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## Study suggests taxi system overhaul

By Annie Miller

Salt Lake City's three taxi firms may soon face major changes.

SLC city council members heard results from a study conducted by an independent consultant April 19.

"Somehow, working with the hotel and motel industry, you have to strike a balance," said Dr. Ray Mundy with the Tennessee Transportation & Logistics Foundation.

Mundy, who was commissioned by the city council to conduct the study, said current Salt Lake code allows too many taxis to sit at the airport and not enough remain downtown to service and compete in the local hotel community market.

"There's a tendency to put more cabs on the street than necessary," said Mundy.

He also said that his findings show that without change, incomes in the taxi industry will decline, there will be more drivers without management control, and service will continue to deteriorate as users seek other alternatives such as hotel shuttles.

He presented the findings of his study along with short- and long-term recommendations that he claims would help fix the problem.

Short-term recommendations include freezing all new applications for taxi permits, not renewing existing business licenses of the city's three taxi firms, not permitting any new cabs to be added unless they are less than five years old, and enforcing the city's licensing ordinance.

The short-term recommendations would stay in effect for up to a year.

Long-term recommendations include suspending current city ordinances regarding taxi business licenses and replacing them with taxi franchise operators. This includes a 25 percent reduction in the number of total cab permits issued and a minimum of 50 taxi cars per fleet for a firm to operate.

He also recommended restricting access of taxis to the airport. The restriction would only allow taxis to enter the holding lot every other day. It would provide enough taxis to service the airport, and on days they were not allowed in the holding lot, taxi firms could develop their taxi market for drivers in areas other than the airport.

The final long-term recommendations include revising fees required for

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## SSL city, residents to mend fences, address crime in access alley



*SSL resident Dorothy Benzon keeps her dog, Orphan, from going through the opening in her backyard fence cut by vandals last year, who entered her property from an access alleyway.*

By Roger Tuttle

Instead of complaining about an ongoing problem, South Salt Lake City councilmembers asked residents to be part of the solution in deciding what to do about a crime-prone access road and alley.

After denying a petition March 23 to give up ownership of the troublesome alleyway at 480 East between Sunset Avenue (2840 South) and Welby Avenue (3000 South), the city council invited the affected residents to an April 23 meeting to discuss ways to resolve their main concerns.

"This is an old issue that comes up periodically," said SSL Mayor Wes Losser. "It has perplexed mayors and city councils in the past."

Residents are concerned about prop-

erty damage and items stolen from sheds and garages because of the alleyway's easy access. Their March 23 request asked the city to give up its utility access so property lines could be extended and the open alley fenced in.

But the alley contains a large storm drain pipe and phone lines. Councilmember Boyd Marshall said that allowing the 10 properties to fence in the alley would make repairs nearly impossible and would require the fences to be torn down and rebuilt whenever city or utility access was needed.

Residents are frustrated by the open access, but are willing to work with the city on finding a solution.

"Crime is the biggest problem," said Ray Benzon, who has lived in his home 25

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years.

He has had windows in his shed shot out and his chain link fence cut open. "Something needs to be done," he said.

Dorothy Benzon, Ray Benzon's wife, would like to put in a patio with a barbecue grill, but worries it will be stolen. She recently picked up beer cans in the alley, left behind from kids who are "always doing something back there."

On the north end of the alley, Rodney Thomas has had few problems in the 13 years he's lived there. He mentions this as he points out a beer and a whiskey bottle lying in the grass six feet from the corner of his property.

Thomas remembers when the city used to come and clean up the area twice

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## Lights On Festival in Sugar House is a bright idea

New streetlights now brighten the streets of Sugar House, making the community a little bit safer and a little more enjoyable. And the local merchants want to celebrate.

So the Sugar House Merchants Association is inviting everyone to the Lights On Festival May 20 and 21 to celebrate the end of a year-long RDA project.

"The city did a terrific job of not shutting down business during this redevelopment," said Barbara Green, association board member. "The engineers came in, made a plan, worked at night sometimes, and overall did a great job."

Local business owners want to thank

the city for the new streetlights along Highland Drive (between Ramona and I-80), 2100 South (between 700 East and 1300 East) and Wilmington Avenue, so they decided to throw a party to commemorate lighting up for the first time.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. Friday, featuring sidewalk sales, entertainment and a drawing for prizes.

To enter the drawing, pick up a "passport" from any participating merchant displaying a bright yellow banner; once you've gotten eight stamps (no purchase necessary), you can drop off your passport at Washington Mutual, The Patagonia Outlet, Smith-Crown Vacuums, Sterling Furniture, Sugarhouse Coffee or Wells Fargo Bank.

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## House built by struggling students completed



Students of YouthBuild stand outside the first house they completed after nearly a year of work.

By Nichole Coombs

After nearly a year of hammering away, the first ever YouthBuild house is complete.

"The low-income family who bought this house should be moving in, in the next month or so," said Rich Parks, director of the Salt Lake County Youth Building project.

The single-family house located just north of Granite High School blends into the neighborhood easily. From the outside, no one would suspect the people who built this house were trying to get their lives back on track. Of the 26 students who qualified to participate in the hands-on learning class, 12 had been convicted of a felony, mostly drug-related. One 19-year-old girl was a single mother of two, and several of the students were working to support their own families.

"These were good kids who just needed a chance to prove themselves," said Parks. "The experience they had here is out of context compared to what the rest of their lives are like."

The four-bedroom house was built with money from a federal grant and county dollars. The finishing work inside the house, like cabinetry and flooring, is being subcontracted out.

"These kids will be driving by this house for the next 30 years saying, 'I built that'; it may be one of the few positives in their lives," said Parks.

Of the original 26 who started the house, 11—including two women—were still with the program when it was finished. During the construction, three students got their diplomas and several others got their GEDs.

Some of the kids are still in the process of getting their diplomas.

"We are going to follow these kids for the next year and help them get jobs and even move on to college," said Parks. "It would be great if they could even get jobs with benefits, something most of these kids have never had."

Parks is hoping to get a second federal grant to build another house later this year or at the beginning of next year. It takes a lot of resources to build one of these houses and coordinate with the county, city and federal government.

Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon was on hand for the ceremony and said he would like to see the program continue.

"It serves not only as an educational resource, but also as a way to improve

## Museum exhibition explores Utah's Jewish heritage

The Museum of Utah Art & History (MUAH) will present the exhibition "A Homeland in the West: Utah Jews Remember," on view now through May 16, in their newly restored building at 125 Main Street.

This seldom-heard perspective of Jewish legacy depicts an illustration of Jewish experiences and enduring traditions in 120 black-and-white rarely seen photographs.

The exhibition, derived from family memoirs, stories and significant oral his-

tory interviews, comprises a cross-section of Jewish experiences throughout the state and celebrates Utah and its rich Jewish heritage.

The "Homeland in the West" project seeks to broaden cultural awareness by using the arts to represent the large percentage of ethnic and minority populations.

The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, 11 to 3. For more information, visit [www.muahnet.org](http://www.muahnet.org) or call 355-5554.

### "Fences" from front page

a year, but he believes homeowners should maintain their own property. Although there is old graffiti on some fences in the alley, he says he gets more graffiti on his fence in the front yard facing 500 East.

At both ends of the alleyway, gates are propped open. Thomas remembers when he first moved there that keys were available to the residents.

"It was locked in the past; why not now?" he asked. "If people lose their key, they can just go down to the City Hall and get a new one."

Even with their new alliance and fresh determination, some city councilmembers worry that not all of the issues may be fully resolved because of the history of past complaints and ineffective solutions. Still, they agreed they were willing to address the problem once more, try new approaches and record the results of their efforts over the next six months.

For now, the city will mend fences, install heavier gates closer to the streets, add locks and light the gated areas. Residents will form a community watch group and report illegal or suspicious alleyway activities.

communities by making homes available to low-income buyers," he said.

"We are always looking for contractors who want to participate," said Parks. "We give them well-trained, hard-working employees who are ready to learn."

Before construction began, all of the students were required to take a four-week construction course at Salt Lake Community College. The course taught the basics of building, reading plans and site safety. After the four weeks, students were given a certificate of completion and sent to work on the house.

"You can talk about construction in the classroom all you want, but the real learning comes when you pick up a tool," said Parks.

If you are interested in being part of the next construction project, contact Rich Parks at [rparks@co.sl.c.ut.us](mailto:rparks@co.sl.c.ut.us).

## El Dia de Los Ninos/ Day of the Children celebration planned

By Nichole Coombs

There will soon be a new holiday on the calendars at the State Capitol. Gov. Jon Huntsman will officially sign the documents declaring April 30 as El Dia de Los Ninos/The Day of the Children.

"We are so excited to be taking this celebration statewide," said Barbara Lovejoy, one of the celebration organizers. "A few years ago we celebrated it in Salt Lake City."

In Mexico and many Latin American countries, children have the day off school and participate in events that celebrate them as the future of the world.

On April 30, all Utahns are invited to carry on the tradition by participating in a variety of free, family-friendly, culturally enriching activities at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 West 3100 South, from 2 to 7 p.m. The afternoon will also focus on the importance of literacy.

Families can make paper flowers, sing along with Ricardo Merino, a folksinger from Peru, listen to storytellers, and even play with the Wasatch Front Juggles. There will be performances all afternoon by Latino artists, dancers, mimes and even a magic show. Admission, activities and refreshments are all free.

Awards will also be handed out for this year's Spanish spelling bee, held April 22. Prizes for the spelling bee winners include scholarship money and books.

"We want this to be a day where we can expose the dreams of children from all cultures to the community," said Lovejoy.

Many children from around the community prepared for El Dia de Los Ninos/Day of the Children at their schools by writing their dreams for the future on index cards, then displaying them throughout the city.

You can find more information about the celebration at Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County libraries as well as the Utah Cultural Center and el Consulado de Mexico.



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## UTA fares increase beginning May 1

By Michelle Swenson

The Utah Transit Authority will increase ticket fares beginning May 1 to compensate for rising fuel costs, according to UTA spokesperson Justin Jones.

Fares will increase 5 cents in May, then an additional 10 cents effective Jan. 1, Jones said.

"For every penny fuel goes up, it impacts UTA \$50,000," Jones said

UTA purchases about five million gallons of gas annually, he said. And with the price of gas escalating, they were over their fuel budget by approximately \$1 million last year.

With the expectation that gas prices will not drop soon, UTA had to make a choice, he said.

"We either had to increase fares or reduce service," Jones said.

In the past, UTA has removed service from an area to compensate for lost funds but received negative feedback from the public about that decision, Jones said. So they decided to increase fares.

"We can continue to give the public what they requested," he said.

### "Festival" from front page

at 6 p.m. with music and mixing at the Sprague Library plaza. Then at 7 p.m., the program features SLC Mayor Rocky Anderson, council member Dale Lambert and The Saliva Sisters, sponsored by the Sugar House Commons, before the flipping of the switch to turn on the new state-of-the-art lighting system. The new lights feature pedestrian lights on the 172 new poles.

"The pedestrian lights shine more on the sidewalk, making it safe for people to walk at night," Green said.

More than 50 years ago, in April 1949, the center of Sugar House was transformed when the glow of 142 new streetlights lit up the business district. The new "White Way" lighting system gave Sugar House the most up-to-date street lighting in the Intermountain West.

At the time, city engineers expected the new lights to "eliminate traffic accidents and discourage thievery and other petty crimes in the business district."

Back then, residents celebrated the event with a two-day festival that brought thousands of people into the shopping center. Special decorations, unique displays and promotions by the 235 businesses in the area marked the event, called "White Way Days."

The newly installed lighting system will be brighter than the existing ones. "They will identify and unify the commercial core, in a style consistent with its historic character," Green said.

## Announcements

### Presley DuVall celebrates 90 years



Presley DuVall

Presley A. DuVall, a resident of South Salt Lake since 1962, will be celebrating his 90th birthday on May 30. He will be honored at a party attended by more than 100 family members.

Presley, along with his wife Evelyn, was named South Salt Lake Citizen of the Year in 2003 and honored at the July 4th festivities.

**"Taxis" from front page**  
city approved ground transportation operations and developing a shared walkup van concession at the airport.

The study provided a timeline that showed franchise operations beginning as early as February 2006. But councilmember Dale Lambert said he thought it would take longer.

"You've set up a very ambitious time schedule I'm skeptical about," he said. "It's going to take a period of time to get these recommendations reduced to writing. Then we'll have to have another public hearing. Then we'll have to schedule a time in June for significant discussion of this issue."

Council members will accept public written comment on the issue until May 19. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. June 7 at the City and County Building, 450 South State Street.

### The maximum rates Salt Lake City taxi firms can charge may be on the rise.

SLC council members are considering changing the current maximum rate based on a public hearing in January and the fact that the maximum rates have not been increased since 1997.

The city's three taxi firms, Yellow Cab, Ute Cab and City Cab, want the following increases:

Flag drop:	From \$1.60 to \$1.75
Per Mile Rate:	From \$1.60 to \$1.80
Waiting Time:	From \$21 to \$22
Minimum Fare	
From the Airport:	From \$10 to \$12

A public hearing to discuss these rates is set for May 3.

## Zoo gets summer bus stop

By Michelle Swenson

If you're at the U and heading to Hogle Zoo, now you can get there from here.

The Utah Transit Authority has added a seasonal stop at the zoo to bus route 14, which connects with TRAX at the University of Utah football stadium, near 500 South 1400 East, said Justin Jones, UTA spokesperson.

At one time, there was a regular UTA route that stopped at the zoo, but that was cancelled a few years ago, said Stacey Phillips, spokesperson for the zoo.

"We are thrilled that it is coming back," she said. "We are encouraging people to ride it as much as possible."

The extra stop will be available from April to mid-August, Jones said.

## Committee issues call for art work for Salt Palace expansion

Salt Lake County is seeking applications from qualified artists and designers to participate in an open competition for works of art to be installed at Salt Palace Convention Center. Approximately \$400,000 has been designated for art.

A public art selection committee will review all the submissions and make the final recommends. Three sites have been identified for art at the Salt Palace. Artists must demonstrate ability to complete the commission. Proposals must include slides of previous artwork.

If selected, the successful artist or team will prepare and submit detailed working drawings of the artwork and will fabricate and install the artwork in accordance with the approved design.

Deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, May 19. Applications are available on the County's website, [www.slco.org](http://www.slco.org).

For more information, call 468-3517 or 468-2318, or visit <http://www.finearts.slco.org/>.

Stops will be made at the zoo on weekdays with the busses that leave the stadium at 7:39, 8:39 and 11:09 a.m. Afternoon service from the zoo back to the stadium begins at 3:47, 5:47 or 6:47 p.m.

Saturday service is limited to one trip in the morning, at 8:10 a.m., and one in the afternoon, which will leave the zoo at 5:29 p.m.

Several zoo employees will also use the bus system while service is available through the summer, Phillips said.

"Hogle Zoo likes to encourage people to use mass transit," she said. "We are a conservation organization, so anything we can do to reduce pollution and save gas, we are all about that."

The bus stop for the zoo is directly across the street on Sunnyside Avenue at a well-lit crosswalk.

For more information log on to [www.rideuta.com](http://www.rideuta.com) or call RIDE-UTA.

## Bonsai Club Spring Show to be held at Red Butte Gardens

The Bonsai Club of Utah will hold its annual spring show at the Red Butte Gardens, Friday through Sunday, April 29, 30 and May 1. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the show is included with admission to the gardens. Friday, April 29, is Arbor Day and admission to the gardens and show is free.

Demonstrations will be held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Club members will be on hand to answer questions throughout the show. You can buy trees, pre-bonsai trees and supplies.

The Bonsai Club of Utah meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Sugar House Garden Center.

For more information about the spring show or the club, contact Aaron Penrod at 566-5423 or Yvette Ungricht at 278-9316.

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Arts & Entertainment

Living Traditions Festival marks 20th anniversary of diverse community celebration



The Living Traditions pow-wow demonstration features many of Utah's Native American tribes.

The Living Traditions Festival will celebrate the diversity of the community through dance, music, foods and crafts of many ethnic groups May 20-22 at the Salt Lake City & County Building, 451 South State Street.

For the 20th year, the festival helps preserve ethnic groups' identities by passing on cultural traditions. Artists of all ages will perform, from children's dance groups to senior craftspeople to college-age volunteers working in food booths.

Living Traditions sets the stage for a rich tapestry of the sounds, sights, tastes and aromas emanating from more than 40 distinct cultures. Activities include:

- Two performing stages for more than 50

- musical and dance performances.
  - Master craftspeople showing and discussing materials and techniques.
  - Living traditions kids, where children participate in hands-on activities.
  - Workshop stage for in-depth lectures and demonstrations of cultural history and issues.
  - Food vendors providing authentic cuisine from 20 different ethnic groups.
  - Two beer gardens where festival visitors can enjoy the Living Traditions scene.
- Native American pow-wow demonstration showcasing the spectacular costumes and athletic dances from many of Utah's Native American tribes.
- Also, national and international

Festival will highlight Japanese culture

The "Nihon Matsuri: Japan Festival Salt Lake City" will showcase Japanese culture and traditions during a one-day downtown event on Saturday, April 30.

Presented by Utah's People of Japanese Ancestry, Nihon Matsuri features food, entertainment, music, demonstrations, booths and crafts. The festival begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 8 p.m., with most of the activities on 100 South between 200 West and 300 West. The event is free and open to all.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Utah's Japanese community to come together," said Floyd Mori, event chairperson. "We're so happy to have the chance to share our community's culture, history, talents and traditions with all the people of Utah."

Utah Congressman Jim Matheson and former Gov. Olene Walker, along with Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, Deputy Mayor Karen Suzuki-Okabe, SLC Councilmember Nancy Saxton and retired Judge Raymond Uno will attend the opening ceremony at 11:20 a.m., presided over by His Excellency Yuzo Ota, Consul General of Japan at Denver.

Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr., will make an appearance later in the afternoon.

Mori will introduce the honored guests, who will also take part in a formal Japanese tea ceremony.

groups will perform, including Madagascar guitarist D'Gary and gospel greats The Campbell Brothers on Friday night, "Zydeco Sweetheart" Rosie Ledet on Saturday night, and Celtic music sensation Bohola on Sunday.

For more information on Living Traditions or to volunteer, call the Salt Lake City Arts Council at 596-5000 or visit the Web site at [www.sl.gov.com/arts](http://www.sl.gov.com/arts). Admission is free.



Japan Festival on April 30 will offer 'tastes' of the Orient for valley residents.

"It's our hope that people will be interested enough to stop by and discover or reacquaint themselves with our history, our traditions and our culture," Mori said. "It should be a fun and fascinating day."

Additional morning activities include the Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group, the 13-year-old performing company that boasts "Renshu" and "Ashira" among its pieces. Josh Shimizu will perform the national anthem, and Dai Ichi Ward will lead guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additional scheduled events include All-Star Karate at 12:30 p.m., a fashion show: "The Art of Dressing and Wearing the Kimono" at 2:15 p.m., a performance by the Kocarina Ensemble at 4 p.m., and the Okinawa Kenjinkai Dance Group at 5:15 p.m.

Origami demonstrations, a karaoke competition, performances by the Salt Lake Buddhist Dharma School and Japanese Church of Christ Kenshin Taiko Group are also on the schedule.

Another highlight will be the 2 p.m. dedication of a Peace Pole, one of 200,000 in 180 countries around the world, each bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

For more information on "Nihon Matsuri: Japan Festival Salt Lake City," visit [nihonmatsuri.com](http://nihonmatsuri.com).

Wasatch Theatre Company presents 'Stories of Hawaii'

In Wasatch Theatre Company's original production of *Stories of Hawaii*, a play by George Plautz based on the writings of Jack London, seven stories are dramatized using a variety of theatrical styles and

genres - comedy, romance, fable. All are brought to the stage with London's dynamic writing style intact.

South Salt Lake Parks and Recreation offered special support for the project.

The stories, from London's two collections on Hawaii—*The House of Pride* and *On the Malakoa Mat*—will be enacted by a multi-ethnic, multicultural and multitalented cast under the direction of Mary Lee Anderton, with Nancy Jensen serving as assistant director.

The cast includes Catherine Balaz, Michael Barnes, Sallie Cooper, Luella Flores, Diana Franca, Maline Hairup, Sean Pickell, Vicki Pugmire, Joan Shuhua, Kevin Smith, Daniel Torrence, Keith Wilkerson, Brooke Wilkinson, Yong Xia, Hongmei Xu, FayFay Ye, Chongfu Zhang, Wang Zhengming and Yongfang Zhong. The founders of Kalama Mohala, Craig and Lani Toyama, are supplying dancers for the pre-show and will be hosting concessions.

*Stories of Hawaii* opens April 29 and runs Fridays and Saturdays through May 14. Show time is 8 p.m. at the Columbus Center (2531 South 500 East). Ticket prices are \$8. Make reservations by calling 446-5657.

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**League fundraiser to benefit two hospitals**

The Consociates Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Salt Lake City will hold its annual "Women of Distinction" fundraising luncheon May 7 to benefit two philanthropic projects. This year's honoree is Kayleen Simmons, founder and executive director of People Helping People, a mentoring program that supports low-income single mothers. The mentoring program provides long-term, one-on-one coaching and training to help with life skills to succeed in the workplace and become self-sufficient.

Proceeds from this event help support two philanthropic projects. One project is Baby Bundles. This project provides newborn layettes to low income and teen mothers. The layettes include blankets, gowns, sleepers, undershirts, socks, diapers and a book for the mother to read to her infant. They are distributed to the University of Utah Hospital.

The other project is Assault Survivor Kits. This project provides kits containing sweats, underwear, sports bras, socks and toiletries to victims of abuse. The kits are made for both adults and children. They are given to SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), Rape Recovery and Center For Safe and Healthy Families at Primary Children's Hospital.

Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m., at the Hidden Valley Country Club, 11820 South Highland Drive.

For more information or to join the auxiliary, call 466-2517.

**Mexifest 2005 celebration features first Cinco de Mayo parade**

Come watch Salt Lake City's first-ever Cinco de Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 7, from noon to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by El Semanal Magazine, the parade will begin at 100 South and State Street. It will move south to 400 South, then head east to 200 East.

After the parade, hang out at Mexifest 2005, Salt Lake City's third annual Cinco de Mayo festival, in Washington Square, 451 South State Street.

The gala goes until 10 p.m. Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 8.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the day that Mexico gained its land back from the French Army at a battle in Puebla, Mexico on May 5, 1862.

Mexico's victory kept Napoleon III and his French Army from supplying Confederate rebels, allowing the Union to strengthen its army and defeat the Confederates at Gettysburg just 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

**Ray's Rope can be a lifeline for cancer victims**



Member of the team, "Ray's Rope" participated in the SLC Marathon in memory of their friend and hero, Ray Irvine.

By Michelle Swenson

A dedicated and diverse team gathered for months to train, then met April 23 to run or walk in the Salt Lake City Marathon and 5K in honor of a Salt Lake City man.

The team, Ray's Rope, was organized in the name of Ray Irvine, a member of the Huntsman Cancer Institute support group he called "his rope."

Ray was a member of the group for only a short time before he died of pancreatic cancer in October, but he left a legacy that many remember.

"Ray was a humble, very humble, man," said Michele Dabrowski, the licensed clinical social worker who facilitated the support group. "He had a quiet, powerful presence in that group."

Ray's Rope, led by their captain, Tessie Palczynski, participated in the marathon and 5K in the Hometown Heroes program, which allowed the runners to fundraise for Huntsman Cancer Institute while training for the race.

In this year's event, approximately 300 to 350 participated in the marathon or 5K as Hometown Heroes, according to Lori Kun, development officer at Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Each 5K participant represented at least a \$200 donation, and a marathon runner signified a donation of \$500 or more.

Many Hometown Heroes are cancer survivors or are participating on behalf of or in memory of a loved one, Kun said.

"Marathons and physical events like

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# City of South Salt Lake Newsletter



## Crime Prevention Officers Teach at the Head Start Program



South Salt Lake police officers Scott McBride and Paul McCullough recently spent an afternoon at the South Salt Lake Head Start Program. The officers taught 40 children from the community about the importance of wearing safety belts and the proper use of 911.

They also taught the children about the dangers of finding discarded syringes. The children were instructed to not touch a syringe and to immediately tell an adult.

Officers McBride and McCullough spent time talking about "stranger danger" and what the children need to do when approached by a person not known to them. In addition to teaching, the officers played games and gave tours of their police cars.

The children were very attentive to the officer's information. Officer McBride was temporarily adopted by a 4-year-old girl, who spent the majority of the class holding his hand.

## WOW Campouts

This one-day camp costs only \$10 per child and includes a sleeping bag, flash light, t-shirt, journal and all meals.

Camps are June 3 & 4 and June 10 & 11 at Fitts Park. Each camp runs from 4 p.m. to 2 p.m. Camp will teach inner-city kids the necessity of camping to learn more about nature and the beauty it provides.

Registration begins May 1. Sign up soon, spots fill up fast. For more information, please call 412-3217.

## Farmer Sports Camps

Day camps begin in June and run through July. Campers between 12-18 years are eligible. Cost is only \$20, which includes a camp T-shirt, memorabilia and much more.

Participants must register at the Parks and Recreation Office starting May 1. Camps offered include golfing, tennis, theatre, dance, basketball, baseball, football, wrestling, volleyball and much more. For details, call 412-3217.

## Classes at Columbus

**Chi-lel Qigong (The Self Healing Art)** – The class is FREE and is held at the South Salt Lake Columbus Center on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm. For more information, call 412-3217.

**Hula Dance Class** – Classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings starting at 6pm. Classes are held at the Columbus Center. For more information, call 412-3218.

**Hawaiian Language Class** – Classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings starting at 6pm. Classes are held at the Columbus Center. For more information, call 412-3218.

**Judo** – Classes are ongoing each Monday and Wednesday at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

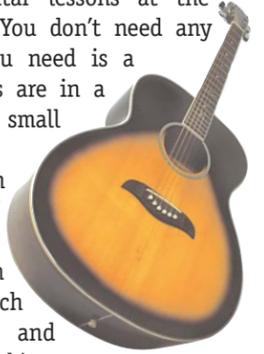
**Shorin-Rhu Karate** – Classes are ongoing each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Square Dancing Classes** – Classes are held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center at 2531 South 400 East.

**Guitar Lessons** – Haven't you always wanted to learn the guitar, but just have never got around to it? Acclaimed musician Steve Nelson is now teaching beginning acoustic guitar lessons at the Columbus Center. You don't need any experience, all you need is a guitar. The classes are in a fun, low-pressure, small group setting.

Classes are on various nights of the week and are four times a month for six months. Each class is an hour and costs \$7 (\$28/month).

Call 755-6607 or e-mail [steve@utah-guitar.com](mailto:steve@utah-guitar.com) for more details.



## South Salt Lake Announces Adult Recreation Leagues

### Adult Softball Leagues

Registration deadline is May 27. Cost for a team is \$225 or if you do not have a team, please call 412-3217 to get on the interested players list. We are putting together a Coed, Men's and Women's Divisions. This will include 12 games, plus awards. Balls included.

### Adult Volleyball Tournament

Registration deadline is May 20. Cost for a team is \$50 or if you do not have a team, please call 412-3217 to get on the interested players list. We are putting together a Co-ed Volleyball Tournament. Cost is \$50 per team. Those team that register will qualify to play in a Sand Volleyball Tournament in June and July for only \$10 per team. We hope to build a league from these tournaments.

### Adult 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Registration deadline is May 20. Cost for a team is \$30 or if you do not have a team, please call 412-3217 to get on the interested players list. Cost is \$30 per team. We hope to build a league from this tournament. For details, call 412-3217.

## Miss South Salt Lake City Pageant



2004 Royalty with the Mayor  
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Miss South Salt Lake Pageant Participant Applications are due on Monday, May 9, no later than 5 p.m. Applications are available at City Hall.

All female residents ages 16-21 are eligible to participate. If you have any questions, call Susannah at 464-6757.

## Parks and Rec Upcoming Events

**Mother and Son Fiesta** – Friday, May 13. Sons come show your mothers a fun time. The fiesta begins at 7 p.m. at the SSL Columbus Center Auditorium at 2531 South 400 East. The dance is open to moms and sons ages 4 years and older and costs \$2 per couple and \$1 for each additional child. It is sure to be a party to remember.

**The Cinco de Mayo dance** has been rescheduled to April 30th. This is a hip-hop dance for all cultures. Youth ages 14-18 are invited to the Columbus Center for a great time. It starts at 7 p.m. and is **FREE!** Hope to see you there!



## Commercer

### Steve Tregagle Photography Studios and Master Lab Photography

Steve Tregagle Photography Studios and Master Lab Photography Services is relocating to part of a newly renovated building at 2990 South Main.



The building, owned by Keith Christensen, has undergone a complete facelift and substantial internal renovations. Steve Tregagle Photography offers fine commercial photography plus all the latest in commercial photo lab services, including digital and other photo medium services, print production and high-quality photo treatment services.

Currently located on Richards Street, Steve and his staff hope to be fully functional in their new location in the beginning of May.

## Granite High School Madrigals and Concert Choir

On Wednesday, April 20, the Granite High School Madrigals and Concert Choir left to perform in the Anaheim Heritage Music Festival in Southern California.

They will spend some time in Disneyland, where the awards ceremony and dance will be after they perform on Saturday. Congratulations and good luck to the Madrigals and Concert Choir!



**Tribute To Music**  
May 23 at Fitts Park Amphitheatre beginning at 6 p.m. Event is free. Come listen to Patriotic music performed by local talent. In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to St. Ann's Church on 500 East and 2100 South. If you are interested in performing or being a part of the SSL Choir, please call 464-6757 for details.

# City of South Salt Lake Newsletter



## City to Upgrade Waterlines

The City is in the final stages of securing EPA matching grant funds, which will be used for waterline upgrades.

Upon approval from the EPA, design will begin on approximately 7,600 lineal feet of main waterlines and associated fire hydrants in various parts of the system. While most of the work will involve replacing outdated lines with larger diameter pipes for better distribution and increased fire protection, some may include installing waterlines where none currently exist.

Although it is anticipated that this project will be completed in 2005, it may be next spring before the contractor finishes the work. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that may occur as we upgrade the water lines and hydrants.

## The City of South Salt Lake's Voluntary Curbside Recycle Program

Those residents interested in the City's voluntary curbside recycling program need to register before June 15. The curbside recycle program will begin July 1. Information, as well as registration forms may be obtained from the City's web site [www.southsaltlakecity.com](http://www.southsaltlakecity.com) or by contacting City Hall at 464-6711.



## The Stormwater System

The stormwater system channels rain and snowmelt into gutters, which drain into streams and rivers. When people pollute stormwater, they also pollute our natural waterways. Listed below are ways to protect our stormwater system.

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2. Do not throw litter into the gutter.
3. Contain dirt and debris so they don't wash into waterways.
4. Proper car maintenance helps prevent fluid leaks.
5. Sweep driveway dirt onto the lawn, not into the gutter.
6. Wash cars on the grass.
7. Dispose of pet waste in the trash or down the toilet.

If we all do our part, we will have cleaner water in the end. Remember, we all live downstream.

## Amphitheatre Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Fitts Park



Mayor and City Council members join with city employees and residents for ribbon cutting ceremony at new Amphitheatre in Fitts Park. The new facility is ideal for plays, family gatherings and entertainment. Contact the parks department at 412-3217 to make your reservations!

## Easter Egg Hunt a Big Success



The Easter Egg Hunt held in Fitts Park was a big success with lots of eggs and fun for the whole family.

## Get Into The River



Above: Workman Park. Inset: The Jordan River.

Remember to join with your friends and neighbors from all over the valley at the newly renovated Workman Park on Saturday, May 14, for a great morning of fun and festivities.

The third annual "Get Into the River, Celebrate the Jordan" festivity

will feature a breakfast, 5K run, demonstration booths, games, tree plantings, canoe rides and lots of fun activities for all ages. Also included is the dedication ceremony for all the new features at Workman Park, 900 West at 2300 South.

Join us from 9 a.m. to noon for a really great time.



All the pavilions at Fitts Park got a makeover, receiving new roofs.

## From the Firehouse

By Steve F. Foote, Fire Chief

During the past year, the South Salt Lake Fire Department has been exposed to historically large fires, industrial accidents, automobile incidents and hazardous material calls that have severely taxed our resources. While the media has been very kind to us, what you don't see are the many things the fire department does to improve the community.

On April 1, the South Salt Lake Fire Department, along with the Granite Education Foundation's "Adopt a School" program, began our adopted relationship with Lincoln Elementary. While the Fire Department has a long standing tradition of teaching fire prevention in the schools, it is our desire to interact with the kids on a much more regular basis, while providing assistance to the teachers that have a tremendously difficult job.

Along with teaching fire safety, we will also take time to read to the kids in their classrooms, take them on tours of the fire trucks and hopefully become their friends, coaches and mentors. We will explain to them about what it is like to serve your fellow man and what it takes to become a firefighter/paramedic. There will also be some "fun time" as we engage

## Tree Planting Program

Spring has sprung and the time to plant trees is at hand. South Salt Lake residents are eligible to participate in a tree planting reimbursement program. Specific regulations do apply. For more information, contact the Parks department at 412-3217.



in playground activities that will further strengthen our bond with the kids that will help build future generations.

We already have adopted partnerships with the Hartvigsen School and will be joining hands with Woodrow Wilson Elementary in the coming days.

The fire service has long since evolved from just waiting for a call to come in. Our off time is spent wisely in personal development, station duties and spending time in the community. Our work with the kids at Lincoln and the other schools is just another element in our constant desire to improve the standard of safety, welfare and quality of life in our community.

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## School News

### Highland High cheerleading squad competes at nationals



The Highland High cheerleading squad took third place in the USA Spirit Nationals.

By Nichole Coombs

Disneyland has never seen so many people with spirit. Hundreds of the country's best cheerleaders headed to Anaheim, Calif., for the USA Spirit Nationals the first week of March. And Highland High School's cheerleaders represented Utah well.

"This year, we have really strong routines," said Stein Ingebretsen, one of captains of the varsity squad. Last year was kind of a learning experience."

"This year we have a lot more partner stunts," said Jordan Hansen, another varsity captain.

In Anaheim, the squads compete in different categories for two days. Highland's team took third place in its division overall and took 11th in pom dance.

The squad won their way to the nationals after scoring high at the state competition in January at Timpview High School. Teams who score more than 80 points out of a possible 100 qualify for the national competition.

"It was great. We got to play a little and work hard," said Claudia Bellamy, who teaches at Highland and has been the cheerleading coach for the past four years.

The Highland varsity squad consists of eight men, seven women and the schools' mascot. The school usually has a co-ed team, but Hansen says in the last few years, the men have brought a new strength to the team.

"They really make us stronger. This time we are doing just a little dancing, mostly stunts," said Hansen.

"I am very proud of this group for a

lot of reasons," said Bellamy. "Six out of the 15 [on the squad] have 4.0 GPAs, and three are Sterling Scholars."

The squad is given one daily class period for practice, but it takes more than eight hours a week outside of the classroom to carry through with all of their responsibilities.

"Many of these kids will get leadership scholarships to go to school next year," said Bellamy. One student even has his eyes set on Harvard University.

Now that the squad is back, they will be focusing on the school's service project, Operation Smile, and getting ready for next year's tryouts.

### Highland teacher gets top honors

By Nichole Coombs

Wendy Curtis takes her job very seriously. As the family and consumer science teacher at Highland High School, she teaches kids about living and dealing with real life.

"I try to take what we do and one, make it fun, and two, make it applicable," said Curtis.

Most recently, her efforts were recognized by the Utah Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Curtis has been named the FACS Teacher of the Year in Utah.

"Back in the day it was called home ec," Curtis said. "Now I teach anything related to family living, fashion strategies and interior design."

Curtis has been teaching for 12 years and says it's her experience as a working mom that gives her a unique perspective when teaching.

### New student body president and vice president elected at Westminster College

By Nichole Coombs

As seniors gear up for graduation at Westminster College in June, a new leadership team is taking the reigns for the 2005-06 school year.

"I love our campus," said Student Body President-Elect Chris Wharton, a 2002 high school graduate. "I feel like I can really represent the students here."

Wharton campaigned on a promise to help make the campus more environmentally friendly and working toward election reform.

"We do a lot already on campus with recycling," he said. "But there is more we can do in the residential halls."

Wharton also plans on making policy changes in the Senate to make it more accessible to students.

"It's a challenge to help those who drive back and forth each day feel like they are an active part of campus activities and make them want to feel part of policy changes," said Wharton.

Wharton, son of Cindy Nelson and Thomas Wharton, grew up in the Murray and Cottonwood areas of the valley. He's currently a history major with plans to graduate in 2006. Last year Wharton served as a member of the Associated Student of Westminster College (ASWC) Judicial Council. He's also been part of the Utah Intercollegiate Association and worked with the Westminster Students for Political Awareness.

"While this is a great way to get involved on campus and with students, we have the opportunity to help students by serving as student advocates," said Wharton.

Ray Bradford was elected as the 2005-06 vice president at Westminster College. He's a 2003 high school graduate.

Bradford served this year as ASWC



Student Body President-Elect Chris Wharton and Vice President-Elect Ray Bradford prepare to lead the Westminster student government in the fall.

director of budget and finance, a presidential ambassador and vice president of the college's honors council. Bradford is also a member of the national Alpha Chi honor society.

"Being in charge of the budget last year gave me the experience I will need next year to help plan better activities and bring in bigger names to speak at the college," said Bradford.

The ASWC wants to bring a casino night to campus next year, as well as host a go-cart night.

"There are a lot of things we can do to merge academics and the fun of campus life," said Bradford.

This summer, Wharton and Bradford plan to make some changes in the way ASWC operates.

"Right now, students don't know what student government is or what it is here for," said Wharton. "We do plan activities, but we also manage all of the clubs on campus. Most important, we are the student voice on the Board of Regents and on the Board of Trustees."



Highland High teacher Wendy Curtis receives the FACS Teacher of the Year award.

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### Former governor donates gift package to lucky Ute fan

By Wade Jewkes

The University of Utah Fiesta Bowl victory is still resonating good vibrations—at least for one lucky Ute fan.

Before the victory, then-Gov. Olene Walker and Pennsylvania Gov. Edward Rendell had placed a bet on the outcome of the game. The Utes defeated Pittsburg handily 35-7. Now Walker has decided to turn over her winnings to a Ute fan,

instead of collecting on the bet for herself.

On March 15, Walker announced she had won a trip to Pennsylvania, which included round-trip airfare for two, three nights' stay and tickets to a major league sporting event. A couple of free dinners and a history/heritage tour were also included.

"I've already been to Pennsylvania," she quipped, explaining why she would prefer to reward a Ute fan. "We wanted to do something for the fans."

"Don't ever make a friendly wager without knowing the point spread," Coach Kyle Whittingham advised Rendell, who was present for the announcement.

Walker said she was expecting him to ask for a point spread but he never did. "And I just knew we were going to win."

"This is all in fun," Walker said as she expressed her appreciation to Whittingham and the football team for their accomplishment.

In addition to the trip to Pennsylvania, two additional trips will be given away: A getaway for two to Snowbird and a getaway for two to Moab.

The governor's office will schedule the drawing later this spring.

### Westminster Golf gets into the swing of things.



Ashley Baldwin competes in two sports at Granite High: basketball and golf.

By Wade Jewkes

The golf program at Westminster College is blossoming into a competitive challenger in its league and a serious component of the overall athletic program. However, "infant stages" would be an appropriate portrayal of where it currently stands. Consider: Jesse Lind, the senior captain and men's team leader is the first golfer to complete four years at Westminster.

At a recent tournament held in Lewiston, Idaho, on Apr 11 and 12, the Griffins placed a respectable fifth.

And the women's team?

"We do not have enough players to qualify in tournaments as a team, so we enter our three players as individuals," said coach J.D. Gustin, who serves double duty as golf coach and sports information director. (In fact, it may be called "triple duty," as most colleges have separate coaches for the men and women's teams.)

The coaches and players do not lack enthusiasm. Gustin said that Ashley Baldwin placed fifth at the Lewiston tournament, but was disappointed because she thought she could have taken first. "I thought fifth was pretty good for a freshman," he said.

Associate head golf coach Bill Rice said the bad weather contributed to poor play. "It rained, it blew, conditions were really tough."

However, Baldwin is very competitive.

"A little too much sometimes," she said. "I am competitive at everything, even board games. I have to remind myself sometimes that it doesn't really matter."

Baldwin came from Idaho Falls, where she grew up under the tutelage of her father, who is a high school coach. As Idaho's Gatorade Player of the Year in basketball, she excelled in two sports. Westminster beckoned with the offer to play both basketball and golf. Nowadays, major colleges require a student-athlete to make a choice and concentrate on one sport.

"She is a Division I player in golf," said Gustin.

The past season in women's basketball, she saw considerable playing time as the "sixth man."

So, just like high school, she can continue to play both sports.

## Sports

### Granite soccer fields a melting pot of players



Granite High soccer players line up for warm-up exercises during a recent practice.

By Wade Jewkes

There are two challenges that confront Granite High soccer coach Jared Reynolds in building a solid program at the school.

The number one issue is the transient nature of the players. Many players come

from refugee families and are not permanently settled.

The other issue is grades.

"I have a whole different team this year than last, and only three seniors left the program," said Reynolds. Thus, conti-

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"This benefit is something I wanted to be a part of immediately," said Ballet West Soloist Michael Bearden. "My father was recently diagnosed with cancer, so I know first-hand the positive impact that organizations like the UCF can have on cancer patients, survivors and their families."

Works included in the performance are George Balanchine's Allegro Brillante; Tomm Ruud's MOBILE; the

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Tickets are available at any ArtTix location by calling 355-ARTS or visiting www.arttix.org or by calling the Utah Cancer Foundation at 281-6873.

### Crime can be prevented through environmental design

By Whitney Webb

There are many ways to prevent crime in a neighborhood that don't include sitting on the porch with a shotgun in hand.

"One thing prevents crime, and that is: People watching," said Barry Esham, Salt Lake City community affairs analyst at the March 2 Sugarhouse Community Council meeting. Esham was at the meeting to give a presentation on a program called CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design).

The idea behind CPTED is that physical environment can have an effect upon the behavior of people. Because of this, preventing crime in a community can sometimes be as easy as using certain landscape designs or planning community activities.

There are many simple ways to protect a home that don't involve security

systems.

To prevent burglaries, Esham said that visibility is the most important concept: Owners should be able to see most of their property from the front or back door. To achieve this, residents should trim their trees so the branches are seven feet above ground, keep shrubs neatly trimmed and low to the ground, have a fence, and, most importantly, have good lighting on the property.

Esham explained that maintaining the property is also a deterrent. "Show some ownership, dress up your home," he said.

"It doesn't matter what kind of alleys or walkways are in your neighborhood, if people are out and doing things in your neighborhood," Esham said. "Planning activities for your parks and just taking walks in the neighborhood can be a deterrent."

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nunity becomes a problem.

Reynolds runs several drills in practice to teach communication and get all the team members on the same page.

“These kids all have good skills,” he said. “But they all play different styles.”

No wonder styles are different. Players on this team were born in Kenya, Bosnia, Senegal, Norway, Mexico and Somalia just to name a few countries. However, players born in these countries come with skills. The problem is some don’t even speak English. Reynolds speaks Spanish, which helps with a few from Mexico.

Leading scorer Andersen Ferizaj hails from Serbia-Montenegro, but actually learned to play in Germany. Still a freshman, he speaks excellent English and looks like he could play professionally.

“Well, I want to play in college,” he said. But at this point, he is not sure about going any further.

Angel Perez is from Mexico and speaks very little English. His friend and fellow countryman, Paul Carranza, translates for him.

“I am a defender, not a scorer,” he said through Carranza. And Carranza added for him: “He is a very good player.”

Carranza speaks very good English; he arrived here from Mexico eight years ago. “As long as I can play soccer, I am happy,” he said.

Reynolds supervises this melting pot and says it hasn’t changed much in the six years he has been coaching at Granite.

“We also have players from Poland, Ghana and the Sudan,” he said.

**“Teacher Award” from page 10**

students to live a good life not just exist.

Her love of teaching started when she was a student at Highland High School in 1981. Curtis says her Home Economics teacher, Linda Dunn, inspired her to become an educator.

“Some of my students become interior designers, others become teachers; and that’s a great feeling,” said Curtis.

The Utah FACS honored Curtis at a luncheon in November.

**“Westminster” from page 11**

tinue to pursue her two favorite sports. She also mentioned that Westminster academics played a role in her choosing to attend here.

And Gustin emphasized, “Academics always come first here.”

Consequently, building new sports programs is always more difficult where a student-athlete must perform first-rate in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

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## Business Spotlight

### Sugarhouse Bread Company



*Sugarhouse Bread Company at 837 East 2100 South offers a variety of fresh baked bread, cookies, brownies and sandwiches.*

By Peri Kinder

One of the hottest small businesses in Sugar House is also one of the tastiest. As customers come to the Sugar House Bread Company, 837 East 2100 South, they are greeted with the inviting aroma of freshly baked bread and warm smiles from the store's owners.

Rachel Funk, her husband Michael, brother-in-law Matthew and mother-in-law Arla are co-owners in what has become a rising business. The Sugar House Bread Company opened its doors 17 months ago, and residents of the community have come to realize what a treasure they have in this cozy bakery.

"We have a good, unique product,"

Rachel says. "We want you to come in and try a slice of bread. Add honey, jam and butter, fall in love and take some home."

The breads at Sugar House Bread Company are dense, heavy loaves sweetened with honey. No fats or preservatives are added making the breads very healthy, high-fiber choices to add to your diet. The bakers also make a line of low-carb breads, including white, wheat and rolls.

"We make low-carb bread," Rachel says, "not low-carb board."

More than 30 different kinds of bread are made at the store, and customer favorites include the cinnamon swirl, honey whole-wheat, rye and a creative Italian cheddar parmesan that is filled with

rich cheeses and baked to a golden brown.

Specialty breads are made at the Sugar House Bread Company including Finnish Rye, Dakota (a 7-grain loaf that adds poppy, sesame and sunflowers seeds), the Red, White & Blue (blueberries and cranberries mixed in with the delicious white bread) and every Thursday a kosher challah is made under the direction of Rabbi Zippel.

"People come in with ideas for bread, and we love to try new things," Rachel says. "We do breads that you really can't find anywhere else."

Not only does the Sugar House Bread Company make great loaves, they also offer cookies, brownies, chocolate-dipped pretzels and fresh sandwiches. Banana nut, pumpkin chocolate chip and other batter breads can be found at the store, along with dough that can be purchased to create your own bread items like pizza crust or scones.

"As it gets warmer, we have a patio with tables and chairs set up," she says. "People come for lunch and have a great time. People come in and stick around to talk and visit. They come in, not just for the bread, but for the people as well."

On Friday nights during the summer, Rachel and her family can be found operating a booth at the Sugar House Friday Night Market. "This is such a great walking community," she says. "It gives people a chance to try something new."

The Sugar House Bread Company is open on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. To contact the store, call 466-4321.

## John Taylor House helps those willing to help themselves.

By Ginger Miller

Helping men overcome life's challenges—such as drug abuse, mental health issues and homelessness—is the mission of the John Taylor House.

The John Taylor House is a full-service boarding home that provides residents with three home-cooked meals a day and free laundry facilities.

"We try to provide a good environment for [these men] and help them simplify their lives," said Peggy Hepsak, executive assistant. "This gives these men an opportunity to work at solving challenges in their lives and to figure out what they want to accomplish in the future."

The Work/Success Program offers residents a simple way to learn new skills and reduce the cost of rent. By accepting an assignment to fulfill household chores for 20 hours a week and attending a once-a-week Success Training Class, the cost of rent will be reduced from \$600 to \$425.

The training class teaches residents how to make wise choices and set goals in their lives. Learning how to achieve success in physical, mental, emotional and spiritual areas is an important part of the class, as well.

"It's kind of hard to play the game of life if you don't know the rules," said Lon Scow, managing trustee.

"We're just trying to share the simple things in life that are important and try to show the residents things that will help them achieve their goals and help them set new goals if they don't have any," said Scow.

At age 25, Clint Bawden found himself homeless and on the streets for a year before he came to the John Taylor House. By attending the success training program, he has been able to put his life in order.

"I've found employment for myself and became a productive member of society again," said Bawden. "My stay at the John Taylor House has been a positive contribution to my life and I am grateful for the chance it's given me."

Drugs and alcohol almost ruined Dice Shoemaker's life. After spending more than three years in prison, he came to live at the John Taylor House.

"If it wasn't for the John Taylor House, I wouldn't have recovered," said Shoemaker. "It's a great benefit for all who live here, especially me."

Currently, there are 14 residents living at the John Taylor House, which can accommodate up to 25 men. Some of these men are sent to the house by Valley Mental Health and the Utah Department of Corrections.

The John Taylor House is at 705 East 2700 South. Financial support comes from resident's rents and tax-deductible cash and merchandise donations. Currently, they are in need of a new heating system and other building repairs.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Lon Scow at 322-4830 or visit [www.johntaylorhouse.org](http://www.johntaylorhouse.org).

## Salt Lake Children's Choir performs two concerts in May

The nationally acclaimed Salt Lake Children's Choir is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with two concerts Saturday, May 7, in Libby Gardner Concert Hall, and Saturday, May 14, in Abravanel Hall.

Directed by Ralph B. Woodward, the May 7 concert features inspiring classical masterpieces and global treasures, including the program the choir gave recently at the prestigious National Convention of the American Choral Directors' Association in Los Angeles. Also heard will be some of the choir's original favorites (including Woodward's "Postcards from Paradise" and "The Lord is My Shepherd"), as well as an array of dazzling soloists from past and present.

The May 14 concert includes classical and folk song standouts from the



*The Salt Lake Children's Choir is celebrating its 25th anniversary in May with two upcoming concerts.*

choir's 25-year history (Handel, Brahms, Schubert; captivating melodies and rhythms from Europe, Africa and the Americas). Also featured will be several choir sentimental favorites (including "Little Lamb" and "A Day in Spring"). The evening concludes with a special performance by children's choir alumni.

All seats for each concert are \$10 (\$15 for both concerts) and \$7 for students (\$12 for both concerts). Tickets are available at Kingsbury Hall, Abravanel Hall, other Art-Tix locations and Day Murray Music. Admission is limited to those over 6 years old.

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## Children's Dance Theater to perform Pockets

The University of Utah Children's Dance Theatre will premiere a new, original work, *Pockets*, on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at the Capitol Theatre in Salt Lake City.

Choreography by the dancers and faculty of CDT is inspired by Jennifer Armstrong's book, *Pockets*. The story tells

of a seamstress who traveled the world and found herself in an isolated sea front community.

The villagers are drab and colorless; the seamstress will work to find her place in the community as she uses her talents and life experiences to transform the village.

## The future of economic growth is decided now



By Lane Beattie,  
President & CEO,  
SLC Chamber

Although it's not open to the general public, I wish everybody could have had a chance to visit the Outdoor Retailer show at the Salt Palace. I attended the winter show—and it was totally amazing. The number of exhibitors, the vast expanse of the Salt Palace when all the movable walls are taken out—it is truly awesome.

But even with all this space, it's just not enough to keep Salt Lake in the running for the biggest shows (with their commensurate economic impact). According to Salt Lake County and the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau, expansion of the Salt Palace convention center is necessary to accommodate the needs of not just the Outdoor Retailer shows, but at least four other groups that have already committed to future dates at the Salt Palace based on the expansion.

Those groups include: the American Chemical Society in March 2009 with 14,000 attendees; the Society of Toxicology in March 2010 with 5,000 attendees; the American Society for Mass Spectrometry in May 2010 with 6,000 attendees; and the Rotary International Convention booked June 2011 with an estimated 21,000 attendees.

Several other groups are tentative with active bidding in progress. You may notice by the dates that these shows are booked years—even as much as a decade—in advance. To be ready for the future, you must build for the future. In addition, the South Town Exposition Center is in need of parking that must be replaced because of the loss of the existing adjacent parking. The Salt Lake Chamber strongly endorses efforts to expand these convention facilities.

How they are funded is, of course, the question. The cost of the phase II expansion of the Salt Palace is estimated at \$44 million. The cost of the replace-

ment parking at South Town is estimated at \$24 million. The Salt Lake Chamber endorses efforts to fund the expansion but has taken no position on the specific funding details.

In any event, the Salt Lake Chamber stands ready to work with the Legislature, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau and others to find reasonable ways to fund the Salt Palace Convention Center and the South Town Exposition Center. Regardless of the "how," the "what" is essential for economic growth in our capital city.

### Upcoming Chamber Events:

- The Business to Business Expo is Wednesday, April 27, through Thursday, April 28, at the Salt Palace and includes the Chamber's International Festival on April 27.
- The Women's Business Day Luncheon is Tuesday, May 10 at Little America Hotel.
- The Chamber Classic Golf Tournament is June 6.

For more information on Chamber events, visit [www.saltlakechamber.org](http://www.saltlakechamber.org) or call 328-5050.

## Chamber Corner

### What is a Chamber of Commerce?



By Stacey D. Liddiard,  
Executive Director,  
SSL Chamber

The role of the Chamber has many different layers. Most people understand the ways the Chamber can serve the business community. We unite a group of businesses and give to them a unified voice. But, one of the most gratifying roles of the Chamber is to honor the public safety men and women that take such good care of this community.

On April 29, we will host a police appreciation barbeque. Jim Hinckley of Hinckley Dodge has graciously opened his business to facilitate this event and many businesses have donated food, money, time and effort.

Chamber members and South Salt Lake police officers will be invited to lunch with a short program and a cash donation for much-needed police equipment. We have the greatest appreciation and respect for the Police and Fire Departments that put their lives on the line every day for us.

But what can we do for the residents in this community? We often serve as a communication specialist to residents who have inquiries about things going on in the city. We get calls from all over the valley and the nation as well. It's the goal of the Chamber to publicize as much positive information about the City of South Salt Lake as possible. We want to attract everything that is good to our city.

This communication spills over to the development of our economy as well. The Chamber is designing a packet that can be sent to prospective businesses nationwide that might like to establish a business at the crossroads of the country. We have a lot to offer the right kind of business and would benefit by having new development in our community.

This new development sparks an interest in beautification. New street lights, planters and greenery, refurbishing existing businesses and homes all can result from a new business or two calling this home.

It all comes back to every one taking an active part in working together to make this a great place to live and do business.

## UTA helps seniors on the go

By Whitney Webb

A new Utah Transit Authority program, Seniors on the Go, educates senior citizens about using local public transportation services and encourages them to use UTA's fixed-route system, which includes TRAX and regularly scheduled buses.

Seniors on the Go helps seniors visit their doctors, friends and family, or simply do their grocery shopping without having to rely on others for transportation. These services are for any senior who needs to travel within the agency's service area.

In the Seniors on the Go program, UTA representatives visit senior citizen groups and provide them with training on using the fixed-route services.

The program includes a presentation and trip on TRAX or a bus in order to give the seniors an opportunity to try the sys-

tem risk-free. All seniors who participate are provided with travel information that includes a schedule and telephone numbers to call for assistance with planning their trips.

To further benefit senior citizens, all buses and TRAX can accommodate wheelchairs and scooters. Seats are reserved for seniors and people with disabilities at the front of each bus and train and bus operators can lower the first step to make it easier to board.



Fares for the Seniors on the Go program are 60 cents per ride. Frequent users can purchase a reduced fare pass for \$22 at UTA's pass sales outlets.

### "Ray's Rope" from page 7

this really become some sort of metaphor for someone going through cancer treatment," she said. "They are able to take action on something that sometimes feels very futile."

Members of Ray's Rope are no different. The team of 17 was composed of some cancer survivors, individuals going through cancer treatment, and others who want to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

"They [ran] for themselves and for

their life and for their hope for a cure," Palczynski said. "It has turned into a lot more than Ray's Rope."

The team members contributed hours of time and effort preparing for the race and "It has given back tenfold," Palczynski said. "Cancer knows no boundaries, and yet in our group the gifts of cancer are so abundant and it makes no sense," she said.

The group, driven by Ray's spirit, raised more than \$10,000 in preparation for the race, Palczynski said.

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### Hogle Zoo animals enjoy Easter egg hunt

*(Editor's note: The following story was submitted as part of a work-study arrangement between Westminster College and The Valley Journals.)*

By Jessica McDonald

Not only can people participate in Easter activities, but animals can as well. At Utah's Hogle Zoo on March 26, some of the animals got to hunt for their own papier mache eggs. This activity is part of a behavioral enrichment program the zoo has been involved in for several years to help keep the animals' minds active and encourage natural behaviors.

During Easter, the zoo hosts an egg hunt for the animals. This Easter, Sarah and Ethel, two red pandas, hunted for bamboo-filled eggs.

The trainer had a "target," a red ball at the end of a stick. The red pandas followed the ball and touched it with their noses.

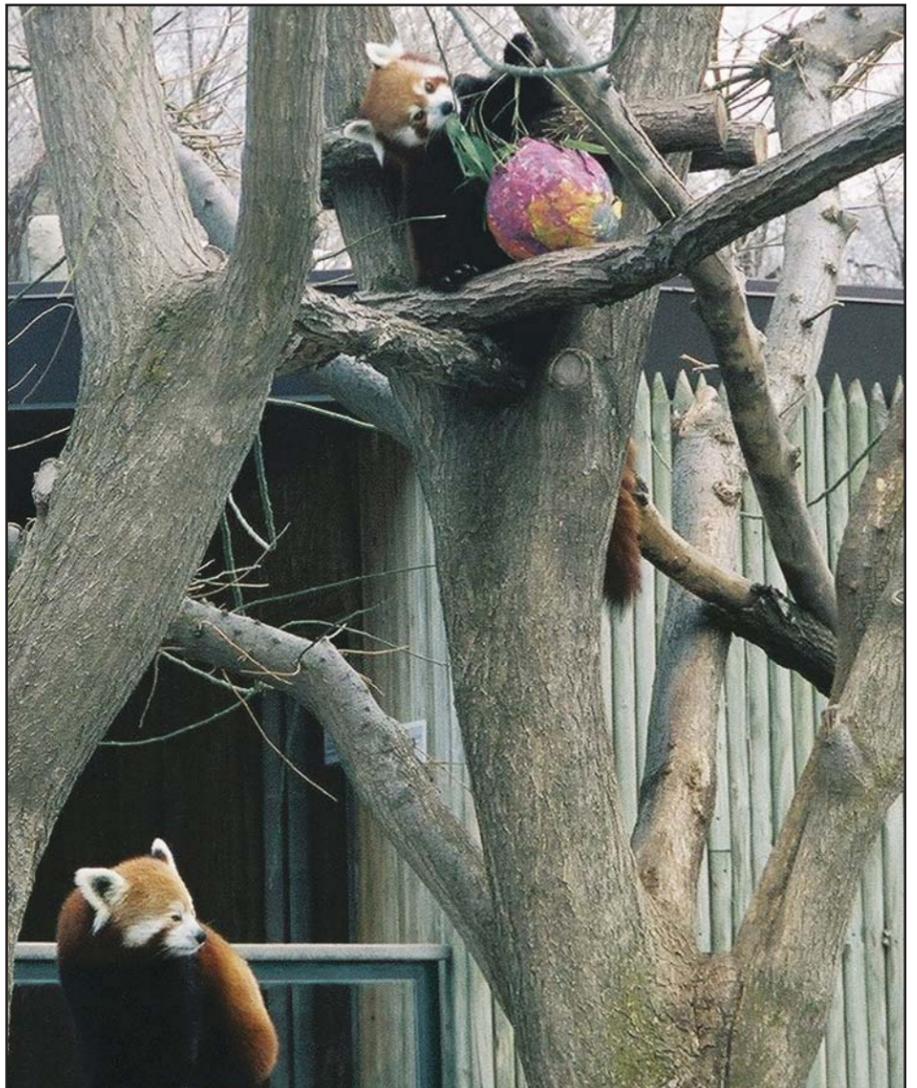
They had to figure out how to get to

the ball through different obstacles, including climbing up and down trees and standing on their hind legs. Each time they touched the target, they received a piece of pear as a treat. Once they followed all the exercises, the red pandas received their grand prize: Bamboo.

The trainer hid the eggs in the trees, and Sarah and Ethel then had to figure out how to get to something new in their environment and then how to get the bamboo out.

Apparently, pandas don't like to rip things apart, so they just pulled the bamboo out the top of the egg. At one point, Sarah sat down right on her egg between two branches and then pulled the bamboo out.

The camels did not hesitate. As soon as the trainer put the eggs out, one camel immediately began examining it; two other camels soon joined them. Another camel apparently caught the scent and ripped an egg wide open, tearing it apart



*Red pandas enjoy bamboo treats found inside their Easter eggs after completing a series of rigorous exercises.*



*Camels rip open their papier mache eggs during a recent "Easter egg hunt" at the Hogle Zoo.*

and shaking the remains with its teeth—even eating the papier mache.

The other two caught on and joined in.

The camels were following natural instincts when smelling the treats inside the eggs. Behavioral enrichment increases the animals' physical and mental activity levels, resulting in happier and healthier animals.

Such items as piñatas, puzzles and toys are given to animals on a random schedule to guarantee interest or reaction to the stimuli. Even if animals do not respond in a way the trainer expects, it's still considered enrichment because they are responding to something different in their environment.

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