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Tragedy brings South Salt Lake community together

By Staci Duke

It was a parent's worst nightmare.

Seven-year-old Hser Nay Moo went missing on Monday, March 31 from her home in South Parc apartments and was found dead a day later in a neighbor's home. Esar Met, 21, confessed to kidnapping and murdering the young girl.

But behind the story of her death, another story has emerged of a community that stepped forward to help find the missing girl during the 29-hour ordeal, and offered comfort to the family afterward.

Mayor Robert Gray remembers it started when the initial report came in.

"It was amazing. Within an hour, we had 300 people who showed up willing to search, knock on doors and see what else they could do," he said.

The number of people who joined police to help search for Hser Nay Moo eventually rose to 1,099. The LDS church opened its building for use as a command center for searchers and the Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Kitchen came to join in the effort to find the young girl.

Councilmember Shane Siwick, who joined the search March 31 along with other City Council members, praised the individuals and organizations that offered

"These are people who realize, 'what would I do if this were my child?' They drop everything they are doing and just

show up to help," Siwick said. "To me that's a huge sign of what our community is made of.'

The South Salt Lake Fire Department stepped in to lighten the load on the police department by organizing food donations, port-a-potties and other logistics. Many off-duty firefighters came to help however they could.

"We are 100 percent behind the police department, and we will always support them during a crisis," Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Bowman said. "We are very upset that this little girl died. It's brought us together as a city and as police and fire departments and as a community. South Salt Lake is different than other places. We are a family here."

When Bowman called Chamber of 2 Commerce President and CEO Stacy Lid- $\frac{\tilde{Q}}{2g}$ diard to see if local businesses could help, $\frac{\tilde{Q}}{g}$ she got on the phone to call her contacts in \(\geq\) the business community.

"They didn't ask questions," Liddiard said. "They just said, tell us what you need and then they did it. It was incredible."

Within a few hours, businesses started delivering food and water for law enforcement and searchers. Little Caesars, Reams and Costco were among the first to step forward. Les Olsen Company rushed paper and two copiers over to help make flyers of the little girl to distribute. City employees and police officers going off duty elected to



South Salt Lake residents and volunteers placed this memorial outside the apartment complex of 7-year-old Hser Nay Moo after her body was found at a neighbor's home April 1.

stay and help.

After Hser was found dead, the community rushed to ease the Moo family's pain. Individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations all collected donations for the Moo Family. The funeral services, burial plot and headstone were all

Children from Kearns-St. Ann School drew pictures for the family and each brought in \$1 to contribute to the funeral

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City officials hope new Fitts Park playground will ease safety concerns



This area in the middle of Fitts Park (looking east) will soon be home to a new playground.

By Staci Duke

Children in South Salt Lake will have a new, safer playground to play on, thanks to a partnership between The Allstate Foundation and Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Salt Lake

Funded in part by a \$60,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation "Little Hands" program, the new playground will feature two play structures, a swing set, a climbing wall, safety tiles and a fitness station area. Construction will begin in August.

The park has not always been an inviting place for parents. When Dr. Steve Rogers moved into the South Salt Lake area, he was looking forward to taking his two children to the park, only to find the experience disappointing.

"We felt it wasn't quite what we were hoping for in terms of safety and the type of people who visited the park," Rogers said. "The upkeep only seemed to get worse in the two and half years we've been here, and we were concerned about that."

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South Salt Lake could become Millcreek City

By Staci Duke

South Salt Lake would gain 70,000 new residents and a larger piece of the tax base if a proposal to merge with Millcreek Township is adopted.

Millcreek City is the proposed new name for the area that would combine Millcreek's bedroom community with South Salt Lake's industrial base and established public agencies.

South Salt Lake City Attorney Dave Carlson said the benefits for both cities are substantial. For South Salt Lake, the increase in population would result in more sales tax income. For Millcreek, the benefits would include the addition of an in-

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Asian-themed development will provide retail boost to South Salt Lake



A conceptual drawing of what the proposed Chinatown development will look like when completed in early 2009.

By Staci Duke

Construction will soon be under way for a new \$20 million Asian-themed retail development project in South Salt Lake.

Hong Kong-based Chinatown International, Inc. plans to develop the project on the site of the old Rocky Point Haunted House at 3390 South State. The 6.5-acre development will contain an Asian grocery market, restaurants and other specialty retail stores.

Larry Gardner, the city's director of community and economic development, said the project will add to the city's tax base and improve a blighted area.

"It brings new development to an area that hasn't had any in the past several years," he said. "It will fit in with our plans for the area near Century Theatre, which we envision as more of an entertainment hub in that area. It's something we have wanted for the past few years."

Project Manager Andrew So said the construction should get under way by the beginning of May, with a projected completion date of early 2009.

Salt Lake County is home to 23,000 Asians, who make up 3 percent of the overall population in the city according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Career fair opens Granite students' eyes to job possibilities

By Doree Anderson

Ask a small child what they want to be when they grow up and the list may be short but meaningful. Ask Granite High students and each answer is different.

Each student from Granite High was asked what type of careers in which they had an interest. Then, from an extensive list of those interests, the students chose their top three picks. A well-organized career fair forum was presented on April 3.

During their first period class, students received a schedule of presentations for them to visit. Joined with students from Central High and the Young Parents School, students watched demonstrations and asked presenters questions regarding the specific work they do.

"I went down and watched the Artist Al Rounds do a presentation, and it was great," said Pamela Carson, Earth Science teacher.

For 25 minutes a student interested in forensics was given a window into the world of a CSI. For some students a paramedic, a pilot, a dental or veterinary assistant, an artist, a bio engineer, or perhaps fire management was more to their liking.

"We had a couple of boys who put down diesel mechanic," Carson said. "And even Job Corp was here for those who are interested in getting paid as they learn."

"I love it. It was really fun, and the beautician, Sherman Kendall (Cosmetology), was the one who talked to us," said Bia Naramos, a student who will be graduating early and looking forward to starting her cosmetology class.

Student Mae Townsend couldn't get into her preferred class, but had a good experience anyway.

"I thought it (massage therapy) was very fascinating," she said. "My first choice was photography but that class was already full. But that was OK. I liked the classes anyway."

Kylie Cecil, another student, also enjoyed the day.

"I got a lot more information on auto mechanics than I had," she said.

The students interested in 3-D anima-

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tion listened to and observed Disney animator Craig Flynn explain the computer use with graphics. Banking, film making, phlebotomy and careers in the health sciences were also included.

Granite High's day began with an assembly about tolerance, indifference and bigotry, presented by Patrick Colclough, coordinator for Youth Educational Support Services, and his students. Each class was 25 minutes long and then the students would quickly transition from one presentation to the next. There was no loitering and not visiting, but each student remembered to thank each of the presenters.



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The John Taylor House provides a new start

By Doree Anderson

People struggling to pick up the pieces of a life shattered by drug abuse, mental challenges or problems with the law need a fresh start. The John Taylor House in South Salt Lake can offer that new beginning.

Built in 1891 by John W. Taylor for his wives and children, the old, gray-stoned mansion at 705 East and 2700 South now serves as a boarding house for men. The facility offers full-time supervision to men suffering from mental issues as well as to veterans and former inmates needing a transitional place to stay instead of becoming homeless. Rent is \$600 a month, or\$425 a month if residents do light household chores. For them, the house is a new start.

"These are the population that people want to forget," said Scott Bauer, administrative assistant to the manager trustee. "As a community service, we want to let people know that we are here. We are a nonprofit organization who relies on donations for upkeep as well as maintenance."

Bauer and Mike Galindo, the house cook, are full-time residents who keep the list of rules adhered to by the men. Galindo serves three meals a day and does light maintenance.

"These men may complain but the next day is a new day, that's how I look at it," Galindo said.

The 24-bed residence has four stories with a full bathroom on each floor and a laundry room in basement. Eighteen men, with lengths of stay that vary from overnight to nine years, are currently making the John Taylor House their home. Bauer said the overwhelming majority of the resi-

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\$989 which was huge for our school," said Christin Freeman, advancement director at the school. "If you knew our parent base and the kind of economic background that our students come from, that is a huge amount of money. We have about 183 students, so most obviously gave more than \$1. I am so proud of them."

The Salt Lake Chamber eventually collected about \$3,000 and the donations are still coming in. Liddiard said many have gone the extra mile, including the employees of Credit Union One, who sent out requests to their employees in other branches, and Jeff Nielsen of Tile Outlet, who went to every business in his area collecting donations on the family's behalf.

"It would be impossible to name and thank everyone who came forward to help," Liddiard said. "This was truly a group effort."

Councilmember Casey Fitts, who helped in the search, said while unfortunate, the tragedy highlights all the good in the community.

"I hope people can grasp the sense of community that was shown and our willingness to bond together and put differences aside and focus on finding and saving this little girl," he said. "If we can focus that same type of effort into other challenges that we have in South Salt Lake, that is something that can make this community much better."

For those who would still like to give, contact Stacey Liddiard at the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce at 466-3377. There is also a fund set up for Hser Nay Moo's family at Zion's bank under the names of her parents, Cartoon and Pearlie Wah.

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dents don't repeat prior offenses.

"In the last four years, maybe less than one percent has returned to prison," he

Jerry Collins, probation officer with adult probation and parole, said the house is good place to go for those who need a little extra help fitting into mainstream society.

"The John Taylor House is an excellent resource for men with special needs," Collins said. "It's a protected environment that helps them adjust."

Barbara Sidener, a case worker from Valley Mental Health, said the house offers practical assistance to those who've fallen on hard times.

"Peggy Hepsak, the executive assistant to the trustee, runs a very structured safe alcohol and drug free environment for healing," Sidener said. "The candidates are interviewed and required to sign a contract. Every Tuesday night, the men are encouraged to attend a class or a movie on being substance free. If they attend the classes, they can reduce their rent."

Ricky, a mental health patient has found a home at the John Taylor House. Before arriving at the home, he had run away from two other homes. It took him al-



The 117-year-old John Taylor House accommodates 24 special needs men.

most three weeks before he would unpack his bag. That was almost two years ago.

"It's good to be here," he said. As a nonprofit organization, the John Taylor House is in need of several items. A wish list has been provided on their website www.johntaylorhouse.org/. Bauer said the most urgent needs are washers and dryers.



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★ School News

Granite High to combine Shakespeare with the Beatles

By Doree Anderson

Granite High School is putting together the works of a revered playwright and a renowned musical group, and the production will be showcased to the public.

On May 9 and 12 the students of Granite High School, along with their theatre director, Tyson Gardner, will present Shakespeare's comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The performance will have a little twist to it, as music from the Beatles will play in the background.

With rehearsals well under way, the students are getting comfortable with their lines. Some students are even practicing without scripts.

"I have a student from Croatia and was a little worried about how the accent would go with his part, but I took a chance and he is doing really great," Gardner said, as he listened intensely to an actor. "You want to emphasize your words with action. You use your tone and expression as well as your words to convey what is happening in the scene. It's Shakespeare. His English is different then what we use today.'

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Watching Gardner's enthusiasm is electrifying as he jumps around the actors on the stage. Each student absorbs his ideas and gives more life g to the characters with a simple change in movement or direction. Present 8 at an April 4 rehearsal were Sam Emernogu as Deme-5 trius, Damaris Velasquez as Puck, David Quast as Nick Bottom, Uzzile Luvio as Tom Snout, Bia Nara-

mos as Flute and Gardner as Peter Quince. A total of 21 cast members will be in the performance.

"You give and give until your cup goes from half full to empty and then you give more," Gardner said. "But, you get it all back when the audience applauses you for your performance. That is why I'm in this business.'

The students are enjoying rehearsing for the performance.

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The set is all ready for Granite High School's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"It's really fun, you know," Naramos said.

"Yeah, it's cool," Luvio said. "I'm having fun."

to the classic story, a total of six Beatles

Not only are the characters coming together but the stage crew is hard at work too. The stage design and props are undergoing construction, painting and placement with steps and walkovers to allow smooth scene changes. The backdrop may look like an American scene in New York City some time in the 60s, but the words are all Shakespeare, with a slight sprinkling of a few different accents.

To add a little something different songs will be played between scenes.

So, if you're looking for a fun evening of entertainment, come out and enjoy Granite High School's production of Shakespeare's Midsummer Nights Dream. Tickets are \$6 for public, or \$3 for students with student ID. The performance will be held May 9 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Granite High School auditorium, 3305 South 500 East. Tickets can be purchased before the performances at the office or the night of the performance at the door.



Toyota's literacy grant goes to Woodrow Wilson Elementary

By Doree Anderson

The Toyota Corporation is working with Woodrow Wilson Elementary School as a model in its program to alleviate illiteracy. With the funding from a three-year grant, Woodrow Wilson has incorporated the Toyota's Family Literacy Program into the school. The Toyota Family is also working to connect Hispanic families into the American schooling system.

"Out of the 600 students attending Woodrow Wilson Elementary and Moss Elementary, 50 percent are Hispanic," said Dr. Paul McCarty, Granite School District coordinator of family literacy and administrator of educational equity. "The Principal, Ms. Hart, is very nurturing and was already on a program for child and parent togetherness in education."

Toyota representatives said the program benefits the children and their parents.

"Toyota's program allows parents the opportunities to learn and become involved in their children's education," said Toyota's Sylvia Lieshoff at a meeting with Woodrow Wilson teachers on April 9. "Instead of feeling lost when their child brings homework home, these parents will learn exactly what their child is learning two to three weeks earlier. We have watched these families excel in their education. Not only are a lot of them getting their GEDs, but continuing into higher education."

The program is designed to get the parent into their child's classroom - to learn how to speak, understand and read and write in English.

"It is important that these parents become the first teacher in their child's life," Lieshoff said.

During a 10-hour period per week, the parent is encouraged to connect with their child's classroom and teacher. It encourages parents to build on their existing skills and to be instructed in the child's and school's curriculum. The program also gives strategies that support their child's academic attainment.

Teachers provide additional materials, model appropriate behaviors, help the parent feel welcome and prepare the children for the parent's visit. The teacher benefits from the parent and child time by having increased assistance for individual students, improved rapport and communication with the family and better understanding of student's needs and strengths.

"This program will have a greater likelihood of success when the teachers are welcoming and the parents observe and learn on a daily basis," Lieshoff said.

The school also benefits through the children's academic and social growth, as Continued page 12 "Toyota grant

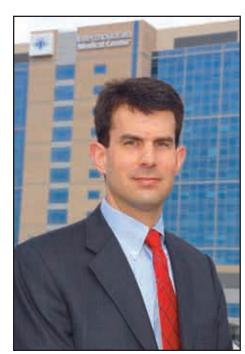


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★ Business Spotlights **★**

Intermountain Medical Center



David Grauer, Intermountain Medical Center administrator.

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Qwest Communications announced its Mass Markets group has received the Gallup Great Workplace Award. Qwest has three Mass Markets call centers in Utah. The award recognizes the best-performing work forces in the world, according to Gallup.

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"Fitts Park" from front page

Rogers, a pediatric emergency medicine specialist, joined forces with Dr. Charles Pruitt, head of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Salt Lake City, to apply for the funds on behalf of Fitts Park.

The new play area is designed to make it easier for parents to watch their children and the new surface will help prevent injuries from falls. In addition, city officials have agreed to increase maintenance upkeep of the park.

The group is still hoping to raise an additional \$60,000 for the project through individual and business donations. The city has not committed funds to the project, but has agreed to assist in preparing the area. Primary Children's Hospital is also assisting with the project.

"I think this goes along well with the renaissance the mayor is trying to bring about in the city," Rogers said. "It will make this community a nicer place for everyone who lives here."

Donations for the project may be sent to the City of South Salt Lake Mayor's Office at 220 East Morris Avenue, South Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Please designate that funds are for the Fitts Park project. Call Cherie Wood at 464-6757 for more

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By Peri Kinder

At Intermountain Medical Center patients are the top priority. No one wants to be sick or need medical attention but if the situation arises, Intermountain Medical Center is ready to help people from any part of the Salt Lake Valley. All the programs, services and facilities are designed to make a patient's visit to the center as uncomplicated as possible.

Intermountain Medical Center, 5121 South Cottonwood Street, opened last October. It is the largest hospital in the Intermountain West. With 8,500 employees, the facility boasts a cancer center, heart and lung center, outpatient and inpatient care and a center for women and newborns. With these separate buildings on the same campus, medical care is easily accessible

"This is really the ideal location," says David Grauer, Intermountain Medical Center administrator. "We're doing what we hoped to do by providing services to the community."

A great feature of the hospital is the separation of outpatient and inpatient surgeries. In other facilities, elective or routine surgical procedures can sometimes be delayed due to the need to attend to more urgent trauma patients. But with the outpatient and inpatient facilities in separate buildings, scheduled elective surgeries are rarely postponed.

Located in the tallest building on the Intermountain Medical Center campus, the J.L. Sorenson Inpatient Tower is designed to promote healing. From the restful color schemes to the beautiful views from every window, the 440 patient rooms at the hospital create a peaceful place for patients, and families, to start the healing process.

For patients battling cancer, the Jon & Karen Huntsman Cancer Center provides a vast array of choices when it comes to cancer treatment. To help the patient navigate through the complexity of a cancer diagnosis, a staff member is assigned to each patient to assist with researching their cancer, choosing the best treatment, scheduling appointments and arranging counseling.

Additionally, the patient meets with the group of doctors assigned to their case to ask questions regarding any part of their diagnosis. It's just another service the hospital provides to ensure their patients receive the most effective care.

"We're pleased and proud that people put so much faith in us," David says. "We will strive to continue to improve and we will keep doing what we need to do to make sure we meet the needs of those we care for."

As an academic teaching facility associated with the University of Utah, Intermountain Medical Center holds regular educational seminars and training for all staff members. There is also an education center and medical library where anyone in the community can come and research illnesses, treatments or preventive care. For more information about Intermountain Medical Center, visit www.intermountainhealth care.org.

"We have a great facility and a great staff," David says. "We've been surveying patients since we opened and the overall impression is very positive. Any health care need can be taken care of."

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South Salt Lake Police Department Citizen Academy Fall 2008

The South Salt Lake Police Department will be hosting the Citizen Police Academy Fall 2008. Some of the training topics are:

- Overview of the Patrol Division, Investigations Division, Traffic and K-9 Units
- Arrest Control Tactics
- Dispatch
- Ordinance Enforcement
- Crime Prevention Unit

Please watch for announcements for the program later this summer. If you have questions you may contact Sgt Glenn Smith at 412-3622.

Police Department Uses Technology for Traffic Enforcement

During March, the South Salt Lake Police Department had several opportunities to use a vehicle called the "LPR" (License Plate Reader) on loan from the Utah Motor Vehicle Police Department. The LPR is equipped with several cameras and a computer that scans every license plate within the cameras' field of view. Once a license plate is scanned, the computer automatically cross-references the license plate against the Utah State Motor Vehicle database, which includes NCIC, registration and insurance checks on the vehicle and statewide warrant checks on the registered owner.

The camera system has the ability to scan many license plates at the same time. When a violation (e.g. expired registration, stolen vehicle) is identified, the camera system alerts the officer and also stores a photo of the license plate and vehicle. The officer then verifies the license plate is correct and the vehicle matches the information on the alert.

The LPR was used on several occasions during March. Many drivers were cited for expired registration; other vehicles were impounded for no insurance/revoked registration and several stolen vehicles were recovered. The Utah Motor Vehicle Police Department has several of these systems available for law enforcement use. The South Salt Lake Traffic Division has determined the LPR was an effective traffic enforcement tool and plans to use the system periodically throughout the years.

Mayor's Message



The events surrounding the abduction and tragic death of Hser Nay Moo were horrific and tested the emotions of all those involved. The heartbreak and devastation of this tragedy has deeply impacted our community and will leave an unforgettable scar. Un-

fortunately, it takes these difficult times for us to be reminded of the unique close-knit community we enjoy in South Salt Lake.

Our community came together early in the search efforts offering emotional support to Hser Nay Moo's family and with hopes of trying to find 6-year-old Hser Nay Mooo and bring her home. It was truly a

community effort. Neighbors made it a point to peer into windows of vehicles parked on streets near the South Parc apartment complex, where Moo was seen last. They went out in groups to search likely and unlikely places.

Many local, state and federal law enforcement agencies were heavily involved in the intense search for this little girl. We express our sincere appreciation to all of those organizations who participated.

The outcome of this awful situation was not as we had hoped. We send our deepest sympathies and grieve with her family.

Mayor Robert D. Gray

Bedrosians Grand Opening



April 17th Bedrosians celebrated their grand opening in South Salt Lake. In 1948, Bedrosians began providing tile and setting materials to contractors and builders in Central California. Their growth has made them one of the largest independent ceramic tile manufacturers, and ceramic tile and natural stone importers and distributors in the United States.

Did You Know?

A weekly meeting is held at the South Salt Lake Police Department to talk about issues, concerns and problems around the city, and the best way address these topics. Members from the following departments within the city are present at these meetings: Police Department Crime Prevention Unit (Crime Free Rental Housing Officer, Business/Neighborhood Watch Officers, Code Enforcement Officers, and Crime Analysis), Building Department (Licensing, Building Inspector), City Attorney, Fire Marshall, and Representative from the Utah Housing Authority and Health Department. Together we find solutions to the problem. Call Sergeant Glenn Smith at 412-3622 if you have questions.

Summer Youth Academy

South Salt Lake City will be hosting a Summer Youth Academy for Woodrow Wilson and Lincoln Elementary schools. Twenty students who will have completed the fifth or sixth grade by this summer will be selected to participate from each school in activities ranging from canoeing to horse back riding. The students will also participate in service projects around South Salt Lake City

- Woodrow Wilson Elementary July 7-11, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Lincoln Elementary July 28 through Aug 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program is funded by the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) grant.



To stay informed about what's happening in South Salt Lake, or for

more info about City events, visit:

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Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The South Salt Lake Consumer Confidence Report will be enclosed in this month's water bill. This report explains the quality of South Salt Lake's water. Should you have questions regarding the report or need a copy, please call 483-6014.

Water Conservation

If you are making changes to your landscaping this summer, consider water-wise options. Contact your water department or public library for information about water conservation, landscaping and drought-resistant plants. Here are some suggestions:

- Water before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. to avoid evaporation.
- Wash your car from a bucket and rinse while parked near the grass so the water will benefit the landscape.
- Use mulch around trees and shrubs to retain as much moisture as possible.
- Keep your lawn well-trimmed and free of weeds to reduce water needs.
- Have your backflow devices tested by a licensed plumber and send results to: SSL Water Department 195 West Oakland Ave South Salt Lake, UT 84115.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECREATION

All classes held at the South Salt Lake Columbus Center, 2531 South 400 East, unless specified otherwise. For more information call 412-3217

South Salt Lake Freedom Festival Parade - Saturday, June 28 at 9 a.m. Parade begins at 2280 South 300 East and runs through the middle of South Salt Lake, ending at 3700 South and 450 East. We are in need of bands, floats, cars, equestrian and motorcades for the parade. Please call 412-3217 for info on how to enter the parade or become a volunteer for the parade.

South Salt Lake Freedom Fest, Events Line Up:

- Huck Finn Day June 14 at 10 a.m. at Fitts Park
- Watermelon Drop June 14 at 12:45 p.m. at Fitts Park
- Lion's Club Chuck wagon Breakfast June 21 at 6 a.m. at Reams
- Miss South Salt Lake Pageant June 21 at the Columbus Center
- Freedom Fest Parade June 28 at 9 a.m. in South Salt Lake
- Freedom Fest Fireworks Show July 3 at 6 p.m. at Granite High School



Traffic Tip

As a friendly reminder, all automobiles driven on a public roadway must be insured and registered, and the driver must be licensed and obey all traffic laws. Utah State Code states, "...any peace officer, without a warrant, may seize and take possession of any vehicle that is being operated on a highway:

- with registration that has been expired for more than three months;
- having never been properly registered by the current owner;
- with registration that is suspended or revoked.

Huck Finn and Water Melon Drop – Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fitts Park. Come and fish for free. The stream will be stocked with more than 500 pounds of trout. Open to boys and girls 12 and under. Hot dogs, chips, drink and scones will be for sale by the Freedom Festival Committee and SSL Lion's Club. Bring your Dutch ovens to be seasoned by professionals at no cost. State Qualifying Dutch oven cooking competition will be going on during the event. Call Debbie Hair at 484-6966 for more Dutch oven info. Prizes will be given to the longest and shortest fish. Stay until the end with the Watermelon Drop from an 80-foot fire truck ladder. Guess how far the watermelons splat and win prizes.



D.A.R.E. Tip #2

Inhalant abuse has increased at an alarming rate. In the last 10 years the number of kids that deliberately inhale fumes, vapors and gases from household products has doubled. The South Salt Lake Police Department D.A.R.E. program would like to offer this tip to keep your children safer.

Be aware of the use of household products (such as spray paints, computer spray cleaners, glues and aerosols) in your home. Discuss the purpose of common household products, emphasizing when they are not used appropriately they can damage the body and make you ill. And the most important tip: teach by example! Read the label, follow the directions for use and if necessary, properly ventilate the area.

If you suspect your child is under the influence of an inhalant, call 911 immediately! Keep your child calm to prevent cardiac stress and try to determine the source of the inhalant.



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'The Producers' coming to Pioneer Theatre Company

Pioneer Theatre Company presents the Mel Brooks musical "The Producers" April 25 through May 10. This story of two shysters trying to make a buck on Broadway, adapted from the classic movie by the same name, won more Tony Awards than any other musical, including Best Book, Best Score and Best Musical.

Max Bialystock and Leopold Bloom have discovered a surefire way to make a fortune on Broadway: raise millions from little old lady investors, produce the worst play in a long history of flops and then run off with the money when the play closes on opening night. They think they've found their play in "Springtime for Hitler" – but anything can happen when the lights go down on Broadway.

The two would-be producers Max Bialystock and Leopold Bloom areplayed by professional actors Kevin C. Loomis and Michael Keyloun, respectively. Loomis makes his PTC debut after appearing on Broadway in "Inherit the Wind" last year. His television work includes such shows as Law & Order: CI, The Practice, Frasier and The X-Files. Loomis has worked at many regional theaters, including Portland Repertory, Montana Repertory and ACT in Seattle.

Keyloun, also making his debut with PTC, has been seen in New York in "Five

Wishes" at the Atlantic Theater Company, "Her Majesty the King" at HERE Arts Center and the "Atrainplays" for NYMF/Neighborhood Playhouse. His regional credits include "Taming of the Shrew" at Capital Repertory, Aguecheek in "Twelfth Night" and "The Underpants" for Actors Theatre of Louisville.

"The Producers" plays at Simmons Memorial Theatre, 300 South 1400 East in Salt Lake City. Showtimes will be Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 581-6961 or go online to www.pioneertheater.org.

New Deal Swing coming to Symphony

Principal clarinetist Tad Calcara will bring his band, New Deal Swing, to Abravanel Hall to perform with the Utah Symphony in a program that includes charts from the golden age of swing. Comprised of Utah Symphony musicians, as well as several of the state's finest jazz musicians, the band's repertoire focuses on swing music played by the great Big Bands of the mid-1930s. The performances will be held at Abravanel Hall on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, at 8 p.m.

Swing music of the 1930s was upbeat, fast, exciting and even romantic. Calcara and New Deal Swing will take patrons back to the time of the Lindy Hop and Jitterbug when they perform music by Artie Shaw, Sy Oliver, Duke Ellington, George

Gershwin and many more.

New Deal Swing was organized by Utah Symphony principal clarinetist Calcara and was featured on the Utah Symphony's 2004 Big Band Pops concert and was also featured at the 2005 Salt Lake City Jazz Festival. All of the arrangements performed are either copies made from the originals found in archives at different locations around the country or carefully transcribed editions taken from recordings.

Tickets for evening performances can be purchased by calling 355-ARTS (355-2787), in person at the Abravanel Hall box office or by visiting www.utahsymphony.org. Subscribers and those desiring group or student discounts should call 533-NOTE (533-6683).

Salt Lake Children's choir concert

The Salt Lake Children's Choir will perform Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, at South Temple and C Street.

Spanning four centuries and three continents, the program will include works by Palestrina and Bach and art songs by Franz Schubert and Robert

Schumann, as well as works by American masters Randall Thompson and Howard Hansen. Charming folk songs from Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Israel and the Americas will be heard.

The program features guest artist Steve Keen, an accordionist and jazz pianist, performing Choir Director Ralph

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Woodward's own "Canto" and "Calypso Loco," music based on Brazilian and Caribbean rhythms, and the American favorite, "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

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April 30, 10:30 a.m. Adults

Senior center book group. The group will discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen.

May 1 to 10, during library hours **Families**

Remember mom. Children are invited to come to the library during and make a special gift just for mom for Mother's Day.

May 6, 7 p.m. Ages 7 and up and adult

Balloon animals workshop. Mont Magic will teach participants how to twist and tie at least three balloon animals to take home. Space is limited to 25 children. Registration is required.

May 13, 7 p.m. **Adults**

Discovery book group. The group will discus "Uncommon Reader" by British playwright Alan Bennett.

Girls ages 8 to 12 and adult May 20, 7 p.m.

Great reads for girls. A Mother and daughter book club. Girls are invited to join a book discussion group with their mom or other another adult. Fun discussions, activities and treats provided.

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"Millcreek" from front page

come-generating commercial corridor.

"By merging with South Salt Lake, Millcreek would have a very robust commercial area, a true downtown, access to public transit and the ability to expand that public transit into the township," Carlson said. "As a second-class city, the new merged city would also be able to create its own school district without the need for county consent."

With 20,000 residents, South Salt Lake is currently one of the smallest cities in Salt Lake County. A merger would change the city from a fourth-class city to a second-class city and make the new merged area the fourth-largest city in Salt Lake County – a position that would give both cities more political power. Only Salt Lake City, West Valley City and Sandy would be bigger.

"Right now, South Salt Lake has very little political muscle and as a result of that we have a hard time resisting unfair changes and sales tax distribution," Carlson said. "We end up hosting jails and a lot of other unpleasant government regional facilities because we don't have the political clout to resist them."

That's an idea Jeff Silvestrini, Mount Olympus Community Council chairman, is also optimistic about. He wants to explore the idea more before committing his full support to the project, but he likes what he has heard so far.

"I like the idea of having a larger presence, the increase in clout it would give to combine the two areas," Silvestrini said. "Personally, I think there is a lot of synergy between Millcreek and South Salt Lake, and it would be cheaper and easier for us to lean on South Salt Lake and some of the organizations they already have in place."

Millcreek has to decide by 2010 whether to remain unincorporated, form its own city or join with a neighboring city. No other cities have shown an interest in annexing the township.



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★ Sports ★

Highland Rugby Club now practicing at Granite High

By Tom Patton

The sleeping football field at Granite High in South Salt Lake has recently awakened to the sounds of strong young men once again charging about the storied gridiron in cleats. Although some of the elements of the game now in play on the field would be familiar to coaches and players from past Farmer teams, the lack of pads on the players and the different method of play now seen might be confusing because it is rugby football now being played on the old football field. A legend in its own right, the Highland High School Rugby club has made the Granite High field its new practice home.

Highland Rugby competes at a very high level, having won 17 national championships in the last 21 years and coming in second the other four years. Head Coach Larry Gelwix founded the team in 1975 and had six boys show up for his first practice. Now, upward of 120 athletes begin the season. Gelwix has a "no cut" policy natural attrition due to tough practices usually pares the team down to a workable number.

"Due to the demanding nature of our program we usually find ourselves down to 70-80 players by the end of the season," Gelwix said

Gelwix also maintains a very high code of ethics for all team members based on honor, integrity and especially honesty.

"I have found that players and parents appreciate the teaching of moral values," he said. "If this were only about rugby, I would have retired years ago."



Highland Rugby club aiming for further heights from new practice home at Granite High. Highland players seen here on a line out throw from a recent game against Skyline.

Players maintain the decorum during games, with the subs sitting quietly in an organized fashion clapping for those who go in and out of the games. Highland Rugby made their home at Highland High

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Find friends in the South Salt Lake coed softball league



Coed softball action from last year's playoffs with Tony Fabella from SSL Recreation umpiring.

By Tom Pattor

Couples or singles of either gender looking for a fun recreational activity should check out the South Salt Lake Recreation departments' coed softball league. The softball league play begins in May and the goal for all involved is to have fun.

"Last season, all the teams were very evenly matched and the games were competitive but having fun was always the main objective," said Aaron Wiet, the league commissioner.

Individuals are encouraged to sign up, as anyone interested doesn't need to register with a specific team. Wiet said there is a special need for women players, as teams sometimes struggled to field the minimum of five women. There is no minimum number of men and one new team last year, The Eye Institute of Utah, was comprised of mostly women.

Last year's league champions, Dazed n Confused, were in fact a team comprised of couples and individuals who were originally put together by the recreation department staff, a move that has led to lasing friendships.

"We might be a team of individuals but we have come to be good friends and a great team," said Dazed n Confused coach Arrinda Gutierrez. Gutierrez also said many team members now also get together for things other than softball.

The league also features a wide variety of different team demographics reflecting the diversity found in South Salt Lake. Hit Dat, the 2006 league-winning team, is comprised of Navajo Indians. The team from Squatters always seems to show up in a good mood and should start off the season feeling good again. Troy Bennett, the coach of the team called the B's, comprised of many Bennett family members, jokingly said while they have some internal issues to work out, the B's should make a good run at being competitive and having fun this year. Those interested in joining in on the fun should phone 412-3269.

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Entertainment and Birthday Celebration – Monday, May 5 at 11 a.m. Accordionist Ula Kirkam will provide entertainment. The Birthday Celebration will be at 11:45 a.m.

Medicare Benefits Presentation – Wednesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. Come and learn about new preventive services offered through Medicare.

"Living with Hearing Loss" – Wednesday, May 7 at 11 a.m. Classes by Torie Hill from the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Call the center for more information and to register.

Ladies Day Party – Monday, May 12 at 11 a.m. Entertainment by Cottonwood Creek Bells.

"Living with Hearing Loss" – Wednesday, May 14 at 11 a.m. Classes by Torie Hill from the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Call the center for more information and to register.

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School for years but two years ago without warning and with no given reason to date Gelwix got an e-mail from the Salt Lake School district informing him the team was no longer welcome at Highland just four days before practice was to start. Shortly thereafter the district had fielded so many complaints from the community they asked Gelwix if the team would move back, but the damage had been done. Last season the club practiced at Cottonwood High, but this year Cottonwood is beginning some renovations on their fields so Granite High is now home practice base. At least once a week, Gelwix also holds practice at Rose Park in an effort to cut down on the transportation time for the kids and their families from that part of the valley.

Rugby is an unofficial high school sport in Utah; to be sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association, more than half the schools in the state must adopt and play the sport. As a club sport, teams can accept players from anywhere, and most do, even those with a high school affiliation. Some teams, such as United, which draws players from all over Utah Country, are open unaffiliated teams.

Due to this unofficial status, the Highland club was never officially associated with Highland High. Highland Rugby will maintain that name while at Granite as the name brings international recognition. In fact a full-length feature film based on the Highland Rugby Club is in production and scheduled for worldwide release later this year. The working title of this film is "Forever Strong," the English translation of the Maori phrase "Akia Kaha," one of the slogans of Highland rugby.



Home Depot Home and Garden Presentation – Thursday, May 15 at 11 a m

Fall Prevention Display – Monday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Display by Carol Avery from Salt Lake Valley Health Department.

Living with Hearing Loss" – Wednesday, May 21 at 11 a.m. Classes by Torie Hill from the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Call the center for more information and to register.

Wendover Trip – Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 a.m. Call to sign up.

Diabetes Support Group – Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m. Come hear a presentation by Doug Courpis of the Diabetes Sociality Center. Receive information on Diabetes and monitoring.

Shingles Discussion – Wednesday, May 28 at 11 a.m. Autumn Pham, R.N. from the Healthy Aging program, will lead the discussion.

Free Pancake Breakfast – Friday, May 30 at 9 a.m.

Contact the center for information on daily activities. Lunch is served at noon Monday to Friday.

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Volunteers needed – The center is looking for volunteers to teach a Spanish Class, an oil painting class and a variety of computer classes. Volunteer teachers needed at all levels for computer classes, including how to use e-bay and work with digital photos.

AARP Safe Driving Course – Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1. Cost is \$10. This class is available for all licensed drivers 55 and over. Seating is limited. Call the center for more information.

Shingles Presentation – Thursday, May 8 at 10:45 a.m. Salt Lake County's Healthy Aging Program will teach about Shingles. If you have had chicken pox you are at risk for shingles. **Karaoke and Dinner Evening** – Wednesday, May 21 at 5 p.m. Dinner is \$2 for seniors and Karaoke is free. You don't have to sing, just come and have fun.

16th Annual Health Resource Fair – Thursday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Salt Lake County Aging Services and Project C.A.R.E Coalition are sponsoring a health fair with more than 50 agencies participating. The fair will offers a wide variety of choices and information that help seniors live independent, informed and healthy lives. The fair includes free health screenings, a one-mile walk and lunch. Prizes will be given to all participants in the walk. Lunch is \$2 for those 60 and over and \$4 for those under 60. Seniors and their families are invited. Call the center for more information.

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well as creating partnerships. If parents are involved, students from all backgrounds tend to earn higher grades and test scores. Parent involvement in a child's education also helps the student to have better social skills and behavior, adapt well to their school and attend class regularly.

"We are giving our students a chance to become what ever they want to be," Hart said. "The teachers love it because when the parent is involved it makes their work easier. I can only hope other companies will see its attributes and keep it going."

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