuh must face throughout the film.

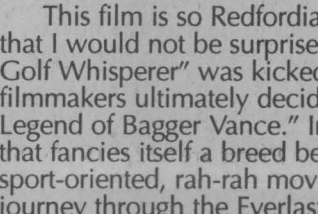
Fortunately, Vance arrives on the scene just days before the tournament and gives Junuh a boost, with his golf game and with his mental state of affairs. It's hard to tell what Vance is, but I got the impression that he was perhaps a guardian angel or something similar. If not, then he took some time to memorize some of those spiritual thought calendars, because he is full of heavenly, philosophical one-liners.

Why does this film work? Two words: Nature and acting.

There is a lot of nature in this film, but it works. Would you expect any less from a guy who has "Our Biosphere: The Earth in Our Hands" and "To Protect Mother Earth" on his resume? I didn't think so. Nevertheless, without the countless nature shots, this movie becomes just another sport film destined for failure.

Damon is good and his dedication to becoming a believable character is evident. But Will Smith takes the prize. While he doesn't have the majority of screentime or lines, Smith departs from his previous movies and demonstrates he doesn't need action to be a success. Be forewarned, though, because the movie is not perfect.

In the beginning, it seems like someone was smoking pot while editing the film. The cuts are quick and don't make sense. I got the feeling I was being rushed, something I'm not sure was done on purpose and I was slightly irked at the unkempt storyline, the absence of resolution with some plot points and with issues in some of the characters' lives. But excellent acting and a splendid tone mask those flaws and make this film a definite outing.



Travis Call

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" is a Frankenstein of nature film shots pieced together with a storyline that's as overdone as cafeteria pot roast.

The story centers on Rannulph Junuh who "loses his swing" after he becomes a post-traumatic World War I alcoholic. He's just the kind of loser the movie expects him to be: hopeless on the exterior, sullen and reclusive, but somehow able to make a complete turnaround in just a few short days when the local political stooges call for his help.

If only life could be like nostalgic sports movies, there'd be no need for shrinks or group therapy, only spots. Depression would be cured with the crack of a bat and racism would take a back seat to the playoffs.

I prefer the healing approach taken by "Fight Club" when the loser embarks on a voyage of self-discovery by attending group meetings for ailments he doesn't even have. As his story progresses we learn that he is nearly insane, but he comes to enjoy his sense of irony about that which has made him so emotionally ill.

Unfortunately, "Bagger Vance" is directed by Robert Redford and progressive filmmaking is seemingly not on his personal list of priorities. And that ironic about a man who heads two-week festivals dedicated largely to progressive and independent filmmaking.

It's no secret that Redford loves nature, but it's the source of my biggest complaints about this film: the lovely but worthless nature footage. In a film where the beginning is so astily and thus poorly presented, it's frustrating to see it pause and stare foolishly at misty greens and cloudy skies. I would have preferred more story. "Bagger Vance" came off less like entertainment and more like a real estate promotional video. I couldn't decide whether Redford was trying to tell me a story or sell me a condo off the ninth hole.

The one source of salvation in this otherwise dire presentation is Will Smith. His sense of comedic irony made his character a joy to watch. I'm even happier to report that he didn't produce a ridiculous son and video to go along with the movie. This, combined with a feel-good ending might make "Bagger Vance" a film worth looking at when it comes to the \$3 theater.

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Concert promises high-energy music

ALISHA TOLMAN
Staff Writer

"There is no group as large and easily identifiable as the band," said Utah State University Director of Bands Thomas Rohrer of the Aggie Marching Band. The band will be hosting an indoor concert entitled "Sounds of the Stadium" to hear the band in the comfort of the Kent Concert Hall, Rohrer said. Though perhaps known best for its numerous half-time performances at all Aggie home football games, the marching band has included in its season appearances at several pep rallies as well as marching in the USU Homecoming Parade, according to a recent press release.

The "Sounds of the Stadium" concert, a tradition started last year, will give the band a chance to bring together all of the shows its performed over the course of the semester, Rohrer said. The concert is an opportunity to see the band on a more intimate level, Rohrer said. "The stadium is a big place," he said. So, what can students expect to hear at the concert? The event will include songs played during this season's half-time shows, such as the themes of "Star Wars," "Superman" and "The Patriot" as well as Broadway classics like "Superstar" and "Let the Sun Shine," according to a press release. In addition, the band will play student favorites "The

Scotsman" and the "USU Fight Song," Rohrer said. Music won't be the only entertainment at the concert. Performances will also be made by the Aggie Color Guard, or flag-twirlers, and USU's Feature Twirler, Rohrer said. The music played will be high energy, and the concert promises a big "fun factor," Rohrer said. "People need to hear good rock 'n' roll," said Ruth Young, a trumpet-player in the band. Admission to "Sounds of the Stadium" is free to all USU students and public school music students. Tickets are otherwise \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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opinions, not character flaws. At 9 p.m., my lot was cast. I was standing with my fellow movie review pal, Travis Call, in the county office, trying to figure out why it takes one light year for Cache County to calculate votes and at the same time I was analyzing the aromatherapy principles behind the pungent mixture of body odor, bad breath, copy toner and jelly donuts. With that smell floating around the office, Democrats trying to find out if they won or not, Republicans complaining that Democrats were whiners and kids running around the office, I thought if someone started playing "Dueling Banjos" the whole building would have been lifted up to

heaven. Yes, it was that euphoric. Close to midnight, with only one-fourth of the precincts counted, I decided I would leave this hickish scene, and then I ran into Jessica Warren. Ms. Warren was sent by this wonderful newspaper to cover the local election and, given her facial expression, she felt as uplifted and I did. As we spoke, I realized that she is a real reporter — a real writer — and I am a composer of fluff. I write what I like to call humor and I give my opinion about movies. How the hell am I going to get a job? While Travis and I exited the building we talked about job prospects, goals and life. I talked about how raising a family in Cache Valley

wouldn't be that bad and that maybe, with some of the growth happening, people would open their eyes and realize they can't be isolated forever. And then we stopped. I'd prefer not to describe what I saw inside a local bail bonds office, but suffice it to say that a mural of a dark-skinned infant behind bars says a lot about the owner of that establishment and returns me to my original point. People should think before they act and they should never talk. Ever. Sigh. What a night. I'm moving. Andy Morgan is a senior majoring in journalism and can be reached at lordofthejazz@hotmail.com

Herman's Hermits visit Logan Wednesday

MALIA BURGESS
Staff Writer

The '60s return to Utah State University Tuesday with Herman's Hermits, a band that fits comfortably with The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, and was part of "The British Invasion." Herman's Hermits had a constant stream of hits from 1964 to 1971, including "Mrs. Brown You've got a Lovely Daughter," "Henry VIII" and "I'm into Something Good." They were nominated for three Grammy Awards in 1965 including Best New Artist and Best Performance. The original Hermits were heart throb lead singer Peter Noone, Karl Green, Derek Leckenby, Keith Hopwood and drummer Barry Whitman. The band officially broke up in 1971. Noone continued on as an actor and solo artist. Now all the Hermits have been replaced, save Whitman. Today's Hermits are Peter



Herman's Hermits

Cowup, Karl Green, Garth Elliot, Rod Gerrard and Whitman. This English group followed The Beatles to America in 1965, where they were an instant hit. All six of their singles hit the top-10 list that year. They appeared in several teen flicks and toured America,

much to the adoration of screaming teen-age girls. Herman's Hermits will be performing at the Ellen Eccles Theatre Tuesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Ellen Eccles box office or by calling 752-0026. The box office is located on 43 S. Main. Prices are \$22, \$19 and \$16.

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resounding performance from the USU Ballroom Dance Team. After the performance was over, the evening wear section, along with the question and answer portion, began. The ladies were asked questions based on their six-minute interview with the judges prior to the pageant. After this part of the program, the judges left the room to pick the new Miss International. Then came the men. Prasert Kenpankho, Mr. Thailand, got things going with a festive cultural dance entitled "Enjoy Bangkok." However, the crowd really got hopping when Cho, Mr. Korea, came up with his own band and started the performance with a lot of "Wassup" and "Yeah, Yeah." The band was still fine tuning the

instruments, but at any rate the crowd was getting anxious for the performance to begin. The song he was to perform was a traditional Korean song about not losing courage and overcoming obstacles. When the performance finally started, it was well done. Several of people were getting up waving shirts and flags and dancing like they were dancing to a Snoop Doggy Dogg or Dr. Dre song. He had that connection with the audience that could not be ignored. Amit, Mr. India, finished off the talent section and was followed by another USU Ballroom Dance Team performance. Paredes, Mr. Dominican Republic, started out the question and evening wear part of the pageant. Mr. Korea caught the crowd's attention once again with the answer to

his question of where he would take his date on a \$5 budget. He responded with "I would take her to a play or musical maybe at the Fine Arts building, then we would share Aggie Ice Cream, one bite for her, two bites for me. Then I would sing to her." After the men's formal wear part of the program, Anabell Viteri, Miss Ecuador, came out with a slide presentation about her country. It was very informative and could not be done before due to technical difficulties. The final event of the evening prior to the naming of the new Miss International was a performance by a former Miss International contestant Michelle Menninger. She dedicated her song to the women participating in the pageant.

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Aggies play for BWC Championship

Only the Broncos are left on USU's drive for title, Humanitarian Bowl

AARON MORTON
Sports Editor

On several lockers in the USU football team's locker room, there is the Big West Conference coaches poll that has USU picked last and Boise State University picked first.

With each BWC win, linebacker Blake Eagal has crossed off the team with a blue pen.

Only BSU and USU remain.

The Aggies (4-0 BWC, 5-4 overall) will try to take the next step in their dream season as they take on the also undefeated Broncos (3-0, 7-2) Saturday in Boise, Idaho, at 1:05 p.m. The game, to be televised on KSL Channel 5, will decide the Big West Champion.

"This is one more step," Eagal said. "This is where we have got to go, and now Boise State is the only team left, so our goal is to knock them off, too."

The Broncos, last year's BWC winner and Humanitarian Bowl Champion, boast a strong, experienced team.

"I think the two best teams are playing at this point and time for the championship of the Big West Conference," said USU head coach Mick Dennehy. "We couldn't be more excited."

Each team boasts a top offensive player in the conference. While USU obviously has Emmett White, the national leader in all-purpose yards, the Broncos have senior quarterback Bart Hendricks, who won BWC player of the year last season.

Hendricks could give USU a lot of problems with

his arm (best passing efficiency) and with his legs (he is third in rushing at BSU).

That could be a handful for the young Aggie defensive line. The University of Utah's scrambling quarterback Darnell Arceneaux ran for 82 yards against USU, converting several third-down conversions.

"Hendricks really combines both of those aspects of the game," Eagal said, "and that is why he was the MVP of the conference last year."

The Broncos are a daunting task for the Aggies — they have cruised through the Big West season, crushing Arkansas State University and the University of North Texas by the combined score of 101-14. BSU did have trouble with New Mexico State University, winning by only a field goal, but the Broncos didn't get into Las Cruces until 5 a.m. on game day.

USU also had a close game at NMSU, but it has been a big boost for the Aggies.

"I was really pleased with the resiliency of our football team," Dennehy said. "It was great to see the kids come from behind, to not panic. I didn't sense any panic at all on the sidelines."

With the win, USU has won four straight and six Big West games in a row dating back to last season. But with that success, USU has caught the attention of other teams.

"It took me about one second for my ears to perk up," said BSU head coach Kirk Koetter. "They've come along real fast."

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JARED SOLOSABAL TOPPLES Utah's Adam Tate Sept. 30. USU has won four straight, all in the Big West. If the Aggies win on Saturday, they qualify to play in the Humanitarian Bowl./Zak Larsen photo

Young defensive line confident it can handle Boise State Saturday

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Utah State defensive line might possibly start four freshmen against Boise State University tomorrow.

With little depth this season, freshmen Nate Putnam, Chris Cooley, Jorge Tapia and Jared Solosabal have had to step up and fill in.

"We're young, but we play hard," Putnam said.

Age doesn't matter to Putnam — it's the cohesiveness as a team that counts. From its statistics, it looks like the group of freshmen have been cohesive.

Putnam, out of Brigham City, has recorded 47 tackles — seven for total losses of 21 yards — and two sacks for total losses of 12 yards so far this season. He had a season-high nine tackles against NMSU. He said the linebackers, the only defensive corps that has remained intact since the season has begun, have been invaluable in showing him the ropes.

"Those guys are amazing players," he said of starting linebackers Brent Passey, Blake Eagal and Cade Smith.

Tapia has 36 tackles on the year, including 10 for losses of 29 yards and three sacks. In seven games this season, Solosabal piled up 19 tackles, three of them for total losses of 12 yards.

Cooley, a Logan native who has seen limited action in six games so far this season, came up big in the NMSU game, recording two sacks for total losses of 10 yards.

Cooley said he didn't expect to play at all this year. He started the year listed as a tight end, but has been forced to play defensive end. Lack of

experience on defense isn't a factor for Cooley — he said he played every down at defensive end last year at Logan High School.

Putnam isn't intimidated in his starting role. He said it isn't a big deal that four freshmen might start tomorrow because three freshmen have started the last couple of games.

Cooley also doesn't seem fazed by his assignment Saturday.

"I'm way pumped," he said. "This is the biggest game of my life."

The defense needs to set a precedent right at the beginning of the game, Cooley said, and show that it will beat up on the Broncos the whole game.

To beat USU, the defense can't give up 500-plus yards like it did to New Mexico State last Saturday. Putnam said the NMSU game definitely wasn't his defense's best showing. Cooley said the squad is done giving up that much yardage.

This week, the defense has been working on reading play action passes. BSU will run the ball as much as it can, Putnam said, but will probably pass 60 percent of the time. The Aggies will try and pick up the play action passes as fast as they can, he said.

BSU quarterback Bart Hendricks will keep the ball in "tight situations" and may use a lot of inside run plays that the USU defense will have to be prepared for, Putnam said. Cooley said his team will have to shut down the run in order to dominate.

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AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP

USU (5-4) @ BSU (7-2)

Saturday, Bronco Stadium, 1:05 p.m.

Series record: BSU leads, 5-4

Aaron Morton
Sports Editor

ANALYSIS

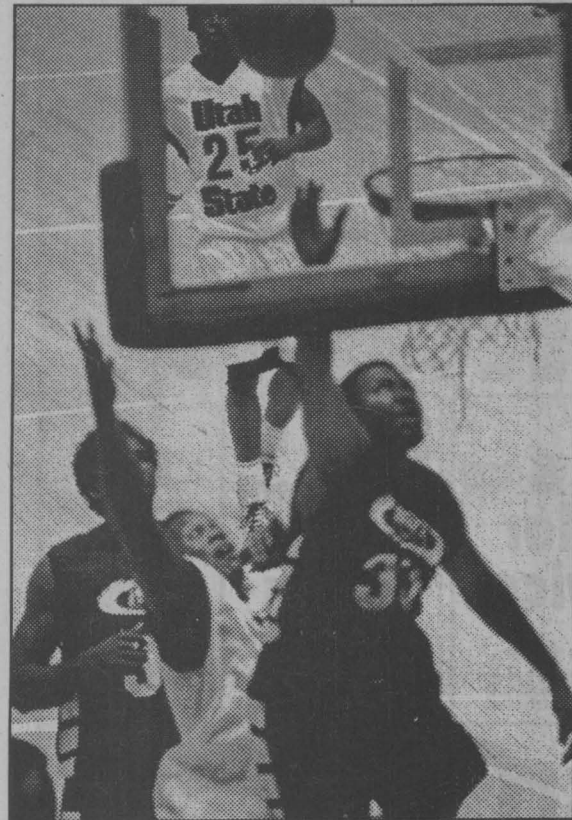
This game will be won in the trenches, at the line of scrimmage. Will the young USU line hold up? If better, otherwise Bart Hendricks will pick the Aggies apart. If that happens, then all the pressure will be on Emmett White and the USU offense to dig the team out of a hole. The Aggies will certainly cover the 16-point line given to BSU.

Reuben Wadsworth
Assistant Sports Editor

ANALYSIS

On the heels of a four-game conference road winning streak, the Aggies are set to upset the Broncos behind a strong offense led by Emmett White, Aaron Jones and Jose Fuentes. If the defense can hold the Broncos considerably below their season averages of 472.1 yards per game and 40.2 points a game, the Aggies shouldn't have a problem.

Aggies take on All-Stars in final tune up



SHAWN DANIELS reaches for a rebound off Deon Bailey's (25) shot on Saturday./Zak Larsen photo

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

After head coach Stew Morrill was displeased with his team's defense in last Saturday's preseason game, the USU basketball team focused on defense in practice this week.

The Aggies will see how they have improved their defense when they take on the Southern California All-Stars

today at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

Assistant coach Randy Rahe said his squad has been working on applying better defensive pressure, stopping penetration, post defense and rebounding.

"We're hoping to get up and not play soft," Rahe said.

According to Rahe the Aggies need to dictate the flow of the game with their defensive pressure.

"We want more fire and effort [on defense]," he said.

Offensively the team is clicking, but it is not playing with enough effort at every position, Rahe said. Rebounding is a concern, but the chemistry between team members is good and they are playing unselfishly, he said.

As for the newcomers, Rahe said forward Toraino Johnson looked very comfortable against Global Sports last Saturday.

"He's picking up quickly," he said.

Johnson said he has been working on slowing down and keeping his composure on offense.

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USU sweeps Idaho State on road

SHEREEN SAUREY
Senior Sports Writer

Utah State's women's volleyball team swept Idaho State University Thursday night (15-9, 15-3, 15-13).

The Aggies posted 20 kills in the first game and had a .189 hitting percentage. The Bengals were not too far behind, as they recorded a .130 hitting percentage and 17 kills.

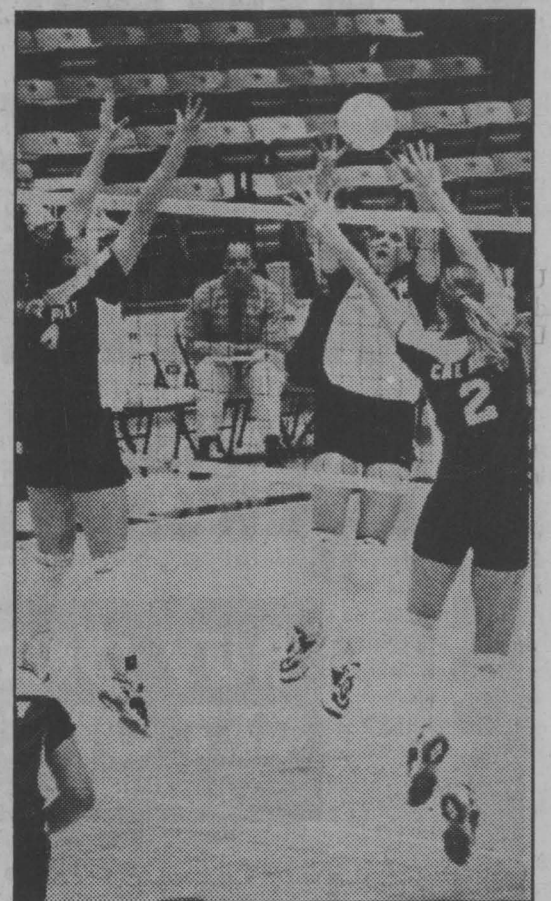
Game two was all USU. The Aggies committed only five errors in the game. USU hit a .375 hitting percentage, while holding ISU to a negative .057 and only three points.

Rallying back in game three, the Bengals kept up with the Aggies, as both teams hit .286. USU allowed ISU to come within two points, a surprising feat considering ISU brought an 8-20 record into the match.

The Aggies had four players in double-digit figures in kills. Outside hitter Amy Crosbie and middle blocker Denae Mohlman led the team with 12 kills apiece, while setter Chelsi Neves contributed 11 and middle blocker Hailey MacKay added 10. USU out-killed ISU 65-44 and out-dug the Bengals 65-50. ISU did, however, out-block the Aggies 9-8.

Reed Hollinshead, ISU's women's volleyball sports information director, said the Bengals' season is over, as they have no chance for post-season play. He noted that ISU rotated many players throughout the match in order to give more playing time to some of the less experienced players.

With the win, the Aggies have improved to a 20-8 record on the year. Because ISU is in the Big Sky Conference, USU's mark in Big



DENAE MOHLMAN sets the ball over the net vs. Cal Poly on Sept. 28. USU swept ISU despite the Bengals putting up a fight in the final game, 15-13./Casey Hobson photo

West Conference action remains at 9-5. The Aggies are currently in third place in the BWC.

Next up for the Aggies is a match at Boise State University on Saturday. BSU is just 2-7 at home. The Broncos are in eighth place in the Big West, with a 3-11 record in conference play and 7-16 overall.

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Reaching for a win



AARON BURRELL (RIGHT) reaches for the puck during the home loss to Arizona State University. The Aggies look to get back on track after the team's poorest start in years. / Casey Hobson photo

At 2-7-2, USU's hockey club needs wins vs. Weber St., Cal-Berkeley

REUBEN WADSWORTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The two games against archrival Weber State University and the University of California at Berkeley this weekend at the Weber County Ice Sheet will be a good chance to give new life to the Utah State hockey club.

"We're pretty pumped," said assistant captain Deryk Anderson. "We're tired of being on the losing and tying end."

The Aggies' season record

stands at 2-7-2.

"This is the worst record I've been associated with," Anderson said.

Anderson said the team has had three keys to victory this year: Controlling the opponent, controlling the puck and controlling themselves. So far the aspect of that list that's been hurting the Aggies has been controlling themselves.

Too many penalties against Colorado State University last weekend led to USU's demise, Anderson said. The team has had good talks in

practice about keeping its composure this week to tone down the penalties, he said.

"We hope the intensity hasn't toned down," he said.

The players are more focused and are pulling together, Anderson said. If they keep their intensity high, they should come out on top against the Wildcats, he said.

WSU is the same as last year as far as record goes. Cal is not as strong as other teams the Aggies have played, Anderson said.

The Wildcats split two games against CSU recently,

while the Aggies lost two straight to the Rams last weekend.

"With our record, I'm not taking anything for granted," Anderson said.

USU goes into the two games minus two players. Rad Anderson is out with a separated shoulder and won't be back until the second half of the season while Ross Keyes quit the team because of other personal commitments.

The Aggies face off against Weber Friday at 8:30 p.m. and take on Cal Saturday at the same time.

Russian Petrova wins New York City marathon

BERT ROSENTHAL
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Russian marathoner Ludmila Petrova has shown that a women's place is not necessarily in the home.

The 32-year-old Petrova took a seven-year break from running before resuming competition in 1994 after the birth of her second daughter. Until then, she had not been among the world's elite. Two years

later, she reached that pinnacle — thanks to a change in attitude by her husband Sergei.

"My husband wasn't helping with the housework before," she said Sunday after winning the women's division of the New York City Marathon in 2 hours, 25 minutes, 45 seconds — more than three minutes faster than her previous best.

"Then he realized he had to help. Now I don't do any of the cooking and other things; he takes care."

Freed of most of the household chores, Petrova could concentrate on her running career.

"Part of the victory belongs to him," the grateful Petrova said of her husband. "If he behaves well, he'll get the car."

A new car was part of Petrova's victory rewards. She also earned \$65,000 for winning, \$25,000 for a time bonus and a new scooter.

She was the first Russian winner — male or female — in the race's 32-year history.

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And with the exception of the defensive line, USU is fairly healthy. Linebacker Cade Smith is day-to-day, but he should be ready to go, Dennehy said.

The USU offense will again rely on Emmett White's running and catching ability and Jose Fuentes' consistency. No one expects White to repeat his 578-yard performance Saturday, but he could be the difference.

"I don't ever want to play against Emmett White," Eagal said. "We were just watching in disbelief at what he was doing (vs. NMSU). It was a spectacular show."

Both White and Dennehy have given a lot of credit to the offensive line. The group has improved as the year has gone on, giving Fuentes time and allowing White to dodge defensive backs, not linebackers and linemen.

"They are doing a tremendous job blocking for Emmett and blocking for me," Fuentes said. "I felt like I had no pressure."

And it's been paying off. USU has averaged 557.5 yards and almost 40 points a game in the past three games, scoring more points than the team did in its first six.

USU has got to do more than just score. Dennehy said the team needs to be poised. That means executing plays, making tackles and not giving up turnovers.

"We are going to have to play as well as we can possibly play and as error-free as we possibly can in order to have a chance to win," Dennehy said.

Turnovers were major factors in USU's past two losses to the Broncos. BSU's 10 points off Aggie turnovers were the difference in the 33-27 loss last year. Two years ago, in Bronco Stadium, USU blundered a halftime lead with three turnovers in the final 2:15 left in the game.

After Saturday, USU returns to Logan to finish out the regular season vs. Idaho State University on Nov. 18.

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"We're not going to back down," Putnam said. "We're in the position we want to be in."

Even as 16-point underdogs, Putnam likes his team's chances.

"If I were in [BSU's] position, I would not know what to expect," he said.

BSU has never played against USU's current coaching staff and might think USU's play has just been a fluke this year, Putnam said.

Putnam said his defensive line isn't the biggest, but still will match up well against a big, physical Bronco offensive line. BSU's line has given up the

most sacks of any team in the Big West Conference, he said. Cooley said his defensive line is more athletic and quick than the Broncos'. Putnam hopes he and the rest of the defensive line can exploit BSU's weakness, and go in for some sacks and stop Hendricks.

According to Putnam, the Aggie defense has one advantage over the Broncos.

"As a team, we prepare a lot harder," he said.

The coaches and players delve through hours of film and look at scouting reports to become familiar with every week's opponent. The more the

team prepares, the more confident it is, Putnam said.

Putnam thinks playing together so much as freshmen will pay dividends for his defensive line in the future. He expects the defensive line to get better every year. The sooner each of them gets to know each other, the sooner they will get to an optimal level of performance, he said.

One of the most important things this young defensive line is learning this year is how to win, Cooley said. This year has been the most fun year he's had, and everyone on the squad gets along, he said.

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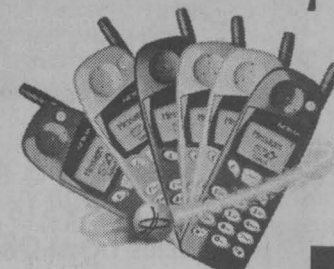
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Last week's record	9-1	9-1	8-2	8-2	4-6	6-4	6-4	6-4	9-1	5-5	After just finishing up his team's fall season, men's and women's tennis coach Christian Wright joins the coin as our guest pickers this week. Wright, like many of our pickers, is behind USU for what, for all intents and purposes, is the Big West championship. Staff writer Jason Turner badly wants the Aggies to win, but his desire to move up from his fourth place spot won and he picked BSU.
Season record	60-30	63-27	54-36	59-31	46-44	46-44	44-46	53-47	62-28	53-37	
USU @ Boise State	USU	USU	USU	BSU	USU	BSU	USU	USU	BSU	USU	
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USU tops in both preseason basketball polls

BWC COACHES

Utah State (8)	64
Long Beach State (1)	57
Boise State	43
UC Irvine	42
UC Santa Barbara	40
Cal Poly	29
Pacific	26
Cal State Fullerton	12
Idaho	11

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UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
 Athletic Media Relations

Utah State's men's basketball team has been tabbed as the favorite to win the Big West Conference during the 2000-01 season as voted on by media members and the league's nine coaches at the annual BWC Media Day. Utah State set a school record with 28 wins last season and went undefeated in conference play with a 19-0 mark and the school's second BWC Championship in the past three years.

"Like I have been telling our players all along, expectations are a good thing," said USU head coach Stew Morrill. "The best thing you can do with expectations is take it as a compliment; it means your program is in good shape and that you have good players. What we are going to try to do is meet those expectations head on and do the best we can."

USU returns four starters and eight letterwinners off of last year's team that had advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

BWC MEDIA

Utah State (18)	192
Long Beach State (4)	180
UC Santa Barbara	117
UC Irvine	116
Pacific	101
Boise State	100
Cal Poly	98
Idaho	47
Cal State Fullerton	40

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USU BASKETBALL SIGNEES

Sky View star Harris signs with Utah State

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All-state basketball player Nate Harris, from Sky View High School in Smithfield, has signed a national letter of intent at Utah State, it was announced today.

The 6-foot-6, 205-pound forward was a first-team all-state selection by both the *Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News* as a junior last year. He was also named the Region 4 Most Valuable Player. In addition he was named one of Frank Layden's top 12 players in the state of Utah last season.

Harris averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds as a junior for a team that went 14-0 in the region and advanced to the quarterfinals of the state tournament. He has been part of a team that has won three straight region championships and has been 28-0 in the region in the last two years combined.

"Nate Harris is exactly what you look for when you recruit a student athlete," said Aggie head coach Stew Morrill. "He is not only a

good player with excellent ability, but he possesses very strong character. For us, those two ingredients go together. Nate has also been very well coached and he is a very versatile player in that he is good around the basket and can also face up with excellent skills. He has the ability to shoot, pass and dribble. He is a triple-threat type of player. He is a Cache Valley product and it is an exciting situation for us to have him joining our program."

"He is a player that we have had in our program for three years and he has improved his game every year," said Sky View head coach Terrell Baldwin. "He has a great work ethic and is very coachable and that makes him great to have on your team. He has an intense desire to improve himself every practice."

"He is a great kid who handles himself well off the court," Baldwin said. "He is a good example for all of our school."

Harris is the first of several players USU should sign during the fall signing period.

USU pens rebounder from Ventura, Calif.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
 Athletic Media Relations

The second-leading scorer and rebounder among California junior college players a year ago has signed a basketball letter of intent at Utah State University, head coach Stew Morrill announced.

Desmond Penigar, a 6-foot-7, 240-pound forward from Ventura Junior College, has become the second player to sign with USU this week.

"Desmond is both a scorer and a rebounder who is very versatile in that he has post-up skills as well as three-point range," Morrill said.

Penigar (pronounced Pinuh-Gar) was the second leading scorer (23 points per game) and rebounder (12) among California junior college players in 2000. The Sporting News magazine listed him as one of the top 10 junior college power forwards in the country. He was also a first-team all-conference and all-state selection and shot just below 40 percent from 3-point range.

"We are extremely excited and pleased to have Desmond join our program," Morrill

said. "He possesses outstanding basketball skills as well as tremendous leadership potential. With the loss of five seniors from this year's team, we know that Desmond will be a huge factor in striving to keep our program at a high level."

Penigar attended Upland High School in Upland, Calif., before attending Ventura JC.

"Desmond is a very good player," said Ventura head coach Greg Winslow. "He is one of the few kids that can play with his back to the basket as well as facing the basket. He is a complete player and can play inside and outside. He works very hard on the floor."

"Desmond is a better person than he is a player," Winslow added. "He is a class act. He goes to school. He has a great rapport with his teachers and students that are not in the athletic arena. He is a class act and you are going to be really pleased with him. I think it is a great fit for him at Utah State."

"Greg Winslow has provided excellent coaching at Ventura College and we expect Desmond to be a very good Aggie player," Morrill said.

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TUNE UP

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"This week I've been going too fast," he said.

Another newcomer, center/forward Jeremy Vague, is also becoming more comfortable every day. Probable backup point guard Thomas Vincent was inconsistent in the game Saturday, Rahe said. However, Rahe thinks they're all coming along fine.

"We're encouraged with all of them," he said.

Veterans Shawn Daniels and Dimitri Jorssen attended a big man's camp in August in order to improve their game.

Reports from teammates indicate Jorssen's hook shot has improved.

"We'll see about the hook shot," Jorssen said.

He said he thinks the team is where it should be at this point, but knows it still has a lot to improve on.

The exhibition games are fundamental for the rest of the season because it gives the team a chance to work out the kinks. It has exploited the team's weaknesses in order for the squad to improve, Rahe said.

Every player is getting considerable

game time, the coaching staff is experimenting with different player combinations and it's good for the players to play in front of a crowd, he said.

The exhibition has been good to get Johnson's "groove" going at the Division I level. Johnson agreed with Rahe about the crowd, saying its good to play in front of a large audience because he's not used to it, coming from a junior college.

The exhibition games have helped the team prepare for what it will see in the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska, next weekend, Jorssen said.

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Today marks the 82nd anniversary of the end of World War I.

In commemoration, this week Utah State University's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) demonstrated its efforts in commemoration of Veterans Day. On Wednesday, two ROTC officers stood outside the Taggart Student Center for a prisoner of war/missing in action visual. One was in a cage for an hour, while the other explained the demonstration to curious students. The officer in the cage symbolized the soldiers who were prisoners in the war. The demonstration was both powerful and thought-provoking. It brought an understanding to the horrors many soldiers faced while fighting for our country.

Thursday, in the International Lounge, ROTC officers gathered in front of table displays that commemorated World War I, World War II and Vietnam. The table displays allowed students to touch veteran memorabil-

THE VIEW

A Statesman Staff Editorial

ia. There were also videos on display and books about the wars. Today USU's Color Guard will commemorate Veterans Day by joining the celebration of veterans at Sky View High School.

As Americans, we need to pay tribute to the soldiers who fought and died for the freedom we have today.

We should honor our veterans daily, but today is a holiday during which everyone should especially take the time out of their day to think of the freedoms that were not free of cost.

By looking at our country's flag, we can see the colors that wave across the nation in commemoration of our veterans. The red is for the blood shed. The white is for our liberty. The blue represents loyalty and faith.

The ROTC goes to great lengths to give back to the community what our forefathers gave to us. We all need to do our part in commemorating our veterans.



The choices Mother gave me

As the CROW FLIES

Matt Flitton



Whenever we told my mom of a wrong we had suffered that she felt lacked real merit, she said, "You'll die from it or get over it." While this sounded callous initially, it proved to be true upon reflection. We could sulk over it and let it ruin other opportunities, or we could forget it and move on.

I recently read about the Reparations Assessment Group, a collection of civil rights and class-action lawyers from Johnnie Cochran of O.J. Simpson fame, to Charles Ogletree, a Harvard University law professor. The goal of this group is to get American blacks compensated for slavery.

Before someone actually writes a letter out there, let me assure you that I think slavery was an abomination in this land. There is never a justification for treating another human being as chattel.

Those who took individuals from their homes in chains to serve residents of a far-away country should have been lashed and dragged through the streets.

However, to those nursing a grudge 140 years later, I want to pass along a variation of what my mother told me: We'll die from it or get over it.

My reason for saying this is that Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Slavery was done away with in rebelling states. Soon after, it was completely abolished.

The people who participated in the "peculiar institution" are dead. This includes the victims and the oppressors.

Everyone can find a wronged ancestor. I'm a Latter-day Saint. One side of my family has been Mormon a very long time. They came across the plains.

They were probably victims of the attempted genocide in Missouri under Gov. Boggs' infamous extermination order.

This heinous law, ordering the expulsion or murder of all Mormons in the state, was repealed only a few decades ago.

They were subject to robbery, rape and murder and never received recompense. Yet I don't think I'm entitled to any money, land or special privileges because of injustices my ancestors suffered.

On the other hand, I'm a descendant of Edward I of England. Does this mean that I owe descendants of the Scottish and Jewish victims of his oppression money or some other sort of compensation?

Supporters refer to cases of Japanese-Americans who were held in internment camps during World War II. These people have received a letter of formal apology and \$20,000 each.

The people receiving the compensation are the same ones who were interred. This is a different case.

As I said before, in the case of slavery, everyone involved has died, even those who could claim compensation for the loss of society caused by a loved one being killed or taken away.

To seek compensatory damages for slavery at this

point would be like imprisoning a person because of the crime committed by a great-great-grandparent. Ogletree, as quoted in the *Associated Press* report, says the Reparations Assessment Group doesn't even know whom to name as the defendants. They're considering the government or maybe some corporations that may have benefited from slavery.

I state again that we'll die from it or get over it, because those are the only two choices. We can learn from the lessons of the past and build a better future, or we can dwell on the wrongs perpetrated and stop growing.

If this legislation is successful, it will open the

floodgates for every group who has ever suffered a wrong: Irish, Chinese, descendants of those executed in the Salem Witch Trials, American Indians, Catholics,

Quakers, Italians and the list goes on.

Our society will fragment. The unity of purpose that made our country great will disappear and America will die.

Each of us can be the victim for one reason or another. It's up to each of us to decide whether we will get over the problem or die from it. By dying from it, I mean letting an issue consume you until it sucks the living part out of your soul.

So, to the Reparations Assessment Group, and anyone else who is nursing a grudge for a wrong, real or imagined, I say, you'll die from it or get over it.

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Public FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Fluoride defeated: A lesson in ignorance

Dear Editor,

Ignorance won the day this past Tuesday in Logan as fluoridation opponents succeeded in blocking the referendum on "medicated water." A measure deemed so important by former Surgeon General C. Everett Coop that he stated, "Fluoridation is the single most important commitment that a community can make to the oral health of its citizens."

Opponents of community-fluoridated water relied heavily on sensationalistic and pseudo-scientific scare tactics to carry the vote. Forgotten was the time-tested scientific method. In its place, a few "scientific voices" proclaimed themselves best fit to educate the public on fluoridation. Ignored were such well-respected scientific organizations and pro-fluoridation

proponents as The U.S. Public Health Service, The National Research Council, The American Cancer Society, The World Health Organization, The American Dental Association and The American Medical Association.

Also forgotten, despite claims to the contrary, was that NO generally accepted scientific study has been documented showing ill effects of community-fluoridated water at optimal levels. Many of the so-called studies that opponents use to back up their scare campaign were performed using much higher levels of fluoride than the 0.7-1.2 parts per million the measure on the ballot called for. Fluoride, like so many substances including salt, iron, vitamins A and D, chlorine, oxygen and even water itself, has salubrious effects at low

levels and detrimental ones at high levels.

Opponents also forgot to mention the widespread use of fluoride. Since being introduced in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1945, fluoridated water has spread to over 60 countries for a total of 360 million people worldwide that now benefit from fluoridated water.

So what's Logan's problem? Why the blatant disregard for the facts? Why the staunch opposition to a community health measure that has been accepted in scientific circles as well as communities for more than 50 years? As my friend would lament, "We live in the WWF generation where the emotional and sensational often subject the practical and systematic to their control."

Trent Corpron

Every vote counts? Yeah, in Florida

Dear Editor,

I have read several times from different political pundits that this election has proved that every vote counts in the presidential election. This is infuriatingly insulting to me and everyone else who lives in a "non-swing" state.

What this election really proves is that the votes of people who live in Florida mean

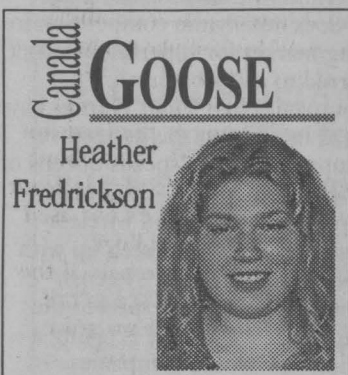
more than my vote. That must be why the candidates spent more time campaigning in Florida, Pennsylvania and other such states than here in Utah.

And do you think if there wasn't such a concentration of retired citizens in Florida, but they were dispersed more evenly throughout the other states, that Medicare and government-subsidized pharma-

ceuticals would have been such important issues? What issues important to Utahns were equally represented by our candidates? If this election proves anything, it's that I will continue not to vote until either a) the Electoral College is done away with and popular vote elects a president or b) I live in Florida.

Jimmy Jacobson

All right, all right — it's the strangest election in history; get over it



Yes, the election was exciting. Probably one of the most exciting in history. And I can understand how everyone is glued to their TV sets watching CNN constantly.

My own roommates, who wouldn't consider watching CNN any other time of the year, have been sitting like bumps on a log in front of the TV, periodically turning up the sound to hear what's

going on while they read a book or do homework since Tuesday evening.

Come on, people! Get up! Get out of the house! Go buy toilet paper or milk or whatever you need! The country will not explode in the next three hours! Whew. Exclamation point overload. Sorry about that.

It even went so far as to pervade my classroom Wednesday. The first half — hour of my English class was devoted to discussion about the Florida controversy and a debate over whether or not the Electoral College is doing a good job.

Appropriate? Um, I don't think so.

I'm here, like most of the rest of us, of my own volition seeking a top-notch education. I'm here to learn. When I'm sitting in my English

class, I expect to learn about things like document design, layout or an upcoming assignment, not how the election is going. In fact, I would rather not hear any more conjecture from people who are nowhere near as clued in as CNN reporters are.

One of my classmates brought up the "found ballot box" in class, referring to the situation where some patrons in a church in Florida found a ballot box sitting in one of the rooms. No one knows as of Wednesday morning, according to CNN, what's in the box or why it was there. However, my professor took it upon himself to tell us what's going on with that. Apparently, in case you and CNN didn't know, those boxes are so heavily guarded that the one in question was

probably in transit and not actually forgotten. Oh, right. That's what it was. And they didn't report this on the national news this morning because ... ?

Who's to say that box wasn't actually left behind? I was there on Election Day interviewing those people who sit at the tables and ask you your name, and I can tell you, some of the people I saw didn't exactly guard those boxes like diamonds as was suggested in class Wednesday.

Not that those ladies (and a few men) weren't doing a great job. They were. But we're not exactly talking about highly paid professionals here. The election judges (who weren't checking IDs either, by the way) are volunteers who are paid a nominal sum and sit at a table

from 6:30 a.m. until after 9 p.m. cleaning up, transporting ballot boxes and counting ballots to make sure nobody "accidentally" slipped a couple extra votes for Gore in there.

I can see how one box might be overlooked. They're dark gray in color (not exactly a stand-out choice) and made of heavy metal. If it was 9:30 p.m. and I'd been up since 5 a.m., I might leave the last box to someone else who probably thought he was leaving it to someone else. Anything can happen in America.

Another point brought up in class during the 20-minute discussion was the Electoral College. Just exactly who are these people anyway? Someone suggested they're senators, others said they're regular folk like me and you.

Anybody know for sure? And why on Earth does the vote go by an Electoral College that, as I understand it, is not required to go along with the popular vote? Doesn't that seem backwards? And if they are required, as I gather they are in some states, to go along with popular vote, why not cut out that middle man and just go with the popular vote?

Seems easy enough to me. But then I've no idea how Americans come up with some of the crazy ideas they do. I'm Canadian, remember? We have our own messed-up system I still need to figure out.

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Kuwait arrests suspected terrorists; other suspects reportedly flee Yemen

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Associated Press

KUWAIT — Police on Thursday announced the arrests of three Kuwaitis and seizure of a large quantity of explosives in an alleged plot that a local newspaper said was directed at U.S. targets in other countries.

The newspaper, Al-Qabas, said the arrested men had links to terror mastermind Osama bin Laden, Islamic fundamentalist scion of a millionaire Saudi family with ancestral roots in Yemen.

A fourth suspect was still at large, the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry said. The ministry's statement described him as "a citizen of a North African country" — an Arab swath that stretches from Morocco through Tunisia, Algeria and Libya to Egypt. The Ministry said he has been using a forged passport from an unidentified Gulf nation.

The United States has blamed bin Laden, who is thought to be holed up in a remote redoubt in Afghanistan, for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden is also a prime suspect as the mentor of last month's suicide boat-bomb attack on the USS Cole in Aden Harbor.

A Yemeni source close to the Cole investigation said Thursday that four "major players" in the attack that killed 17 American sailors had fled Yemen.

Other well-placed Yemeni sources said Thursday night that there was no connection between these four purported fugitives and the arrests in Kuwait. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bin Laden has long been reputed to keep his operatives separate from one another so that the arrest of one person or one cell would not expose other branches of his network. If the purported Kuwaiti plot and the USS Cole attack do have links to bin Laden, it seems unlikely that any bin

Laden proteges involved in the Yemen attack would surface so soon in another operation in the region.

Kuwait's Interior Ministry did not say when it arrested the three Kuwaitis, who are being held on charges of planning terrorist attacks inside and outside Kuwait.

The ministry provided no details of their identities or their alleged plans but said they were found in possession of 293 pounds of high explosives and five hand grenades.

Kuwaiti newspapers, quoting unnamed sources, have reported for several days that the authorities had detained members of a terrorist group that allegedly included Kuwaiti police officers and other Arabs.

In the last few days, security has increased around buildings occupied by Westerners in Kuwait City. The United States currently has about 5,000 troops in Kuwait. In addition, about 8,000 American civilians — many of them in the oil industry — live in Kuwait.

U.S. forces in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were placed on highest alert last month for fear that more attacks would follow the Oct. 12 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen's deep-water harbor at the opposite end of the Arabian Peninsula from Kuwait.

In Yemen, the source close to the Cole investigation said the interrogation of more

than 85 people detained for questioning showed that four main surviving suspects in the Aden Harbor bombing were no longer in the country.

The source did not identify the quartet, except to say that some of the four men were not Yemenis.

The Yemeni army has also been searching for a fifth man described as a suspected accomplice in the Cole bombing. The search, which started Tuesday in the Islamic Jihad stronghold of Lahej 22 miles north of Aden, failed to net the suspect, the Yemeni source said, refusing to be identified further. Witnesses said Thursday that about 50 soldiers, armed with semiautomatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades and riding in a convoy of seven jeeps, had searched the suspect's hometown of Gol Yamani on Lahej's outskirts.

Gol Yamani, a poor farming town of unpaved dirt lanes and about 500 inhabitants, has a reputation for being a haven for "Afghan Arabs" — young men

who, like bin Laden, went to Afghanistan in the 1980s to help local Muslim guerrillas in their war against Soviet occupation troops.

The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the active search was over but surveillance was being maintained in the area. They said the subject of the search escaped from an Aden prison two months after he was among those convicted in the 1992 bombings of two Aden hotels. The hotels were bombed to protest the presence of U.S. troops in Somalia, on the Horn of Africa across the Gulf of Aden.

More INFO

- > The bombing killed 17 American sailors.
- > The United States currently has 5,000 troops in Kuwait.
- > 8,000 American citizens live in Kuwait.

Forest activities could be curtailed under change in policy that oversees 192 million acres of forest

JOHN HUGHES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new federal rule announced Thursday could limit logging, skiing or hiking in national forests if forest managers believe those activities might permanently harm the ecosystem.

The policy change requires that managers overseeing 192 million acres of 155 forests put ecosystem health above all other concerns.

"We cannot do things that could put resources at risk," said Jim Lyons, the Agriculture Department undersecretary who oversees the Forest Service. "Ecological sustainability is the foundation upon which future management decisions will be made."

The Forest Service previously required

that its managers, when developing a forest management plan, give equal weight to ecosystem health and other forest priorities such as logging and public access.

Environmentalists praised the rule while loggers and others worried it would unfairly limit use of national forests.

Adena Cook, public lands director for the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a recreation industry group in Pocatello, Idaho, raised the possibility of a legal challenge. "Ecosystem sustainability — those buzzwords give us a great deal of concern," Cook said.

Lyons said he remains committed to logging and other forest uses but believes no activities are possible unless the land is healthy.

The rule change is the first in 18 years in how the Forest Service implements the

National Forest Management Act, which governs activities in forests. The rule will guide forest administrators who craft management plans for national forests. The plans dictate where tourists can hike, camp or ski, and where logging and mining are allowed. Plans for more than two-thirds of the forests are due to be revised in the next three years, so updating the broader rule has been an agency priority. The rule requires forest managers to consult with citizens and scientists in writing forest management plans.

"The public needs to know they are being invited back into the decision-making process," Lyons said.

Environmentalists successfully opposed attempted rule changes in 1991 and 1994, saying the rules lacked protections for plants and animals.

Bill signed to create Northeast heating oil reserve

JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton on Thursday approved a bill creating a home heating oil reserve for the Northeast, which was hit by sharp price spikes in heating oil last winter. The law also restores the president's authority to tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"This will help provide an insurance policy against supply shortages and price spikes in winters and assist consumers who rely on heating oil to heat their homes," Clinton said after signing the bill.

The legislation creates a permanent 2 million barrel heating oil reserve in the Northeast that the energy secretary can use when there is a significant regional supply shortage or price rise.

The emergency stockpile is being kept in storage tanks in New Jersey and

Connecticut in case of supply disruptions.

About 1 million barrels of heating oil are used daily during the winter with two-thirds of it used in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states, according to the Energy Department. The department's Energy Information Administration predicted in September that heating costs will be substantially higher this winter.

Assuming a moderate winter, the agency estimated that a consumer using 680 gallons of heating oil during this winter is expected to pay \$900 for fuel, about \$140 more than last heating season.

The bill also reauthorizes through the end of fiscal 2003 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the 600 million barrel stockpile in Texas and Louisiana set aside by law for energy emergencies. The authority expired on March 31, but Clinton, citing the continued high oil prices and supply concerns, announced plans to draw 30 million barrels

from the reserve.

That decision was an issue in the presidential campaign, with Republicans charging that the drawdown would have little effect on oil supply and demand and was mainly a means to boost Vice President Al Gore's campaign.

The legislation also provided relief for small-scale drillers in periods when oil prices drop too low to make production viable. It gives the energy secretary discretion to buy oil at \$15 a barrel from small stripper wells when world prices go below that level. Clinton also signed into law authorization for the creation of a national clearinghouse for missing adults, similar to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The law also sets up a national database for tracking missing adults who are in danger because of their age or diminished mental capacity or when foul play is suspected.

Antitrust review delayed as company offers new assurances

KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission voted Thursday to postpone action on the proposed merger between America Online and Time Warner to give the companies time to address competitive problems raised by their \$129 billion deal.

The five-member panel unanimously agreed to put off their decision for no more than three weeks, after meeting in private Thursday to discuss whether to let the deal go forward conditionally or to block it in court.

Company officials and FTC staff members have been tussling for weeks over how to implement a requirement that the combined AOL Time Warner open its high-speed cable lines to rival Internet companies.

Such a condition would mean that a customer subscribing to Time Warner's superfast Web service could sign up easily for online providers other than AOL.

While agreeing broadly to such conditions, the two sides have struggled to settle on specifics such as how many rivals must

be allowed on Time Warner's cable systems and under what terms.

With the possibility the agency might find their concessions on this issue insufficient and vote to stop the deal, the companies committed in the last 24 hours to offer fresh proposals addressing competitive problems involving the merger, according to the FTC.

The deal also awaits review at the Federal Communications Commission, which temporarily has suspended its evaluation until antitrust officials complete their work.

Some commissioners reportedly have sought more concessions from the companies in recent days. They want AOL Time Warner to sign a deal with a rival Internet provider, the contract approved by the FTC, before the merger can be completed. The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that would bolster the ability of competitors to negotiate with the merging companies.

AOL Time Warner would not comment on the process except that conversations are continuing with the FTC. But the delay buys the parties time to reach a settlement

and avoid a court battle over the deal's future.

The government wants to ensure that the merger does not stymie competition in the emerging market for superfast Internet service referred to as "broadband."

Cable companies like Time Warner have taken the lead in offering this access over their high capacity lines at speeds dozens of times faster than today's dial-up connections. The phone, satellite and wireless industries are scrambling to catch up with competing services over their systems.

Public interest groups interpreted the delay as a sign that the agency is taking a tough position against the companies.

"We're very encouraged that the FTC is taking the competitive concerns about the merger very seriously and is not willing to sign off on a consent decree that is too vague or too ambiguous," said Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union.

Another issue under scrutiny is Time Warner's links to AT&T, the nation's top cable operator. AT&T owns a 25 percent stake in Time Warner Entertainment, a subsidiary that owns most of Time Warner's cable systems.

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Saturday, November 11
 •USU Music Department, "Sounds of the Stadium," USU Aggie Marching Band Concert. 7:30 p.m., Kent Concert Hall, FAC. Admission, \$3; USU and

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 •Colors Concert, 7:30 p.m. Ellen Eccles Theater, downtown Logan. Tickets USU Ticket Office \$7 reserved seating.

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Monday, November 12

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- ASUSU STAB Tim Reynolds in concert. Nov. 16, 2 shows 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. TSC Auditorium, Students \$7
- Mad Hatter Dance, IWA Girls Choice dance, Nov. 10, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Institute \$5 per couple/members or \$7. There will be a hat a contest with prizes for most creative.
- KIRKSVILLE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE: Nicole McGovern. Nov. 13 12:30 to 2 p.m. BNR, Room 202A.
- Holiday Brown Bag Luncheons for USU Employees will be held in the MS building \$217, noon to 1 p.m. Low-cal treats and beverage provided. Nov. 14 "Healthy Eating During the Holidays" by Brooke Parker Housing and Food Services. Nov. 15 Don't Break the Bank During the Holidays" Tance McCay, Family Life Center. Nov. 16 "Holiday Blues" Dave Bush USU Counseling. The series will be repeated Dec. 5, 6, 7. Limited seating call Heid 797-1814 for reservation.
- DEMOINE UNIVERSITY OF PODIATRY: Mary Clifford. Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BNR, Room 202A.
- "The World War II Generation: A United Front," Interactive Video Seminar. Nov. 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m. ECC Auditorium. USU Faculty member Michael Sweeney will be one of the featured panelists.
- USU Symphonic Band, first meeting Nov. 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m., FAC, Room 104.
- Marion Hyde will present his proposal for 2000

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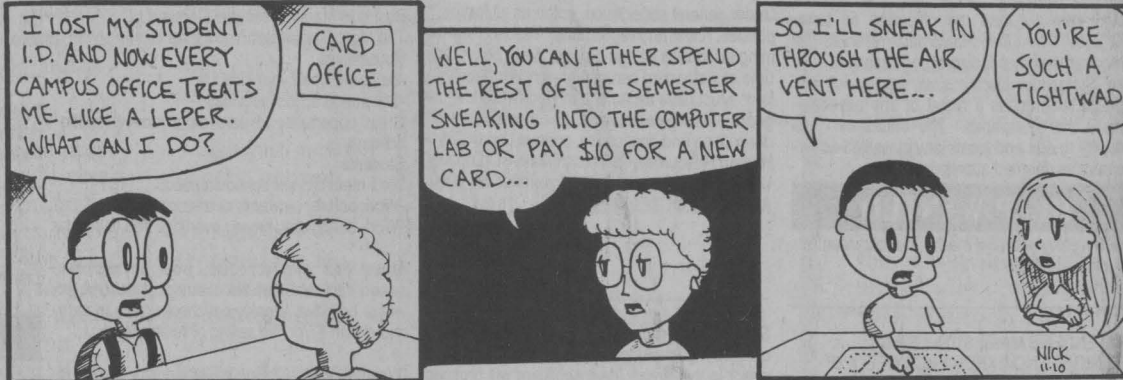
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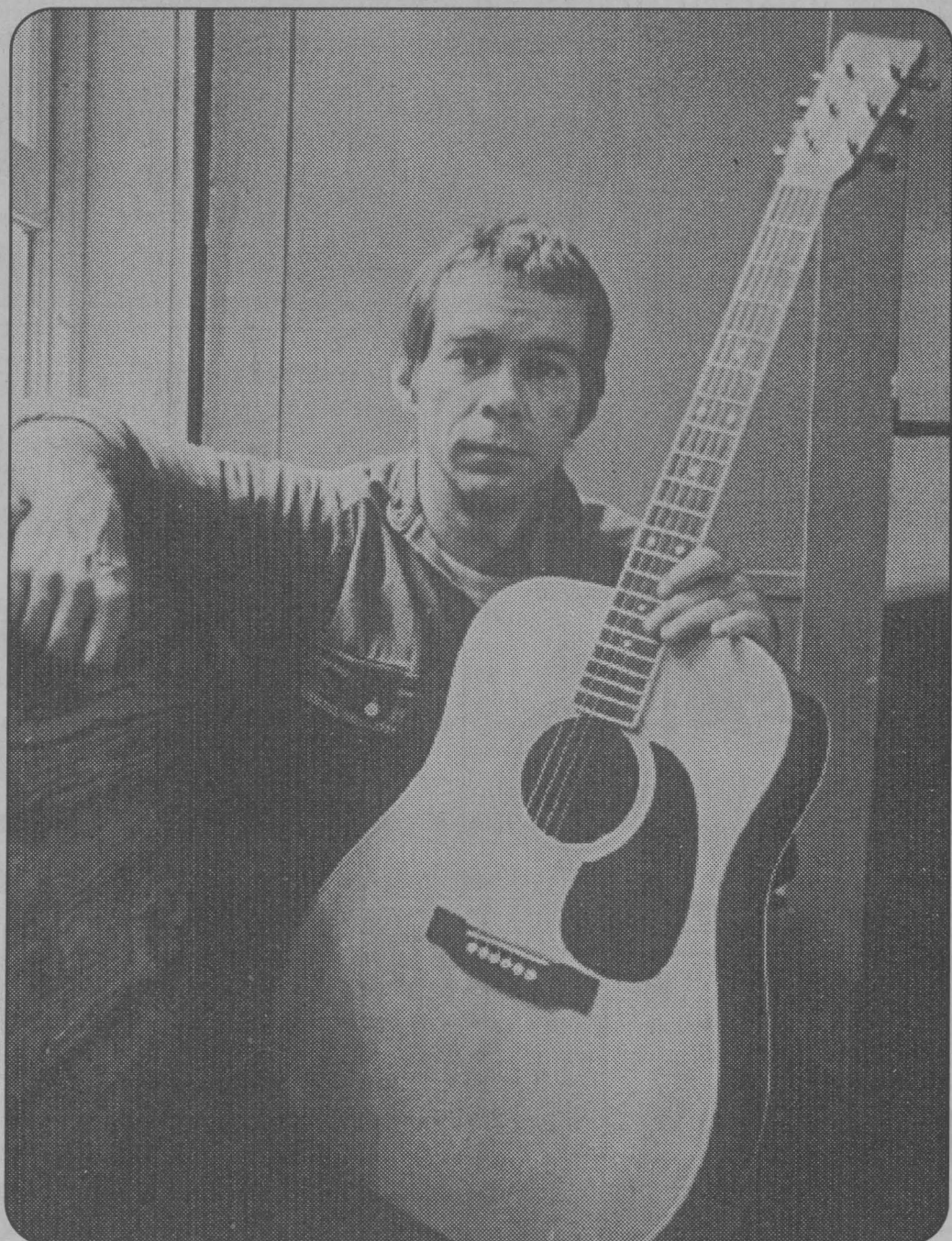


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