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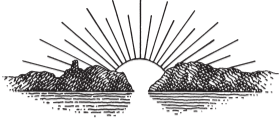
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Opposition claims victory in Ukrainian vote

Associated Press Writer

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko defiantly claimed Ukraine's presidency Tuesday, taking a symbolic oath of office in parliament, as about 200,000 of his orange-clad supporters massed outside in the frigid streets of Kiev demanding the disputed election be overturned.

Yushchenko warned of "civil conflict" if he is not recognized as the country's new leader, accusing the government of rigging Sunday's run-off in favor of pro-Kremlin Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.



Victor Yushchenko Claims win for party

On the parliament floor, after a special session, Yushchenko approached the podium and swore an oath on a copy of the constitution as lawmakers who backed him shouted, "Bravo, Mr. President!"

Outside, throngs of his supporters massed behind metal barriers, holding a giant orange ribbon over their heads. They chanted "Criminals, go away!" and "Yushchenko!" Some waved signs reading, "Today or Never." Earlier, Yushchenko led the crowds in a march on the building, turning Kiev's narrow, brick streets into a sea of orange.

A huge crowd also jammed Independence Square for a second straight night. Snow fell as Yushchenko's supporters waved flags and signs and chanted his name.

Four trucks with sand were parked near the main square. Several other trucks loaded with sand and concrete rubble were parked about 400 yards from the square, as were two buses full of men, one of whom described them as "volunteers to protect the constitution and prevent a coup d'etat."

Ukrainian media reported that people from Donetsk, an industrial city in eastern Ukraine that supported Yanukovich, were being bused in to the capital.

"Ukraine is on the threshold of a civil conflict," the Western-leaning Yushchenko earlier told lawmakers in the chamber before his oath. "We have two choices: Either the answer will be given by the parliament, or the streets will give an answer."

About 500 Yushchenko supporters pushed through the metal barriers surrounding parliament. When pro-Yushchenko lawmakers urged them to move back, they retreated about 100 yards but remained inside an area usually off-limits. The crowd chanted "Yushchenko!"

The legislators had gathered for the emergency session to consider his request to annul the election results with a vote of no-confidence in the Central Election Commission, but it ended without taking any action. Only 191 lawmakers turned up, and support from at least 226 members of the 450-seat parliament was needed for a motion to succeed. Many pro-Yanukovich legislators simply stayed away.

Stuffed for Thanksgiving



Photo by Robb Costello

While he appeared to be the most colorful contestant, Matt Harris didn't place in the competition Tuesday night in Stover Hall.

Turkeys gather to feast before heading home

BY STACY HINOJOSA

In grand Thanksgiving tradition, approximately 150 people gathered in the lobby of Stover Hall last week to see the annual Stover StuffFest, an all-you-can-eat Stovetop stuffing standoff.

According to Ricky Rowley, a senior and a resident assistant in Stover Hall, then StuffFest dates back more than 10 years.

"We're carrying on the tradition, but we don't know when it began," said Rowley who has overseen the StuffFest for the past three years. "We just do it because our forefathers did."

The rules of the event, which took place Nov. 17, state each contestant starts with three cups of stuffing on their plate. Competitors have 10 minutes to eat as much as they can, if they finish the three cups, an addition-

al cup is given to them, one plate at a time.

The winner is determined by who eats the most stuffing without throwing up in the process, an outcome that is so frequent, part of the event's preparations includes securing enough throw up buckets for each contestant.

Evan Ottesen, a freshman from Albuquerque, N.M., managed to eat 6 1/2 cups of stuffing without spewing, making him the 2004 StuffFest champion.

"It doesn't sound like a lot, but when you're full, it's a lot of stuffing," Ottesen said.

Ottesen attributed his victory to the way he was brought up.

"Whoever finishes first has the next shot at seconds, so we're just real fast eaters at



Evan Ottesen Ate 6 1/2 cups

my house," Ottesen said. "My grandma, she doesn't chew her food, so we all say that she has teeth all the way down her throat just to chew."

To prepare for the challenge, Ottesen said he didn't do much; he even ate a dinner of ice cream and rice crispy treats that night.

"I wanted my stomach to be empty, but not to the point where, like when you're fasting, it starts contracting and getting small," Ottesen said.

Ottesen's win is even more surprising considering his aversion to tiny breadcrumbs.

"I hate stuffing," Ottesen said. "Had this not happened, I wouldn't have eaten stuffing for Thanksgiving to begin with. I'm not going See STUFFING on Page 3

Thanksgiving dinner tradition continues on campus

By CHANCE CLIFT

Thanksgiving is near, and BYU students are excited for the extended weekend break.

While many students plan to spend the holiday with family and friends, BYU Dining Services plans to accommodate those students who will stay on campus for the Thanksgiving break.

The Cannon Center, located near Helaman Halls, will be open Thanksgiving Day, with its cafeteria catering to both students and local families who need a place to go for the holiday.

"Everyone is welcome," said Dean Wright, director of BYU Dining Services, who expects about 150 people to attend the event.

The Cannon Center will be the only campus dining area open on Thanksgiving Day.

"We do Thanksgiving dinner every other year, alternating with the Morris Center," said Leone Douma, manager of the Cannon Center Cafeteria.

"It's just the traditional Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, stuffing, ham for those who don't want turkey," Douma said.

The cafeteria will be open 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, and the all-you-can-eat meal is \$8.45.

She said many international students usually stay on campus for Thanksgiving, and many big families come to campus from the surrounding area to enjoy Thanksgiving at BYU.

"We will do our best to make them feel that they're getting a home cooked meal," Wright said.



Reuters

Robert Potter (L) and Jose Santos of the Pine Street Inn kitchen staff help prepare 1,200 Thanksgiving meals Tuesday for Pine Street Inn's homeless guests in Boston.

Brighter future ahead for new grads

By ALEXIS SAINT-JEAN

Job prospects for this year's graduating students look better than in previous years thanks to the recovering economy.

According to a survey from the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market for college graduates in 2004-2005 looks favorable, and hiring for college graduates is projected to increase by 13 percent in 2004-2005.

"It's rather early to tell, but I think we're getting some encouragements from some certain parts of the job market," said Richard Cox, adviser at the Counseling and Career Center.

At the last BYU Career Fair, Cox said he saw job opportunities for federal agencies increased noticeably. Private companies, although they increased their hiring numbers, still seem to be cautious.

Stan Inman, director of Career Services at the University of Utah, said the prospects for future graduates are encouraging because with the recovering of the economy, companies need to increase their work force.

"The outlook is getting better," Inman said. "I think it will improve slowly as companies

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Career and Counseling
Center adviser

realize that they've got all they can get in a productivity-way from their work force ... but it will be slow and it will be cautious."

Andy Ridinger from Kent, Ohio, majoring in international marketing and graduating this December, had two interviews in the last month, but said he thinks the situation is still pretty hard for job-seeking graduates.

"I wouldn't say it's easier," he said. "I don't know if it's harder, but I don't think it's gotten easier because there are still plenty of people that I have talked to in my classes who don't have jobs yet."

Inman said during past years, companies coming at the university's career fair merely wanted to maintain their presence and visibility on the campus, but this year recruiters are in a hiring mode. This improvement in the job market will profit every student, he said.

"At this point of time ... there's starting to be more competition," Inman said. "Now that there is more competition for those graduates ... the top-tier graduates are not the only ones that are receiving job offers. There are larger numbers of offers that are extended because [of] the competitiveness. That translates into more jobs for more graduates."

Although some majors are hotter for hiring, like nursing and accounting, all students have a chance as long as they are willing to adapt, Cox said.

"Many employers are very, very willing to consider people with majors that don't precisely fit into a mold such as business," the adviser said. "If the students [are] enthusiastic and energetic, they are bright, teachable, trainable, they can often be very successful in the market place."

Inman said technology has See GRADS on Page 3

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In this U.S. Army handout picture, released Tuesday, U.S. Army Specialist Jake Garrison from Charlie Troop, 1-4 Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division remains vigilant by his M3A2 Cavalry Fighting armoured vehicle near the ancient city of Samarra while on a combat security patrol.

Marines, Iraqi forces launch offensive against insurgents

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Some 5,000 U.S. Marines, British troops and Iraqi commandos launched raids and arrested suspected insurgents Tuesday in a new offensive aimed at clearing a swath of insurgent hotbeds south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

Masked gunmen assassinated a Sunni cleric north of Baghdad and insurgents hit a U.S. convoy with a roadside bomb near the central Iraq city of Samarra, prompting the Americans to open fire, killing an Iraqi, hospital officials said.

The new offensive was the third large-scale military assault this month aimed at suppressing Iraq's persistent insurgency ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30.

The region of dusty, small towns south of the

capital has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent attacks by car bombs, rockets, and small arms on U.S. and Iraqi forces there and for frequent ambushes on travellers.

The military said violence has surged in the area in recent weeks in an apparent attempt to divert attention away from the U.S. assault on Fallujah.

The joint operation kicked off with early morning raids in the town of Jabella, 50 miles south of Baghdad, netting 32 suspected insurgents, the U.S. military said in a statement. U.S. and Iraqi forces were conducting house-to-house searches and vehicle checkpoints.

In the past three weeks, Iraqi troops and Marines have detained nearly 250 insurgents, the statement said.

U.N.: Women's rights crucial to victory over AIDS

LONDON (AP) — The women's rights movement and the AIDS movement must come together if the world is to ultimately win the fight against HIV, the United Nations said in a report released Tuesday.

Women and girls in the developing world are increasingly becoming its main victims, but current safe-sex prevention strategies are of little use to the millions who don't have the power to say no to sex or to insist on condom use.

The inequality women face — from poverty and stunted education, to rape and denial of women's inheritance and property rights — is a major obstacle to victory over the virus, according to the latest global HIV status report published by UNAIDS.

The core of HIV prevention is advice to abstain from sex until marriage, be faithful and to use condoms.



Reuters

A Sudanese girl at Abushouk camp near El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur state, Tuesday.

Darfur faces drought

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Sudan's Darfur region, already engulfed in a conflict that has forced 1.8 million people to flee their homes, faces a new threat — a drought that has all but wiped out this year's harvest, the top U.S. aid official says.

Andrew Natsios, head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said farmers who stayed on their land during the 21-month conflict are now beginning their major harvest, but they're expected to reap just 10 percent to 15 percent of the normal yield.

"They have enough production from this crop to last perhaps until March, but certainly not until the end of December" 2005, when the next harvest will be completed, he said.

The estimate by the International Committee of the Red Cross "means an 85 percent crop loss," and will be subject to another assessment by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Natsios said.

But the dearth of rain is already having an impact because "the boreholes, the wells, are drying up from water much earlier," he said.

Natsios said the impending food shortage was one of many crises the international community faces in Sudan.

U.S. role critical in elections

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Iraqi officials told an international conference Tuesday that U.S.-led operations to hunt down militants in the war-ravaged country are crucial to providing adequate security for national elections in January.

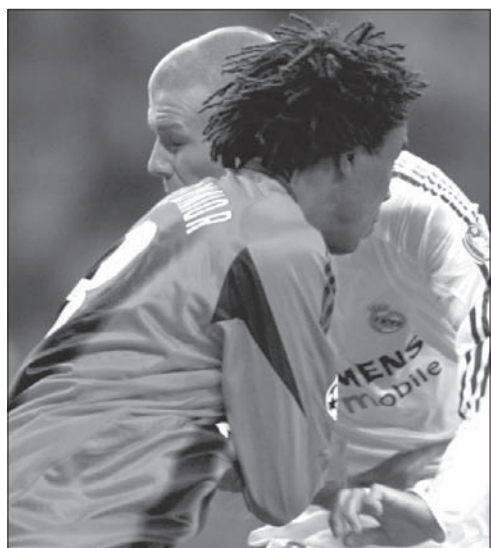
"The contribution of the multinational force is essential to help secure necessary conditions for voting and to support our security forces in stabilizing the country," Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said. Zebari addressed representatives of 20 nations, including Iraq's six neighbors, the European Union

and the Arab League, who came to this Red Sea resort to discuss Iraq's future.

The two-day conference, which ended Tuesday, was also attended by states that had opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq but recognize the need to contribute to its reconstruction.



Hoshiyar Zebari
Iraqi Foreign Minister



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BUTTING HEADS

Real Madrid's David Beckham, right, collides Tuesday with Bayer Leverkusen's Roque Junior during a Champions League match in Madrid. Beckham was injured in the collision and was helped off the field.

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Students gathered to stuff themselves with up to six cups of stuffing during the Stover Hall festival. Students ate so quickly and so much several became ill.

STUFFING Turkeys gather to see who can eat the most

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to eat any now anyway. I just eat fast and figured I could put it to good use."

Ottesen said his ability to stuff himself with stuffing was purely psychological, adding that he didn't even chew it.

"It was pretty nasty when that guy threw up," Ottesen said. "That really didn't make me sick, but it made most of the audience want to give it up. If I was going to throw up, it would be from the food in my stomach, not from watching him."

That guy was Nick Alletto, a freshman from Parker, Colo.

"I actually ate 5 1/2 cups and was on my sixth cup when I lost it," Alletto said.

Alletto vomited his stuffing back on to his plate; an experience he said was both relieving and upsetting.

"He didn't want the throw up bucket," Rowley said. "It's kind of odd. It's a mystery."

Alletto, an offensive lineman on the BYU football team, said after he'd lost his giblets, he said

he dug deep and tried to finish, an effort which meant eating the stuffing he'd just regurgitated.

"I consider myself the toughest of competitors," Alletto said. "It was apparent to me that the only way that I could win was to start over and try to empty my plate."

Alletto, who described his second helping of stuffing as a little acidic and not solid, said he has had stuffing since and plans to eat it this Thursday.

"I've got some pretty good intestinal fortitude," Alletto said.

Rowley said an additional three contestants threw up this year, the most puking he's witnessed in StuffFest history.

"This one was intense," Rowley said, a condition he attributes to the number of people in attendance and the fact that there was the added pressure of a time limit. "We get the most people to come out to this activity than any other one. We all get together and cheer each other on and laugh at each other and have a good time. I've just watched it to many times to want to participate."

Ottesen will have his name engraved on the StuffFest frying pan, which sits in a place of honor in the Stover Hall office.

"It is bonding," Rowley said. "Nothing brings guys closer together."

Federal spending bill allots \$250 million for Utah

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The huge umbrella spending bill awaiting President Bush's signature includes about \$250 million for Utah, including money for road and water projects, environmental cleanup and higher education research.

"These projects represent important economic and health and safety needs for people throughout Utah," said U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson. "The money supports high-priority projects under way that contribute to a better quality of life for all of us here."

Large items for the state included \$48 million for the completion of the Central Utah Project, a project started 45 years ago to deliver water from the Uinta Mountains to Salt Lake and Utah counties, and \$10.9 million for various Utah reservoirs managed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

State and counties also would get \$19 million to offset lost property tax revenue as a result of ownership of federal land in the state. The federal government owns about 70 percent of Utah land.

Also included is nearly \$8 million to continue cleanup and potentially relocate the Atlas Uranium Tailings pile, which sits along the banks of the Colorado River. Contaminants from the pile seep into the river, threatening fish and possibly the water supply of downstream users.

Other items included in the bill:

\$10 million for light-rail lines in Salt Lake City.

\$8 million for Ogden-to-Salt Lake commuter rail.

\$20 million for water-conservation projects related to drought relief.

\$3.2 million for sage grouse recovery.

\$3 million for environmental compliance related to oil and gas development on federal lands.

\$11 million for improvements and planning at Salt Lake International Airport.

Agriculture received more than \$40 million, for projects such as controlling Mormon Cricket populations at a cost of \$1 million, a \$20 million environmental conservation program, and more than \$15 million for Utah State University research projects on rangeland management, drought and air quality.

Dan Rather to step down from CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Rather, the hard-charging embodiment of CBS News who saw his reputation damaged by an ill-fated report on President Bush's National Guard service, said Tuesday he will step down as "CBS Evening News" anchor in March after nearly a quarter-century in the job.

Rather, 73, will become a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes," saying he looked forward to "pouring my heart" into investigative reporting.

John Roberts and Scott Pelley are frequently mentioned as in-house candidates to succeed him, but CBS News a distant third in evening news ratings behind NBC and ABC also will look elsewhere.

Rather replaced broadcast legend Walter Cronkite in 1981 and lasted even longer than his predecessor's 19 years. Rather, Tom Brokaw of NBC and Peter Jennings of ABC competed at the top ranks of network news for more than two decades.

UKRAINE

Opposition party gains political hold

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The parliament vote would have been nonbinding anyway because it was not initiated by the president, who supports Yushchenko's opponent.

Many of the legislators who did show up sported orange scarves or ribbons and urged him to take the oath of office. Yushchenko's supporters filled the gallery, chanting his name.

"All political forces should negotiate and solve the situation without blood," said Volodymyr Lytvyn, speaker of parliament, appealing for calm.

"The activities of politicians and the government ... have divided society and brought people into the streets," Lytvyn said. "Today there is a danger of activities moving beyond control."

He later called Yushchenko's oath-taking a "political act," which "cannot entail any legal consequences. It's not an oath."

Opposition leader and Yushchenko ally Yulia Tymoshenko, wearing an orange ribbon around her neck, called on lawmakers "not to go to into any negotiations" with the government. Instead, Tymoshenko said, they should "announce a new government, a new president, a new Ukraine."

The election commission's announcement Monday that Yanukovich was ahead of Yushchen-

ko has galvanized anger among many of the former Soviet republic's 48 million people. Official results, with more than 99.48 percent of precincts counted, showed Yanukovich leading with 49.39 percent to his challenger's 46.71 percent.

Western observers said the election was seriously flawed, and exit polls had put Yushchenko clearly ahead.

Russian President Vladimir Putin denounced criticism of the Ukrainian election by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, saying the group's conclusion is "inadmissible" because there are no official results.

"They should be more careful and responsible," Putin said of the OSCE, which monitored the balloting along with other Western groups.

"We cannot recognize or protest results that are not yet official," Putin, who strongly praised Yanukovich during the campaign and congratulated him afterward, told a news conference during a visit to Lisbon, Portugal. "Ukraine is a state of law. It doesn't need to be lectured."

OSCE observers said extensive indications of voting fraud were found in Ukraine's presidential election Sunday, including people apparently voting multiple times and voters being forced to turn over their absentee ballots to state employers.

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Job prospects higher with boosted economy

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made a big difference for both recruiters and students to find opportunities. The Career Services at the University of Utah operates an online database where students, alumni and recruiters can post resumes or job offers for free.

This database and those of other universities offer to employers a good alternative to traditional

methods like classified ads and recruiting agencies.

Cox noticed the quality of the jobs currently proposed is better than before, and he said he is confident the improvement in job prospect will be steady for the years to come.

"I think the growth in jobs is going to be measured, not in giant leaps but in slow steady steps."

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Utah women rank high in study

By BRIANA MORGAN

Utah received high marks for the health and well-being of women but was behind the national average in political participation and earnings among women, according to a study completed by The Institute for Women's Policy Research.

The report offers a state-by-state comparison of the status of women. According to the report, "the state's ranking for women's social and economic autonomy is close to average at 24th, but Utah ranks below average for women's political participation (33rd), reproductive rights (37th) and employment and earnings (37th)."

Utah also ranked low in prenatal care. Lorna Vogt, Utah Progressive Network, said the statistic was surprising because of Utah's strong family values and high birth rate. She said the study showed women's health in Utah is highly ranked, but women are not valued equally as part-

ners in the workforce.

"Women in Utah work outside of the home at a far greater rate than they do around the country, yet our wages are some of the lowest in the nation," she said.

Vogt, who directed the study for the state of Utah, said the Utah Progressive Network wants the study to impact the population in Utah.

"We would like policy makers to be more aware of the reality of women's lives in Utah," Vogt said. "Women's lives are, as we all know, completely linked up with family life and how strong Utah is as a state."

She said other states have used the information for women's commissions or to bring women together to obtain effective policy changes.

Janet Osborne, director of the Women's Center at Utah State, said the information should be used to determine areas that are in need of improvement. She said people in the past have used information found in the report to market the low wages of women

in Utah as a positive.

"They market it as 'Come to our state because we have cheap labor, or we have women that will work cheaply,'" Osborne said. "I mean I don't think they are going to do that, but sometimes they imply that."

Another organization that hopes to improve the statistics represented in the report is the University of Utah's Women's Resource Center.

Missy Dixon, a counseling student at the center, said the information in the report helps women understand the importance of getting their voices heard. She said if women do not get involved politically then legislation will not represent their interests.

In a letter included in the report, Vogt wrote: "Utah women are strong and influential. Even as they continue to struggle for equality, access, and opportunity, they assume leadership positions in all spheres of life, a trend that can only grow in the future."

The complete report can be viewed at www.iwpr.org.

Utah smoking rate reduced

By BRIANA MORGAN

Utah is the first state to reduce the smoking rate to 1 in 8 people, according to a new report published by the Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC has a national goal for all states to reach a smoking rate of 12 percent or less by 2010. According to the CDC's report, Utah has already reached this goal.

Dr. Corinne Husten, acting director of the CDC's Office on Smoking Health, told The Associated Press that Utah's decrease in smoking rate could be due to the "strong social prohibitions" against smoking.

Troy Bennett, director of the Utah Federation for Youth, said the moral values prevalent in Utah along with the many anti-tobacco campaigns have helped Utah to decrease the smoking rate.

"I think they both work together," Bennett said. "I think here in Utah, families are really good about communicating their values with their kids. I think that, coupled with the Truth from Youth ads and the Phoenix Alliance, are really good at targeting kids who may choose not to smoke for moral or religious reasons."

Programs that create awareness about the harmful effects of smoking have aided in the efforts nationally and locally in assisting smokers to quit.

Lena Dibble, marketing director for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, said she thinks tobacco prevention programs contributed to the statistics reported by the CDC.

"We started out with a low tobacco rate," Dibble said. "What I think is interesting is our rate of decrease in tobacco use has actually exceeded the national rate of decrease. So, I do think we can attribute the decrease to our programs."

Dibble said the program has an extensive marketing campaign, which targets adults as well as youth, to inform them of the problems associated with tobacco use. Dibble also said programs are available to assist smokers in kicking their habit.

"We also work with school districts to work on policy change in getting programs in schools to educate kids about tobacco," Dibble said.

Another program contribut-

ing to the smoking-decrease rate nationwide was the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout" on Nov. 18. Scott Thompson, media relations

director for the American Cancer Society, said during this day smokers are encouraged to quit for a day and then proceed to quit for the rest of their life.

"Tobacco use in Utah has decreased quite a bit over the years," Thompson said. "There have been a lot of efforts to reduce tobacco use among adults and

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Director, Utah Federation for Youth

young people." Thompson said he agrees that education about the effects of smoking has helped the number of people who smoke to decrease.

"As we promote information, and get the information out about all the bad things smoking can do, I think, people are trying to take better care of themselves and those who are smoking are trying to quit smoking more often," Thompson said.

City of Provo encourages residents to donate organs, save lives

By AMBER HOLT

The city of Provo is offering employees paid leave to donate an organ or bone marrow to assist in offering people a second chance at life. Eight people a day die on the transplant waiting list due to lack of donors.

"There are currently 261 people on the organ waiting list in Utah," said Richard Taylor, patient services director at the Utah Kidney Foundation. "There are 131 waiting for a kidney, 57 waiting for a liver and 55 waiting for a heart."

According to the International Donor Services, a name is added to the waiting list every 16 minutes.

More than 28,000 people in the United States are currently waiting for transplants. Many of them are children under 10 years of age.

The Provo program gives workers seven days off for a bone marrow donation or a month for other organs. Workers must have vacation days, sick leave or other time saved up in order to make the donation, but fellow employees can join in the service by donating their own vacation hours.

Eric Mauser, director of human resources at Provo City, said the policy was written in order to encourage people who were interested in donating organs to do so and allowed them to use their own leave time.

According to Provo officials, not one of the 700 employees of Provo City has taken advantage of the program which started in the summer.

However, organ donation is not a quick process. Donations often take months to finalize as donors are tested and matched.

Only two hospitals in Utah perform organ transplants and have transplant teams at their location—LDS Hospital and the University of Utah Medical Center.

"The Donation of organs is an opportunity to save lives," Taylor said. "It is possible for the organs, tissues and corneas of a single donor to save as many as 25 people. This is why programs such as the Provo program encourage these selfless acts."

Terri Burnett, a Salt Lake resident and heart transplant survivor, describe why she is in support of the Provo city program.

"I know that some young, healthy person died unexpectedly ... a family experienced horrible grief," Burnett said. "But, even at that most terrible time in their lives, they chose to give life to someone they didn't even know. They gave me a second chance at life."

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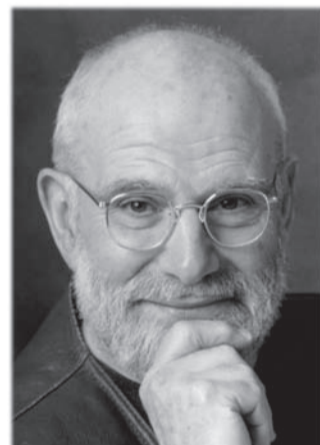
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As a physician and a writer, Oliver Sacks is concerned above all with the link between body and mind and the ways in which the whole person adapts to different neurological conditions.

He was born in 1933 in London, England, and earned his medical degree at Queen's College, Oxford. In the early 1960s he moved to the United States and completed an internship in San Francisco and a residency in neurology at UCLA. Since 1965 he has lived in New York, where he is a clinical professor of neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, adjunct professor of neurology at the NYU School of Medicine, and consultant neurologist to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In 1966 Dr. Sacks went to work in a chronic hospital in the Bronx (Beth Abraham Hospital), where he encountered an extraordinary group of patients, many of whom had spent decades in strange, frozen states, unable to initiate movement, like human statues. They were survivors of the great epidemic of sleepy sickness

that had swept the world from 1916 to 1927. They became the subjects of his book *Awakenings* (1973), which inspired the 1990 Hollywood movie *Awakenings*, which was nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture.

Dr. Sacks is perhaps best known for his bestselling 1985 collection of case histories from the far borderlands of neurological experience: *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*. In 1989 he received a Guggenheim Fellowship for his work on the neuro-anthropology of Tourette's syndrome, a condition marked by involuntary tics and utterances.

His seven books—which also include *Migraine*, *A Leg to Stand On*, *Seeing Voices*, *An Anthropologist on Mars*, and *The Island of the Colorblind*—are international best-sellers. In the fall of 2001 Dr. Sacks released his memoir, *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood*, in which he looks back on his childhood in wartime London, revealing his boyhood love of chemistry as the source of his lifelong scientific curiosity.

A question and answer session will be held at 12 noon in the Marriott Center Cougar Room.



Photo by Heather Winn

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir sings during the Saturday morning session of April 2003 General Conference.

Movie on PBS highlights Mormon Tabernacle Choir

By CORTNEY BEAN

Two years in the making, a film featuring the 75-year history of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will debut on PBS over the Thanksgiving break.

Lee Groberg, director and producer of the "America's Choir: The Story of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir" reduced more than 40 hours of images to a one-hour PBS special.

The film features Mormon Tabernacle Choir performances from all over the world and interviews with celebrities who have performed with them, including Sting, John Williams and Angela Lansbury.

"The program's broadcast on Thanksgiving is significant because it is a family day," Groberg

said. "It is a prime time viewing slot and it reflects the respect that the choir has in the world."

Former LDS President Brigham Young organized the Mormon Tabernacle Choir with the first group of saints sent to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. The group sang at a conference 29 days after their arrival in the valley. Now, 157 years later, the Choir performs around the world in addition to their semiannual general conference performances.

Each of the 360 choir members undergoes a six-month, three-phase audition process before admittance into the group and must be between 25 and 55 years old. Once accepted, they must attend at least 75 percent of all choir activities, which means a minimum of five hours a week.

Brain Roberts has been a mem-

ber of the choir since 1986. He has seen many changes and accomplishments of the choir over the past 18 years, citing the change to the choir's "increased musicianship." He also expressed admiration for the inspired leadership that has taken the choir to "tremendous heights."

"The choir is a call. I am called and set apart as a musical missionary," Roberts said. "So the reason I wanted to get into the choir is because of my love of music, my love to sing, and the opportunity to share my testimony in that regard."

The film is available on DVD and can be purchased in the BYU Bookstore or online. The DVD includes special features highlighting the making of the organ, great moments of the conductors and behind the scenes footage.

Steps given to keep cooking from going sour this season

By GENA PRATT

Experts in the food safety field have offered tips to ensure the holiday feasting doesn't go sour.

Food poisoning is one of the top 10 calls to the Utah Poison Control Center, said Barbara Crouch, center director.

"Whether the Thanksgiving meal centers around a turkey, ham, roast or some other dish, I want Americans to make sure that food-borne illness is not an invited guest," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman in a statement.

Health professionals suggest that consumers remember four simple steps to prevent food poisoning this holiday season: chill, clean, separate and cook.

Chill

Food should be stored at proper temperatures. Perishable foods like meat, dairy products, poultry and cooked vegetables shouldn't be left out above refrigeration temperatures.

Clean

It is important to thoroughly clean hands and countertops before and after cooking. "Wash your hands frequently," said Janet Stocks, professor of food preparation and meal planning at BYU. "Cross-contamination is one of the biggest problems."

Separate

Cross-contamination occurs

when foods like fruits and vegetables are contaminated with bacteria and juices from raw meat. To avoid cross-contamination, people should wash hands, utensils, dishes, cutting boards and dishes that have been in contact with raw meat with hot soapy water.

Stocks said 90 percent of all food-borne illness is a result of cross-contamination.

Cook

Frozen turkey should be defrosted in the refrigerator, allowing 24 hours for every 5 pounds. Turkey can also be thawed in cold water but should never be defrosted on the kitchen counter.

Experts also suggest consumers use a meat thermometer when cooking Thanksgiving turkey to ensure it is cooked thoroughly. A turkey can be tested by inserting a thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. The turkey is done when it reaches an internal temperature of 180 degrees Fahrenheit.

Stuffing should not be cooked inside of the turkey because it prevents it from reaching a high enough internal temperature, Stocks said.

Thanksgiving leftovers should all be thoroughly reheated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Experts suggest turkey be cut into small pieces and refrigerated in a shallow dish within two hours of cooking. Leftover turkey and stuffing should be used in three to four days and gravy in one to two days.

Funky holiday sodas sell out; charity benefits

By GENA PRATT

This year consumers can get their holiday feast from a bottle — if they can find it.

Jones Soda Co. announced five new flavors for the holidays, but the company's online store recently sold out.

The holiday beverage pack, including green bean casserole soda, mashed potato and butter soda, turkey and gravy soda, fruitcake soda and cranberry soda were expected to sell out in a couple of weeks, said Michelle Whitehead, marketing coordinator for Jones Soda.

This is the second year the Jones' Soda company has sold

holiday-flavored drinks. Last year, the turkey and gravy soda sold more than 7,000 bottles, raising more than \$10,000 for non-profit organization, Toys for Tots.

This year the company produced 15,000 holiday drink packs and hopes to raise \$50,000 for the charity.

Rae Damon, a UVSC student and Jones Soda drinker, said the holiday flavors sounded like they wouldn't mix well with carbonation.

"I'd probably do it for a Fear Factor," Damon said. "Then all the proceeds go to Toys for Tots."

Albertson's, the only local distributor for the turkey and

gravy flavor last year, has been

trying to reach their suppliers about the holiday packs. Barry Johnson, Albertson's assistant store director, said the store may get the flavors in soon.

The turkey soda was initially launched only in the Michigan and Washington market areas, but because of a high demand, the company added the soda to their online store. The success of the turkey flavor also inspired the new holiday pack.

"Our holiday pack takes the work, worries and cost out of preparing a turkey dinner, so our consumers can spend more time with their loved ones," said Peter van Stolk, president and CEO of Jones Soda Co. in a statement. "We even include uten-

sils," he added, referring to the straw and toothpick that come with every holiday pack.

Jones Soda is known for its unusual flavors, unique packaging, changing labels frequently and using photographs submitted by the public.

"They have the coolest pictures on the front, 'cause you can send in your picture ... and they put it on the front and they're just random pictures," Damon said.

The company also takes customer suggestions for flavors on its Web site.

There is currently a waiting list on the Jones Soda Web site in case more holiday packs become available.

Modern Thanksgiving carries new traditions

By LANE STILSON

This year, thousands of BYU students will return home to celebrate the nearly 400-year-old tradition of giving thanks. Though many of the early 17th century traditions remain the same, American families have added their own twists over the past few decades.

America's Thanksgiving holiday stems back to the pilgrims' arrival in Plymouth, Mass., during a cold December in 1620. Thanks to the help of some friendly American Indians, the pilgrims survived the harsh winter and then celebrated their survival and bounteous harvest with a grand feast in November 1621.

At the feast, both the American Indians and the pilgrims ate boiled pumpkin, wild turkey, fish, deer, fowl and corn, in celebration of their new freedom.

But now, along with modern foods like cranberry sauce, stuffing and mashed potatoes, many families have adopted new traditions and unique ways to celebrate Thanksgiving.

"Every year we go out to a movie at the movie theater because nothing else is open," said Rachel Murdock, coordinator for BYU's Women's Research Institute.

"Plus, usually there are some good new releases to see." Murdock said another big part of her family's holiday feast is football. The sport has become a holiday staple in many families, almost trumping the turkey or pumpkin pie.

"I think if my brothers had to choose between football or turkey, they'd choose football," Murdock said.

Another tradition that many

families have adopted is the "what are you thankful for" game. Family members gather together to express thanks for all the things they enjoy.

"I think it's a nice tradition," said Elizabeth Clyde, a senior from Connell, Wash., majoring in international studies. "It sometimes feel a little like testimony meeting, but it's fun to share those things with just the ones you love."

Some families have even created unique traditions of their own. Julie Perricone, a junior from Newark, N.Y., majoring in business, said each year her family has a weight-gain contest. Before the meal they all weigh themselves. Then after the feast, they weigh themselves again to see who has gained the most weight.

"It's just something we've been doing as long as I can remember," Perricone said.

Tyler Jennings, a junior economics major from Greensboro, N.C., said his mother always has them make small books filled with things they are thankful for.

In fact, Jennings said he likes Thanksgiving more than Christmas because the holiday is less commercialized and seems more intimate. Murdock also said Thanksgiving is better in her book than Christmas because she doesn't have to spend money.

"I don't like spending a lot of money on presents," Murdock said. "Plus, there's so much hype for Christmas and the focus is on the presents."

She said her favorite thing about Thanksgiving is the focus on family and gratitude.

"It's not like, 'Oh look, I got a new CD. I should go listen to it,'" she said. "Instead you're together with your family and all you focus on is each other."

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Volleyball plays last match before NCAA



Photo by Autumn Lorimer
Lindsay Hartssock, middle blocker, hits over the top of Colorado State players during Friday's match up in the Smith Fieldhouse.

By ANGIE WALLACE

After a tough loss to Colorado State last weekend in the Mountain West Conference tournament, the BYU women's volleyball team will match up with one more opponent, Eastern Washington, this Friday before hoping for an invitation to the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

Because they may receive an invitation to the national tournament, the Cougars scheduled this match to stay in top form.

"Friday's match is to keep our team in playing shape after the Mountain West tournament," BYU head coach Karen Lamb said. "It's always something you want to have because you don't want to have a week off. I don't like to travel or play two matches, so we've been fortunate the last few years to stay at home and have a good team come in and play us."

BYU will take on the Eagles at 7 p.m. in the Smith Fieldhouse. Eastern Washington is 20-8 overall, went 12-2 in the Big Sky Conference and recently took second in their conference tournament.

"I think they're a good team, and we're going to need to play well to beat them," Lamb said. "We watched film on them against Sac State in their conference tournament final, which they got second. It's a nice team. It will be a very important win for us."

With an 18-11 overall record, the Cougars need to stop the Eagles offensively and serve strategically to throw off their ball control.

"They hit the slide well and go behind the setter well," Lamb said. "They are a pretty good ball control team. I think it's going to be a tough match for us. They're going to want to win this match for the same reasons we are because we're both 'on

the bubble' teams that may or may not get selected."

Although the NCAA won't announce their tournament selections until Sunday, Lamb said she likes her team's level of play although she doesn't know if Friday's match will be BYU's last match of the season.

"I think we're playing well late in the year, but I have no idea," she said. "There are always teams that get in, and there are teams that get left out that no one expects to get left out. Past that, I think we're a really good team."

Because the NCAA selection committee will also look at the outcome of Friday's match, the Cougars need to play well during such an important weekend.

"I think this game is important," Lamb said. "Every game you play in November is important. They look for hot teams and decent records. I think we have a decent record. They look for your good wins and bad losses. We had a tough schedule, so who knows."

The Division I Women's Volleyball selection announcement will be live on ESPNNews Sunday. The selection show begins at 4:45 p.m.

"If we get selected, I think we'll play well," Lamb said. "If we don't get selected, we'll be disappointed. It's not up to us."

BYU suffered some disappointment last weekend. In the MWC semifinal match, CSU was too much for the Cougars and went on to beat Utah in the final match of the conference tournament. Despite coming up short against Colorado State, Lamb said her team's spirits have been pretty upbeat.

"The attitudes seemed good [at Monday's practice]," Lamb said. "We're disappointed that we lost, but we lost to a team that's better than us. I think that we played them pretty tough. I would have loved to win. We just didn't."

BYU drops pair to Maui Invitational

By JEN CONNERY
BYU Athletic
Media Relations

MAUI, Hawaii — The first two days of competition at the EA SPORTS Maui Invitational didn't treat the BYU men's basketball team kindly as the Cougars dropped a pair of games to open their season.

On Monday, 11th-ranked North Carolina cruised to an early lead and went on to defeat BYU 86-50 in the Cougars' season-opener Monday night in the first round of the invitational. Despite a stronger second-half effort, the young BYU squad simply could not match up with the highly ranked Tar Heels.

BYU (0-2) followed it up with a 62-53 defeat at the hands of Stanford on Tuesday. With the loss, the Cougars will face Chaminade today.

"I was proud of the effort in the second half, but we obviously have a lot of learning to do," coach Steve Cleveland said after the North Carolina game. "They jumped on us so quickly and we just weren't able to recover. We need to learn how to play at this level and at this speed."

The order of the day was pressure defense as the Tar Heels stifled the Cougar offense from the start, denying the entry pass every trip down the floor and refusing to let BYU get into its offense. The Cougars scored on a Jared Jensen bucket 49 seconds into the game but went another eight minutes without a field goal while North Carolina built up a 25-3 lead.

Sophomore point guard Austin Ainge broke up the drought with a three-pointer at the 10:50 mark, but the Tar Heel lead was insurmountable as they owned a

48-18 advantage at the half. BYU shot just 19 percent in the first 20 minutes and allowed 17 points off turnovers.

The Cougars came out more relaxed in the second half, scoring 12 points in the first six minutes of play. But UNC was relentless, draining three-pointers to help maintain their large advantage. While the scoring margin evened out in the second period — BYU scored 32 points while the Tar Heels scored 38 — the Cougars simply could not overcome the early deficit.

Senior Mike Hall, the Cougars' top returning scorer, led BYU with 10 points. Forward Keena Young, a transfer from South Plains Junior College, came within one point of a double-double in his Cougar debut with nine points and 10 rebounds. Jensen also added nine points.

As a team, BYU shot 32 percent (18-of-57) from the floor, including 26 percent (6-of-23) from beyond the arc. The Tar Heels were led by Sean May with 18 points.

The 36-point margin of defeat was the largest in the Cleveland era and the biggest deficit since 1997.

On Tuesday, Jensen scored 11 points. Senior guard Terry Nishif had 10 points and Garner Meads added nine, but it wasn't enough for BYU.

The Cougars led for the first 12:25 of the game, until Stanford's Dan Grunfeld hit a pair of free throws to put the Cardinal up for good. BYU kept the game close in the first half and trailed by only three, 28-25, at the break.

But in the second half, the Cardinal broke open the game with an 11-0 run and led by as many as 15 points to send BYU to its second straight loss. The Cougars failed to score on their first eight possessions of the second half.

BYU used a 9-2 run to close the gap to 58-50 with 53 seconds to go.

"They jumped on us so quickly and we just weren't able to recover. We need to learn how to play at this level and at this speed."

Steve Cleveland
BYU Men's Basketball coach

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Women hopeful for win against Reno Wolfpack

By KATIE GHOLSON

After a season opening victory last Friday, the BYU women's basketball team is working for another victory today against Nevada-Reno.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. in the Marriott Center. Last season, Nevada went 3-26 overall, 2-17 in the Western Athletic Conference. This season, senior guard Amber Young has already been named WAC player of the week and the Wolf Pack is starting the season 2-0 for the first time in 21 years.

Both teams have many new faces, but also have many experienced players as well.

Two freshmen led the Cougars on Friday in a 76-56 victory over Southern Utah. Mary Martha Abell led the team in scoring with 14 points, while Mallary Gillespie followed with 12 points from four three-pointers.

With many more fans at the SUU game than usual, the women hope to have impressed the fans enough to have the same number of people at this game.

Tickets are \$4 for students without an all-sports pass and \$5 for the general public.



Photo by Autumn Lorimer
Lauren Riley tries to rebound over Southern Utah University players during last Friday's match up. The Cougars ran over the T-Birds 76-56.

Spurrier returns to ranks after leave

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Steve Spurrier took over at South Carolina on Tuesday, returning to the college ranks after a three-year absence.

The former Florida coach replaces Lou Holtz, who retired Monday. Spurrier got a seven-year deal worth \$1.25 million a season that could go over \$2 million with incentives.

Spurrier led the Gators to a national championship in 1996 and six Southeastern Conference titles before abruptly resigning in 2001 to join the Washington Redskins. But he had little success in the NFL, going 12-20 before leaving.

The ol' ball coach is ready to make South Carolina a winner.

"We've got everything here," Spurrier said. "I'd like to borrow a phrase from the Boston Red Sox: Why not us? Why not the University of South Carolina Gamecocks?"

Spurrier wants to win a conference championship, something Holtz never did in his six seasons at the school. But he has to get past his former team, which was 10-0 against South Carolina while Spurrier was the Gators coach.

Those games figured to be tough on Spurrier, who said he is not looking forward to his first matchup with his alma mater, next Nov. 12 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

The executive committee of the school trustees approved the deal for Spurrier. Incentives include \$250,000 for winning the Bowl Championship Series, \$100,000 for becoming national coach of the year and \$150,000 for winning the Southeastern Conference championship game.

The contract has a \$250,000 a year buyout clause for both sides. Should Spurrier retire and not take another job, he owes the university nothing.

"Maybe we're prejudiced now for Steve Spurrier," athletic director Mike McGee said. "That wasn't always the case."

There was much speculation that Spurrier would return to Florida next season, following the recent firing of Ron Zook. But Spurrier pulled out of the running, saying 12 years at one school was enough.

Spurrier, 59, went 20-13-1 in three seasons at Duke before taking over at Florida in 1990. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and departed with the best winning percentage in league history.

Holtz went to bowl games by his second season.

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