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How local athletes stack up in the classroom

By AMBER SINGH

National graduation rates for student-athletes are up and Ivy League schools top the list, with BYU ranking 223rd and Utah Valley University last out of 339 schools in the nation.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2011 Graduation Rates Report includes information on the most recent graduation class of student-athletes who entered school in 2004 and graduate within six years.

"These NCAA ratings help us keep tabs on where we rank and we want to strive to keep our graduates' rates up," said Chad Gwilliam,

BYU 223rd in nation in student-athlete graduation rate

BYU assistant athletic director for compliance.

The report includes information on student-athletes who received any aid: grant, scholarship, tuition waiver or any other assistance from the college. It tracks athletes in football, basketball, baseball, swimming, tennis, volleyball and all other NCAA sports.

"The whole reason they have college is so you can get a higher educa-

tion and college sports is just one way to pay for our education," said Nicole Warner, BYU women's volleyball player who is majoring in exercise science. "It doesn't matter if it's through your athletic abilities or academic abilities. BYU stresses the student comes before the athlete and if I'm not eligible academically then I can never play."

BYU's graduation rate for all students attending the university comes to 78 percent, with its student-athletes ranking at 63 percent.

UVU director of compliance Mark Tschaggeny explained why the school's ratings aren't as high as they hoped.

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NCAA Athletes' Graduation Success Rates

TOP 5 INSTITUTIONS IN THE NATION

1. Columbia University – Barnard College: 100%
2. Brown University: 100%
3. Dartmouth College: 99%
4. American University: 99%
5. Colgate University: 99%

*BYU 223rd out of 339 schools

Info courtesy NCAA 2011 Graduation Rates Report

BOTTOM 5 INSTITUTIONS IN THE NATION

1. Utah Valley University: 33%
2. Chicago State University: 41%
3. Mississippi Valley State University: 42%
4. Texas Southern University: 45%
5. Savannah State University: 48%

The Master's Hand

Springville hosts annual spiritual and religious art exhibit

By MEGAN ADAMS

Christ on the cross, a woman reading a magazine and an aerial view of Old Nauvoo, as expressions of religion and spirituality, have been brought together in Springville to celebrate the holiday season.

Springville Museum of Art is hosting its 26th annual Spiritual and Religious Art of Utah exhibit, open now through Dec. 27. The exhibit was open to any artist who wanted to submit their work. There were no guidelines for the medium of the art, nor the religious aspect, as long as it was spiritual.

Museum curator Ashlee Whitaker said although many of the 341 submissions were aesthetically compelling, the committee chose 179 which had the greatest representation of spirituality.

"We want to make sure that we have a good array of different types of ideas, different ways of seeing religion or spirituality, different styles, different media," Whitaker said. "We took all those into consideration to make it a show that guarantees that there will be something that resonates with everyone."

Because of its location in Utah County, a predominantly Christian area, the majority of the submissions are Christian-based. However, with the Hare Krishna temple so close, Whitaker said they also receive Hindu, Buddhist and other non-Christian art every year.

"This year, we have a really wide spectrum, and I like that," Whitaker said.

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Photo courtesy of Ashlee Whitaker

The Springville Museum of Art is hosting its Spiritual and Religious Art of Utah exhibit, including "Return unto Me" by Annie Henrie.

Sargeant a smashing good tennis player

By STEVEN TEW

During warmups in the semifinals of the Utah Fall Classic, freshman tennis player Francis Sargeant from Beckenham, United Kingdom, politely asked junior teammate Spencer Smith from Salt Lake City, "Could I get a few smashes?" "No, no you mean overheads," Smith said. "No, no I mean smashes." And the language debate goes on.

Sargeant began his smashing career at BYU eight or so weeks ago after more than a decade of preparation and dedication. The freshman brings not only a solid swing to the men's tennis team but also a positive attitude and a new set of lingo that has brought the team closer together.

"I use loads of stuff in which no one knows what I'm saying," Sargeant said. "That happens all the time."

Smashes in England, also known as overheads in the U.S., consist of slamming the ball off the other side of the court in such a fashion the opponent cannot return it. Members of the team have enjoyed this debate on what the proper saying is.

"We have a lot of fun with that," Smith said. "Francis is a great guy to have around."

Sargeant started playing tennis at 5 years old. In the beginning, he didn't begin playing because it was a family affair, but because he was a bit of a handful for his mother to have around.

"When I was younger my mom was trying to find me a sport because I always had loads of energy," Sargeant said. "She really wanted to find me a sport where I would lose my energy so I wouldn't bother her so much. I did loads of sports when I was younger, like cricket, tennis, swimming, cycling, and tennis was the one I got the most into."

Playing at a tennis club close to his house, Sargeant moved quickly through the classes because the coaches noticed his gifted ability to play. They also noticed one of his unique talents — playing with both hands — which has given him a particular advantage over his opponents.

"I was actually right handed when I started," Sargeant said, "but then my coach realized I could play left as well."

While BYU coach Brad Pearce was in the recruiting process, he noticed Sargeant's unique talent of playing left handed.

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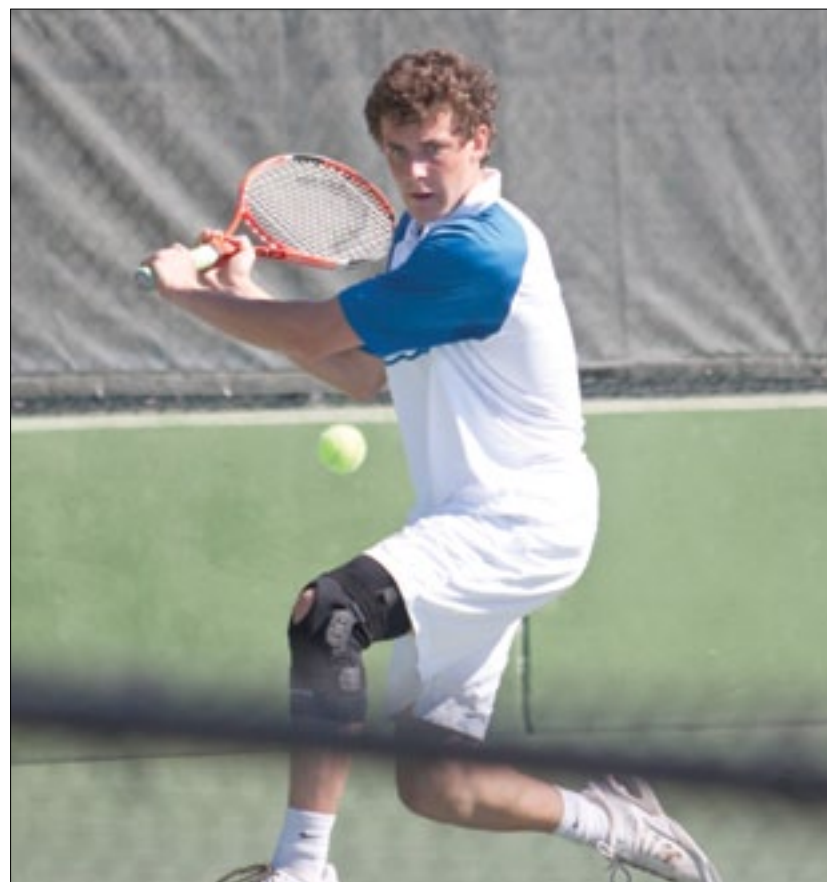


Photo by Jamison Metzger

BYU's Francis Sargeant participates in the Utah Fall Tennis Classic.

DEVOTIONAL

Damon L. Bahr of the David O. McKay School of Education faculty will deliver the BYU Devotional today at 11:05 a.m. in the Marriott Center.



He will speak on "The Unique Opportunities of Living at This Time in This Dispensation."

A BYU and Utah State University alumnus, Bahr teaches mathematics pedagogy in the Department of Teacher Education. He joined the BYU faculty in 2006.

He received Faculty Excellence Award and Alumni Faculty of the Year honors from Utah Valley University and the Carl V. Watkins Outstanding Educator from the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce in 1995. He was also the first person in Utah to receive the state's K-6 Elementary Mathematics Endorsement.

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Associated Press

Barry Walter Bujol walks into the federal courthouse in Houston.

Man convicted of helping al-Qaida

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man accused of attempting to sneak out of the country with restricted U.S. military documents, money and equipment in order to join al-Qaida was convicted Monday of trying to help the terrorist organization.

Barry Walter Bujol Jr. was convicted of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and aggravated identity theft. He faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced.

BRIEFING

The world is our campus



Associated Press

Ramzi Kassem, a law professor with the City University of New York, teaches a group of Muslims in the Brooklyn borough of New York about their legal rights in relation to an NYPD surveillance program.



Associated Press

Archbishop Timothy Dolan speaks at the conference's annual fall assembly.

Catholic church 'a spiritual family'

BALTIMORE (AP) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says the church should not be dismissed as an outmoded bureaucracy.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan says the church is a spiritual family that has much to teach the world. Dolan is the archbishop of New York. He spoke Monday in Baltimore at the start of the national meeting of American Roman Catholic bishops. Catholics are the largest religious group in the United States, with about 65 million members.

WEATHER		
YESTERDAY	TODAY	WEDNESDAY
52	43	44
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
31	27	28
PRECIPITATION		
Yesterday: 0.21"	Nov. 2011: 0.84"	2011: 19.46"

Sources: National Weather Service, BYU Geography Department

Angry over spying, Muslims say: 'Don't call NYPD'

NEW YORK (AP) — Fed up with a decade of police spying on the innocuous details of the daily lives of Muslims, activists in New York are discouraging people from going directly to the police with their concerns about terrorism, a campaign that is certain to further strain relations between the two groups.

Muslim community leaders are openly teaching people how to identify police informants, encouraging them to always talk to a lawyer before speaking with the authorities and reminding

people already working with law enforcement that they have the right to change their minds. Some members of the community have planned a demonstration for next week.

Some government officials point to this type of outreach as proof that Muslims aren't cooperating in the fight against terrorism, justifying the aggressive spy tactics, while many in the Muslim community view it as a way to protect themselves from getting snared in a secret police effort to catch terrorists.

Elizabeth Smart urges citizens to report abuse

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart says the sex abuse scandal at Penn State underscores the need for people to report crimes against children immediately.

The Utah woman, who was kidnapped, raped and held captive at age 14 by a Salt Lake City street preacher, said Monday in Salt Lake City people should never assume that somebody else will report the abuse. The 24-year-old Smart is urging increased funding for state and federal programs that find missing children and prosecute predators.



Photo courtesy of NBC

The BYU a cappella group Vocal Point, shown here in an earlier episode, was eliminated from NBC's singing competition "The Sing-off" Monday night.

Swan song at 'The Sing-off': BYU's Vocal Point eliminated

By JAKE JONES

All a cappella. All-male. All-caucasian. All over for the BYU brethren.

Vocal Point's successful run came to an abrupt end Monday night when the singing group was eliminated from NBC's "The Sing-Off." BYU's a cappella group struggled Monday night to channel the R&B swagger and soul the judges were seeking. After beating out 11 other groups during the competition, the judges ended Vocal Point's fairy-tale run just two weeks before the grand finale.

Jake Hunsaker, a high tenor from Ogden, expressed his feelings of shock and disappointment after learning Vocal Point's journey had come to an end.

"It was such a torrent of emotion," Hunsaker said. "We weren't expecting that at all. But all the groups are really good at this point and the skill level is so high so it's really anyone's game. We were pretty emotional to realize that we finally get to go home after such a long time. We really feel so lucky to have gotten so far."

Sara Bareilles, one of the

three judges on the show, expressed her feelings of disappointment in the group's second performance Monday night.

"It did feel like you were trying a little bit," Bareilles said. "It's not necessarily a bad thing, but I couldn't quite just lose myself in the performance with you. You were delivering all the notes and I really appreciated that you were just going for it. Overall this arrangement and performance felt a little disjointed in a way for some reason."

Fellow judges Shawn Stockman and Ben Folds both agreed with Bareilles and added that the uplifting singers from Provo always sound good but the competition is now about the little things that help the audience feel the emotions of the songs.

Tyler Sterling, a baritone from Renton, Wash., shared his optimistic views after the group was sent home.

"I honestly felt a sense of accomplishment and was very proud of how we all represented the Church and our beliefs through music," Sterling said. "Of course we would have loved to have been 'The Sing-Off' champions but we all know that there will be other great opportunities for Vocal Point in the future."

Of the remaining five groups on "The Sing-Off," the decision was split between Vocal Point and Afro Blue. The judges decided the performances from Vocal Point on Monday night were not up to par with the competition's expectations and said goodbye to Provo's most distinguished a cappella group.

Nick Lachey, the show's announcer, said the group will be remembered for their tight harmonies and even tighter friendships.

"All of us enjoyed the experience we had to bond and grow and do it with so many great people from within Vocal Point and in other groups," Sterling said. "It's hard to leave knowing we put so much time, effort and work into something and then suddenly having to say goodbye to it. We feel it an amazing blessing to have been a part of it all and we've love the incredible support from the student body and fans across the country."

Vocal Point's nine-man ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Provo's Covey Center for the Arts on Friday and Saturday. Vocal Point is conducted by Buck Magnum. For ticket information, visit coveycenter.org.

Supreme Court: Pre-election health care showdown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday promised an extraordinarily thorough springtime review of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul — more than five hours of argument, unprecedented in modern times — in time for a likely ruling affecting millions of Americans just before the presidential election.

That ruling, expected before next summer's Independence Day holiday, could determine the fate of Obama's signature domestic achievement, the most far reaching domestic legislation in a generation but a political lightning rod as well. It is vigorously opposed by all of Obama's prospective GOP opponents.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act aims to provide health insurance to more than 30 million previously uninsured Americans. But Republicans have branded the law unconstitutional since before Obama signed it in a ceremony in March 2010.

The court's ruling could be its most significant and political decision since George W. Bush's 2000 presidential election victory. But the justices left themselves an opening to defer the outcome if they choose, by requesting arguments on one lower court's ruling that a decision must wait until 2015, when one of the law's many provisions takes effect.

Legal experts have offered a range of opinions about what the high court might do. Many prominent Supreme Court lawyers believe the law will be upheld by a lopsided vote, with Republican and Democratic appointees ruling in



Associated Press

President Barack Obama signs the health care bill in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

its favor. But others predict a close outcome, with Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Republican who sometimes joins his four Democratic colleagues, holding the deciding vote.

The White House has pushed for a final ruling as soon as possible, and Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer said the administration was pleased the justices agreed to take the case now, with arguments in March. "It's important that we put to rest once and for all the issue of maybe the law will disappear," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Republicans also said they were happy the high court would hear arguments on the constitutionality of the provision at the heart of the law and three other questions about the act. The central provision in question is the requirement that individuals buy health insurance starting in 2014 or pay a penalty.

"That the Supreme Court is taking this up, I think, is a positive signal that there are legitimate concerns surrounding the constitutional aspects of mandating that

individuals purchase health care insurance and purchase it according to Washington's guidelines," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

The exceptional five and a half hours allotted for argument demonstrates the significance the justices see in this case. Normally, they allow only one hour, split between two sides. In the modern era, the last time the court increased that time anywhere near this much was in 2003 for consideration of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance overhaul. That case consumed four hours of argument.

This argument may even spread over two days, as the justices rarely hear more than two or three hours a day.

The health care overhaul would achieve its huge expansion of coverage by requiring individuals to buy health insurance starting in 2014, by expanding Medicaid and by applying other provisions, many yet to take effect.

The central question before the court is whether the government has the power to force people to buy health insurance.

VIEWPOINT

Individuality vs. unity

Penn State scandal a lesson in responsibility

t used to be BYU and Penn State were the only college football programs with national championships and without NCAA violations on their record, but after the bad news that came out of the Appalachian version of Happy Valley, Penn State's defiled reputation has gone beyond the realm of bylaws and into laws, both civic and eternal.

Words like "appalling," "horrific" and "disgusting" don't even begin to describe the horrible acts allegedly committed by assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

As a college football fan, it's sad to see a college football program become involved with such heinous crimes against society and nature. As a father, I don't know whether to punch something or cry.

I hope the victims and their families can find peace through their community and through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

By describing my feelings about the sexual abuse scandal, I don't mean to tear down Penn State while building up BYU. Even with the message of the restored gospel behind the team, I know BYU football is not impervious to the evils of the world, just like none of us are.

The Cougars have had their share of stains on their record. Although nothing has reached the magnitude of atrocities at Penn State, there are certainly moments Cougar Nation is not proud of.

Coach Bronco Mendenhall admitted he can't prevent "all things whereby [one] may commit sin."

"We're not immune, and I don't think anyone is immune from having a problem," Mendenhall told BYUtv's Robbie Bullough. "No way any coach could know everything."

But we can be confident Mendenhall would not ignore any problems brought to his attention.

"Every [violation] that I do know, I act on it and I act on it immediately, and I act on it usually more fiercely and more sternly than the institution would," Mendenhall said.

I believe Mendenhall would act fiercely even if it meant he was a target of his own wrath — something rare in today's society.

Among all the things that aggravate me about the Penn State scandal, the reaction of the student body is perhaps the most perplexing.

The campus has devolved into a riotous anarchy — and not as an expression of anger over the abuse that took place.

Penn State erupted to protest the untimely exit of its beloved coach, Joe Paterno.

Paterno is beloved for a reason, after leading the Nittany Lions to 409 wins in a span of 46 years, but even a legend is subject to consequences for his action or inaction.

It may seem unfair to see Paterno go. But life isn't about fairness or keeping everything under control. It's about how we deal with adversity, even when that adversity is someone else's fault.

The world is biased toward individuality. Individuals claim credit and avoid blame. If someone is suffering, we have the prerogative to care or carry on — we don't let the downfall of others become a buzzkill while we celebrate our own triumphs.

It's the same attitude that brought cheers for the death of a hypothetical, uninsured patient at a Republican debate in September. He deserved it, it's his own fault he didn't have insurance. Why should we have to sacrifice?

True, one of our Articles of Faith declares "men will be punished for their own sins," and the Apostle Paul teaches us to "work out [our] own salvation with fear and trembling."

But Paul also teaches us the mission of our prophets is "the perfecting of the saints ... till we all come in the unity of the faith."

How can we become unified if we only look out for No. 1?

A healthy church, community or campus means being involved in each other's lives. Our successes should be shared, as well as our failures.

Being selfless can be risky, but it is far more rewarding than isolation.

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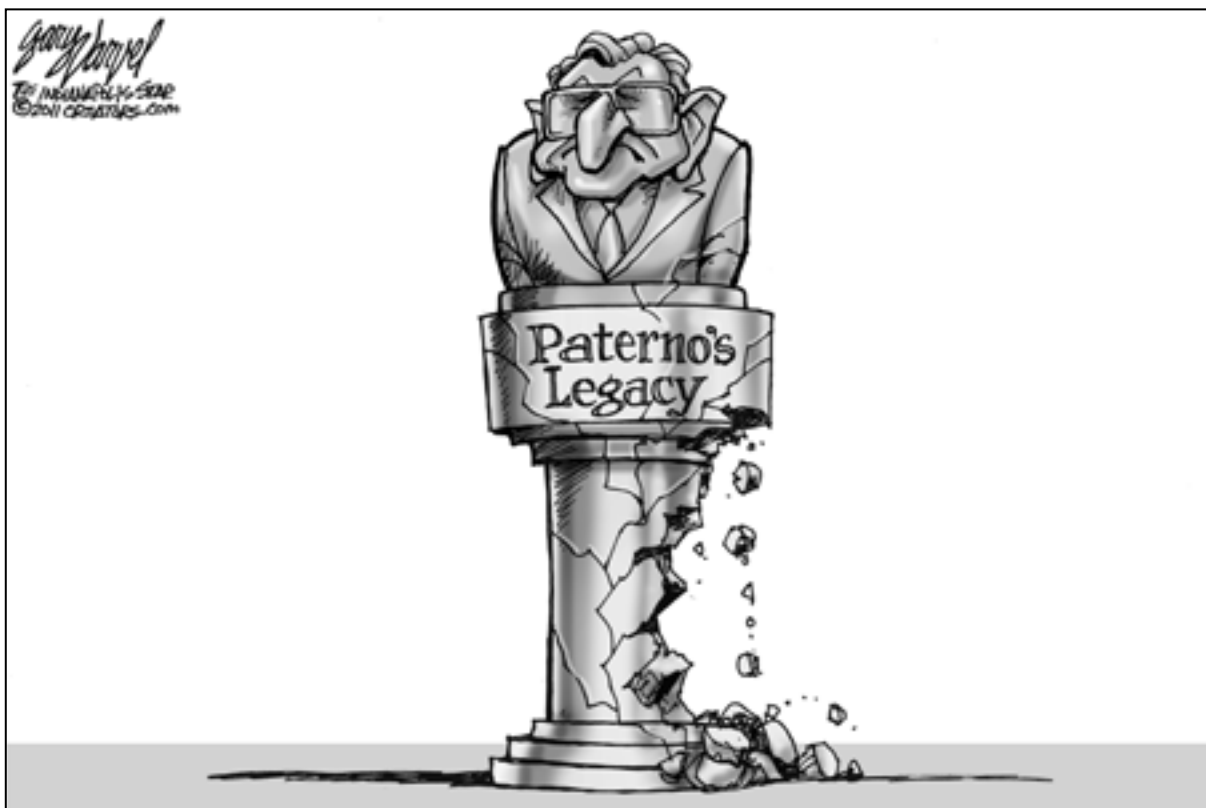


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[Readers' Forum]

Home-ophobia?

In response to "Modern immorality (11/10)" and "Ways to raise (11/8)," I'd like to offer another perspective on children being raised by homosexual parents.

I know a homosexual couple who are raising two beautiful children and, let me assure you, the environment those kids are in is far better than many others, even, if I dare say, ones with both a mother and father.

Qualifying the character and ability to raise children simply because someone is gay reeks of the self-righteous syndrome so commonly found in the bubble.

Categorizing situations as "good, better, best" solely based on sexual orientation is ridiculous.

Yes, homosexuality shouldn't be accepted, but casting judgment on the home of a gay couple because they don't live the same moral principles we do is outrageous.

We believe in Christ, but does that mean Buddhist parents are less capable of providing a suitable home?

Additionally, considering the neglect and abuse children often receive in foster care, orphanages and heterosexual households to be better than the homes of loving, committed homosexuals is nothing short of crazy.

The Family: A Proclamation to the World also states parents should rear their children in love and righteousness, provide for their physical and spiritual needs and teach them to love and serve one another, to name a few.

To think only heterosexual couples are capable of doing this is crazy talk.

We should not accept homosexu-

ality, but that does not mean we should consider those who do unfit to have a family.

KATIE PEACOCK
Alpine

Think outside the 'stache

In response to the recent articles on mustaches, it seems growing a mustache is only done to either be trendy or to stand out on campus.

I feel here at BYU people are too concerned with how people look and dress. In reality it's impossible to pin a person's reasons for growing a mustache to just two reasons.

Like Rod Kimball, who suffers from a hormone disorder, I too am attempting to grow a mustache.

I have never worn a V-neck or skinny jeans and I think it is wrong to say a mustache is purely a hipster trend.

My reason is not for the purpose of channeling the powers of a great stuntman, but to honor the hallowed month of Movember, like I have done since high school.

Whether a 'stache is here in honor of Movember or to keep a constantly cold upper lip warm, it does not matter.

This section often seems to be a "What Not to Wear" section.

What someone else wears does not affect your personal worthiness or your ability to obey the Honor Code.

People should focus on bettering themselves rather than judging others for a 'stache or the lack thereof.

JORDAN MESERVY
Jerome, Idaho

Superb nursing

I would like to thank Kristian Ekenes for his timely article "Graduated nurses struggle (11/9)."

Obviously, a number of people were interviewed and different perspectives were presented.

Two issues concern me.

One is the implication completing an application is the essential prerequisite for getting a job.

Understanding the job market, presenting a compelling resume or portfolio and dynamic interviewing skills are all needed, along with completing an application.

The second issue is the pejorative statements about "graduates have[ing] resorted to making a living working in nursing homes and as home health nurses" or, "resorting to nursing homes."

Rehabilitation nursing facilities offer challenging opportunities to utilize nursing knowledge and skills including high-level leadership skills through serving the aging and severely chronically ill population.

Health care systems are changing dramatically and health care professionals will need to adapt and change, too.

Caring for people in a wide variety of settings is not a sports game of winners and losers.

Managing the health care needs of society in all settings will take nurses with vision, skill and commitment.

BETH COLE
Provo

Fix the problem

The solution to our national deficit: First, cut defense budget in half. Even cutting the budget in half, we would still be spending more on defense than any other country.

Second, get rid of federal unemployment. It doesn't take three years to find a job.

Third, cut budgets for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid in half. Our deficit has grown ever since we implemented these programs — we can't afford them. Non-profits can step in to help the people who really need it.

Fourth, raise user fees on national parks and place user fees on national museums and monuments that don't already have them.

Fifth, make tax laws easier. Making the tax law less complicated would mean we spend less money on compliance.

Sixth, raise taxes. We need to raise taxes so we have a balanced budget; it's the only way the problem will be solved. We could start a federal sales tax so income tax

wouldn't take the whole tax burden.

Nobody wants to hear these budget reforms have to be made, but there is no other way.

The politicians are afraid to make changes like this because they are only thinking about being re-elected two years from now and they're afraid of making people mad.

If the federal government doesn't change how they spend money now, we are going to have to pay more in taxes later than if we just fixed the problem now.

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[CORNER WISDOM]

Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again.

— Dag Hammarskjöld



TENNIS

Different lingo, same sport

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"Francis is one of those crafty lefties," Pearce said. "He has those great dynamics that comes from being a lefty. He has a great serve and great volleys. He is a smart player, great worker and is a great guy to have on the team."

Like most college athletes, Sargeant had more options to choose from other than BYU, but those options came from his personal diligence after his first choice did not pan out as planned. Initially his early decision was made with Cornell University, but since the school did not offer athletic scholarships, Sargeant took a step backward and did some recruiting of his own.

Sargeant wanted to go to a school with a nice environment, good tennis program and a school known for its academics. In high school, Sargeant excelled in math and received the Gold Award in Mathematics, placing in the top three percent in the U.K.

Like many players on the tennis team, Sargeant has aspirations of joining the professional tour after graduation but knows that decision is up in the air.

"It really depends on where my tennis is at," he said. "Because if I'm good enough to play on the tour and make money, then obviously that is the ideal situation. The thing is, the likely hood of that happening is extremely small, so you have to have a backup plan, which is why I've come to this university."

He started his search for the combination of academics and tennis with personal emails to 75 universities throughout the United States expressing his interest and desire to play college tennis. Of those 75 schools, 20 responded wanting to know more. After the 20 responses, he whittled his list down to four: The College of William and Mary, Elon University, Northwestern and BYU.

"The coach [from Northwestern] came over to visit me in England," Sargeant said. "He was pretty keen, but

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Francis Sargeant
BYU tennis player

he could not give me a scholarship until next year, so I would have had to take the gap year, which I didn't want to do. If that would have worked out, I may have gone there instead. As it turned out, BYU has been a really good option for me. I have really enjoyed my time here."

Part of his enjoyment has come from not only a new country, but also a new religious culture. Back home, Sargeant and his family were members of the Church of England, but did not attend outside of the holiday season.

"I'm taking Rel C 100, the introduction to Mormonism," Sargeant said. "Now I actually know more about Mormonism than I do about the Church of England. I'm dating a Mormon girl right now, and my friends always joke around about how I'll get baptized before I graduate. But I don't know."

The next four years of Sargeant's life will revolve mainly around tennis and his academics, but in his first few months at BYU, he has found it a bit difficult to juggle so many new elements in his life.

"The thing is back at home I used to be able to come out of the court, play without a care in the world and just focus on my tennis," Sargeant said. "But I found here, because there is so much work to do, it is really hard to focus. There are always things on my mind, and I find that I'm getting really overtired. When I go out on the court I just can't play properly. I don't think I have adjusted into scheduling my time properly. Once I figure that out I think it will be good."

Though overwhelmed by his first few months here, he knows he has the support of teammates to help him out when times get tough.

"Francis is really good," roommate and fellow freshman Keaton Cullimore said. "He is going to do well at BYU."

GRADUATION

Student-athletes in the classroom

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He said the current Graduate Success Rate statistics reflect the 2004-05 school year, which was UVU's second year of NCAA Division I athletics. UVU Athletics achieved full Division I status in 2009, and the NCAA Academic Progress Rate provides a more updated view of an institution's academic achievement.

"At that time, we were adapting to the athletic and academic change of participating at the NCAA Division I level," UVU Athletics Department said in a statement. "While UVU's 2004-2005 GSR does not meet the expectation the university has for the student-athletes, we do not feel it's an accurate reflection of the current academic environment at UVU."

At BYU, men's basketball and women's tennis scored the highest with a 100 percent graduation success rate, while football scored the lowest with 57 percent. The rest of the BYU athletics showed high rates, with women's volleyball at 91 percent and women's swimming and men's tennis at 86 percent.

"It takes a lot of discipline, which requires self-control and extra effort on our part if we want to be good athletes and students," said scholar, athlete and swimmer Andrew Rutherford from Alpharetta, Ga.

Student-athletes recognize other players for their dedication to both academics and sports. Warner commends diver Brandon Watson from Riverton who focuses hard in his major, but sets aside time to excel in his sport so he can have the chance of going to the Olympics.

Other sports at BYU showed mixed success ratings in comparison to national ratings.

BYU baseball players graduate with a 63 percent rate, ahead of the national rate of 20 percent, while BYU men's volleyball is behind the 75 percent national graduate success rate with only 63 percent.

"It's hard because people aren't holding banners when you walk out of the Testing Center saying, 'Congratula-

tions, you got an A on your test,' but they're holding up all kinds of banners at your home games," Warner said.

The BYU Athletic Department said BYU tries to comply with NCAA requirements in offering extra resources for academic help both in the athletics department and in regular campus programs. BYU has tutors and the student athletic academic center available to help student-athletes further. The counselors at the campus academic center work with the athletic department to put out grade reports and get feedback from the student-athletes' professors.

"Our coaches encourage academics when they start recruiting, long before they get here," Gwilliam said. "Some coaches require study hall hours and other coaches require players to sit out a practice to take care of academics."

The Barnard College at Columbia University and Brown University ranked the highest with 100 percent graduation success rate. Dartmouth College, American University, Colgate University and the University of Notre Dame were right behind with 99 percent. The lowest-ranked schools include Chicago State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Texas Southern University and Savannah State University, all having under 50 percent graduation success rates.

Other universities in Utah hit both high and low ratings. Utah State University and University of Utah's graduation success rates were higher than BYU's 76 percent with 84 and 79 percent, respectively. Utah Valley University's 33 percent is the lowest of the four.

"We want to continue on the path we're on right now in encouraging students to graduate and we try to emphasize academics to the incoming students," Gwilliam said. "Our ultimate goal is having anyone who joins us walk away with a degree."

Graduation rates are affected by students working part time and needing more than six years to graduate, transferring to a different college, leaving school for a block of time for work or travel or being dismissed for academic deficiencies.

However, the Graduation Success Rate does not include students who die, become per-

BYU Graduation Success Rate Report

TOP 5 SPORTS WHOSE ATHLETES GRADUATE	BOTTOM 5 SPORTS WHOSE ATHLETES GRADUATE
1. Men's Basketball: 100%	1. Football: 57%
2. Women's Tennis: 100%	2. Men's Golf: 60%
3. Women's Volleyball: 91%	3. Baseball: 63%
4. Men's Tennis: 86%	4. Men's Volleyball: 63%
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The BYU women's volleyball team has a 91 percent graduation rate.

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Dr. Damon L. Bahr received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from Utah State University. He spent eighteen years as an elementary school teacher and the last fourteen as a mathematics education professor at two universities.

His research focuses on teacher learning with an emphasis on the leveraging of public

school partnerships for the simultaneous renewal of preservice and inservice elementary teachers of mathematics.

Dr. Bahr is a convert to the Church and currently serves as a stake president in Orem. Following a mission to Australia, he married Kim Bartholomew in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the parents of four children and currently have six grandchildren.

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ART

Religious art at Springville

Continued from Page 1

"Even among the LDS subjects that we might be more familiar with because of the culture and community we live in, a lot of interpretations of those subjects are fresh."

The works in the exhibit span many mediums, from dioramas to oil on canvas. Artist Trevin Prince used his own blood and resin on plexiglass to create his piece, "Serrano de

"We want to make sure that we have a good array of different types of ideas."

Ashlee Whitaker

Springville Museum of Art curator

Christo." Joe Norman created Ammo Table, a table filled with ammunition, with Christ's image in the ammunition.

This was Mark Stahmann's first time submitting a painting for this specific exhibit, but he has worked with the museum for other special exhibits.

He submitted "The Worth of a Soul," a piece depicting Christ on the cross. Stahmann cited the painters Nicolas Moreau and Diego Velazquez as inspiration, as well as "Wings," a well-known photo of Michael Jordan, as the picture that made him think about turning a painting of Christ to be more of a portrait.

Although the painting has been well-received, Stahmann did not paint it with the intention of turning it into the museum.

"I painted it more for myself, I just really wanted to portray the reality of the Atonement," Stahmann said. "Basically I was bearing my testimony visually."

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Scotland internship adventures

By ALYSSA CALL

Spring and summer semesters usually mean jobs, living at home and possibly more classes. For one BYU student, it means living in Scotland and participating in a European Governance internship through the Kennedy Center.

Alisse Frandsen, a junior studying public relations, interned this summer at the Scottish Parliament with Dennis Robertson, a member of Scottish Parliament. She arrived in Scotland by herself without a place to live.

"I literally thought I was going to die of jet lag," Frandsen said.

Another BYU student, Heather Scott, a junior studying international relations, soon joined Frandsen.

"After that first scary week, we found a flat, went to the grocery store and did our laundry," Frandsen said. "I was shocked that I could be a functional adult in such a short time. It was a real confidence booster because I realized that if I could do this, then I could do anything."

Frandsen and Scott spent the first few weeks of their internships helping with elections for the Scottish Parliament. Both said they enjoyed



Photo courtesy of Alisse Frandsen

Alisse Frandsen and Heather Scott interned this summer at the Scottish Parliament. They are pictured here campaigning for the Scottish National Party.

the experience of traveling through Scotland and talking to a variety of people.

This year's election was especially significant because the party is planning on pushing for an independent Scotland in the next few years, Frandsen said.

"They won this election by a landslide, a totally unheard of majority, and winning the election was the first step in gaining independence," Frandsen said. "It was a really big deal to be there and be involved in such a historic occasion."

While campaigning, they followed the First Minister, Alex Salmond, around in bright yellow jackets, holding yellow balloons.

"They called us his 'American Cheerleaders,' and we were in several news programs and all over the newspapers," Scott said.

After the elections, Frandsen was assigned Robertson as her Member of Scottish Parliament, and Scott was assigned to work in the press and research office.

"I learned about the parliamentary process and con-

stituency case work, which I thought was really interesting because I got to work with citizens of Scotland, just regular people," Frandsen said.

Scott said her experience in the press and research office included working on research projects for the party's upcoming independence campaign, gathering facts, data and examples. Scott also wrote party blog posts, press releases, policy recommendations and speeches.

Another BYU student, Audrey Heaton, a junior studying history teaching, is currently participating in this internship in Scotland. Heaton works with her Member of Scottish Parliament, Colin Beattie, and writes parliamentary motions that get voted on by other Members of Scottish Parliament as well as composes press releases for local papers.

"Politics are so different here than in the states — people's assumptions and values regarding government are so foreign to American politics," Heaton wrote in an email. "I've also learned a lot about the nitty gritty of how governments actually work."

All three students agree the internship looks fantastic on their resumes. Scott said she has gotten many job interviews based on her experience.



Associated Press

Fans in the student section react after Nebraska defeated Penn State 17-14. Penn State was playing for the first time in decades without former head coach Joe Paterno.

For Penn State, a new week after the worst one ever

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — For Penn State University, there was the past week — a week of unimaginable turmoil and sorrow, anger and disbelief and shame. And then there is tomorrow.

As Penn State leaves a harrowing week behind and takes tentative steps toward a new normal, students and alumni alike wonder what exactly that means. What comes next for a proud institution brought low by allegations that powerful men knew they had a predator in their midst and failed to take action? What should members of its community do now?

"Our best," said Julie Weiss, 19, a sophomore from Wayne, N.J., pausing outside her dorm to consider the question.

Last week, the worst in its 156-year history, the place called Happy Valley became noticeably less so. Students and alumni felt betrayed as child sex abuse allegations exploded onto the nation's front pages, bringing notoriety to a place largely untouched by, and unaccustomed to, scandal.

As the school's trustees pledge to get to the bottom of the saga, many Penn Staters are feeling sadness, anger, a sense of loss. Some can't sleep. Others walk around with knots in their stomachs or can't stop thinking about the victims. Wherever two or more people congregate, the subject inevitably comes up. Even Saturday's pregame tailgate parties were muted with

the subject that hung low over everything.

"Everyone's been struggling to reconcile how something so bad could happen in a place that we all think is so good," said senior Gina Mattei, 21, of Glen Mills, Pa., hours after Penn State played its first game since 1965 without Joe Paterno on the sidelines as head coach. "It's sad to think that something like that could happen here, in a place where everyone is really comfortable and has a lot of community spirit."

Penn State's former assistant football coach, Jerry Sandusky, was charged Nov. 5 with molesting eight boys over a span of 15 years, and two university officials were charged with failing to notify authorities after being told about a 2002 incident in which Sandusky allegedly sodomized a boy in the showers of the football building.

The scandal quickly metastasized, costing two more key figures their jobs — Paterno, the face of Penn State football since 1966, as well as university president Graham Spanier. It also tarnished the reputation of an institution that preached "success with honor" — that, according to its own credo, was supposed to be better than this.

"Everyone kind of feels like this is just the beginning. We still have a (long) way to go for Penn State to redeem itself and get back to the place where we were," said Mattei, who was selling cupcakes, bagels and Rice Krispie treats on College Avenue on Saturday night to raise money for her honors psychology society.

Video project seeks to capture reality

By KARISSA URRY

The bell rings, and the student in the crowded hallway physically arrives where he has been emotionally alone all day.

For the last decade, filmmaker Rick Stevenson has carefully documented the lives of more than 100 kids in his venture, "The 5,000 Days Project." Seeking a more honest and detailed record of the difficulties and joys of pre- to late-adolescence, Stevenson closely followed individuals' lives from ages 8 to 18 with interviews, video diaries and filming of day-to-day events. Ultimately, 10 years of growth are encapsulated in one hour. With a Ph.D. in philosophy from Oxford, Stevenson sought to create a series full of unfeigned material.

"On a philosophical level, I want to encourage people to share who they are, weaknesses and all," Stevenson

said. "When we expose those things to air, they lose their power over us and they create empathy in others. I truly think we're drawn to each other's weaknesses, those things that we all struggle with as humans. This whole idea of trying to look perfect — who are we trying to fool? Certainly not Heavenly Father. It's how people get isolated and feel trapped. We all need to trust each other more and leave any judgment to Heavenly Father."

Stevenson had his first episode when the project aired on BYUtv, which featured two BYU students, Sam Nelson and Luke Nelson. Through candid footage, the Nelson brothers bluntly and sincerely spoke about more than just the fun highlights of their lives. They delved deep into emotional difficulties such as depression, peer pressure and forgiveness.

Carolyn Haynie, a public relations student from Shoreline, Wash., has known the Nelson brothers for 12 years.

"It showed the boys as who they are," Haynie said. "They're very real, down to earth people. Luke is such a spunky and happy person. I think that came out quite a bit. Sam's sense of humor and personality really came out when he was with his companion during their culture day. He is a thinker and that really came out in it as well. His thought process was very evident, which is so refreshing to find on television these days. A real thought process, not just something that you think is made for the camera or made for the audiences; it was real."

This raw reality, that Haynie praises, uniquely gives viewers the opportunity to feel as if they have known the participants for years. In a little more than an hour, Stevenson takes viewers through Sam's journey of learning to embrace feelings of empathy for those in pain with diminishing feelings of depression, Luke's journey of learning to achieve a life goal on a team while resisting peer pressure and the Nelson family's unified decision to move in order to bless one family member.

Two to three times a year, Stevenson interviews the participants with the "5,000 Days" questions, and then has the participants record video diaries for important things that are happening in their life. With vocal reflection so heavily emphasized, participants find themselves

talking out their struggles and explaining their solutions to a blinking red light. The acceptance of that blinking light for some, however, comes over time.

"I'm a more private person, but I felt like I should do it," said Sam Nelson. "I didn't think I was going to like it as much as I actually do. I started to really appreciate it when I was on my mission. I had those video diaries and they showed around 10 minutes of it, but there was actually another 150 hours of me just talking about whatever in front of the camera. Also, I grew up knowing that there would be a movie made of me. So I lived my life a little bit differently. I did things that I probably would not have done otherwise."

"Two Brothers" is only the first of many presentations in this project. Though Stevenson is continuing to film Sam at BYU and Luke serving a full-time mission in Cambodia, he has many other series that he is producing from this production, such as "Listen," which will feature 13 different kids.

The majority of the DVD purchase money and donations go to future "5,000 Days" projects. Contrary to the stereotypical Facebook photo album that seeks to only highlight the most appealing and fun moments of one's life, the "The 5,000 Days Project" displays all of the pictures, even those in darkness.

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House GOP leader Cantor says deficit deal likely

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Side-stepping controversy, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., declined to take sides Monday on a proposal for higher tax revenues backed by fellow Republicans on Congress' supercommittee, yet expressed confidence the panel would agree on a deficit-reduction plan of at least \$1.2 trillion by a Nov. 23 deadline.

A proposal for \$300 billion in higher taxes has stirred grumbling within the ranks of congressional Republicans, for whom opposition to such measures has been political bedrock for more than two decades.

Two of the party's presidential hopefuls said during Monday they wouldn't support any committee deficit-reduction plan that includes higher taxes.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, campaigning in Iowa, said he would "do everything in my power to defeat" any such proposal.

A spokesman for Rick Perry said the Texas governor "wants to look at details but if those details include a tax increase he's not going to be for it. He does not favor higher taxes," added David Miner.

Additionally, officials said that Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., who outlined the plan last week in a closed-door meeting of four Republicans and three Democrats, has encountered criticism from fellow conservatives despite strong credentials as an opponent of higher taxes. "There's been a little bit, but it's been pretty muted," his spokeswoman, Nachama Soloveichik, said of the response.

Cantor's spokeswoman turned aside several emailed requests for the majority leader's views on the proposal. She said he hadn't seen the plan, and she referred to his comments at a news conference earlier in the day when he told reporters, "I'm not going to be opining as to any reports, hy-



Associated Press

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia gestures during a news briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday.

potheticals or anything connected with their work."

Despite that pledge, Cantor was bullish in predicting agreement before the deadline and adding that a fallback requirement to cut \$1.2 trillion from domestic and defense programs wouldn't be triggered.

The committee has been at work for two months, hoping to succeed at a task that has defied the best efforts of high-ranking political leaders past and present.

Despite intense talks late last week, there has been little indication of progress as age-old political divisions have re-emerged.

The principal stumbling blocks revolve around taxes on the one hand, and the large federal programs of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security on the other.

Democrats are unwilling to agree to cuts in benefit programs unless Republicans will accept higher taxes, particularly on the highest-income individuals and families.

Republicans counter that out-of-control spending largely accounts for the government's enormous budget deficits, and they say raising taxes will only complicate efforts to help the economy recover from the worst recession in more than seven decades.

At the same time, each side is grappling with the possible

political consequences of the committee's work, with an eye on the 2012 campaign for control of the White House and Congress.

Liberal Democrats are highly reluctant to agree to curbs on programs the party has long been identified with, and last week members on the supercommittee jettisoned an earlier proposal to slow the rise in cost-of-living benefits for Social Security recipients.

The same goes for conservatives, many of whom fear the possible political cost of changing their positions in order to pursue a less-than-certain bipartisan compromise on deficit reduction.

Many GOP office holders have signed a pledge circulated by Americans for Tax Reform not to vote for higher taxes. The organization is led by Grover Norquist, a conservative activist, although in comments to reporters Cantor suggested that influence by an outsider isn't the dominant concern.

"It's not about Grover Norquist. It's about commitments that people made to the electorate they represent, the people that sent them here. That's what it's about," he said.

Republicans on the committee hailed Toomey's proposal last week as a breakthrough and a concession that could open the way to a deal.

Airline passengers can't win on tarmac delays

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sometimes it seems like airline passengers just can't win: The government cracks down on airlines that keep people cooped up on planes that sit on airport tarmacs for endless hours, and carriers respond by canceling more flights to avoid hefty fines.

The Transportation Department's \$900,000 fine Monday against an American Airlines regional affiliate for holding hundreds of passengers on board 15 planes for hours in Chicago earlier this year may only fuel more debate over whether the government's get-tough policy is making air travel better or worse for passengers.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has hailed as a success his department's three-hour limit on such tarmac delays. Between May 2010 and April 2011, the first 12 months after the time limit was in effect, airlines reported 20 tarmac delays of more than three hours, none of which was more than four hours long.

In contrast, during the 12 months before the rule took effect, airlines had 693 tarmac delays of more than three hours, and 105 of the delays were longer than four hours.

However, a recent Government Accountability Office report concluded, "The rule appears to be associated with an increased number of cancellations for thousands of additional passengers — far more than DOT initially predicted — including some who might not have experienced a tarmac delay."

With Monday's fine against American Eagle Airlines, the first imposed on an air carrier under new rule, cancellations will shoot up even more, airline analyst Michael Boyd said.



Associated Press

The Transportation Department announced Monday that it is fining the regional affiliate of American Airlines \$900,000 for keeping passengers cooped up on planes for more than three hours in Chicago at O'Hare International Airport earlier this year.

"If there's a 20 percent chance of this happening, an airline will cancel," Boyd said, because of the potential for massive fines.

Ken Quinn, a former Federal Aviation Administration chief counsel who now represents airlines, said the three-hour limit is "having an inadvertent and anti-consumer effect."

Airlines that violate the rule can be fined as much as \$27,500 per passenger, but transportation officials had held off fining air carriers in any of the several dozen instances where the rule has been broken until this week. Industry officials are watching for any action from DOT on a similar incident at the Hartford, Conn., airport during a freak snowstorm in October.

The fine imposed on American Eagle was the largest penalty to be paid by an airline in a consumer protection case not involving civil rights violations, although airlines have paid much higher fines for violating federal safety regulations.

The transportation department "understands that many of these instances are outside of an airline's control," said

Steve Lott, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major carriers. Sometimes, airports have a shortage of Customs officials on hand for international flights, or an airport may not have enough buses to transport passengers safely to the terminal, or experience other emergency shortages.

But officials apparently felt the case involving American Eagle was particularly egregious and wanted to send a warning to other carriers the week before Thanksgiving travel.

American Eagle kept passengers cooped up for more than three hours on 15 flights arriving at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago on May 29, according to a settlement agreement between the department and the airline. A total of 608 passengers were aboard the delayed flights.

Poor weather that day had intermittently prevented scheduled flights from departing O'Hare, including American Eagle flights that were sitting at the airline's gates. But the carrier continued to send planes from other airports into O'Hare even though airline officials knew there were no gates for the planes.

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Pro skier dead after snowboarding in Utah avalanche

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A world record-holding professional skier who once famously jumped off a 255-foot cliff jump died in a weekend avalanche in Utah while on a steep slope at a closed resort.

Jamie Pierre, 38, was swept over a cliff Sunday at Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in the Wasatch mountains about 30 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Pierre was snowboarding one of Snowbird's steepest slopes with a friend when he was sent cart-wheeling over a cliff after he triggered the late afternoon slide, the Utah Avalanche Center reported.

It was the season's first avalanche fatality in the U.S., authorities said.

Pierre's sister, Naomi Pierre, 33, of Minnetonka, Minn., said her brother was a deeply devout Christian who prayed before every jump or run down a dangerous slope.

"He absolutely loved the Lord. That was his purpose and mission in life and his skiing was all about honoring

God. He was incredibly passionate about getting that word out to youth," Naomi Pierre said Monday. "So he did that through jumping off cliffs and skiing down dangerous chutes.

"He always asked the Lord first if it was OK to go," she added. "He was a wonderful person."

More than a foot of fluffy snow had fallen in the mountains over the weekend where snow was already waist-deep, creating what authorities said were dangerous avalanche conditions.

"Early season is our most dangerous time of year — just the opposite of what most people think," Bruce Tremper, director of the Utah Avalanche Center, said Monday. "It's not anything you want to mess with."

Snowbird doesn't open for skiing until Saturday and hasn't cleared the mountain of danger. The resort had signs warning against skiing, and Pierre and his ski partner shouldn't have been on the slopes, Unified Police Lt. Justin Hoyal said.

"They're trespassing, technically, and it's very dangerous," Hoyal said Monday.

Pierre set off from nearby Alta Ski Area and made his way to neighboring Snowbird over a series of ridges. The two apparently avoided injury in one slide earlier in the day, officials said.

"With the partner watching, the victim dropped into the slope, immediately triggering the slide," the Utah Avalanche Center said in a preliminary report posted on its website. "He was carried hundreds of feet through steep rocky terrain and reportedly went over a small cliff band and came to a stop only partially buried."

Early season in Utah always brings skiers who can't wait to hit the slopes. And because many of Utah's ski areas sit on national forest land, they can't legally keep people from venturing out even before they open. However, Snowbird owns much of the land on its resort and is allowed by the U.S. Forest Service to ban early skiers.

Still, few skiers are ticketed or thrown off the slopes, Hoyal said.

Police wouldn't immediately release the name of Pierre's ski partner.

Pierre appeared in numerous ski films and had a le-

gion of sponsors. He was best known for a terrifying 2006 jump off the backside of Wyoming's Grand Targhee Resort. It was a dizzying fall from higher than the Golden Gate Bridge, and garnered him a world record.

Pierre landed on his head in 12 feet of soft snow but escaped injury and promptly vowed he'd never try that again. He also had many other notable cliff jumps, including a 165-foot jump off Alta's signature Wolverine Cirque.

"A great person, a little misunderstood at times, but anyone who knew him knows he had a heart of gold," friend Lee Cohen wrote in a Facebook posting. Cohen is a photographer for Powder magazine who lives near Snowbird.

Pierre is survived by his wife, Aimee, and two children. He had lived for years in Sandy, outside Salt Lake City, but had recently moved to Big Sky, Mont., for a job.

"Our deepest condolences go out to Jamie's family and friends," Snowbird spokeswoman Emily Moench said. "He was a local legend, and he will be dearly missed by the community."



Associated Press

Jamie Pierre performs an extreme jump at the Snowbird Ski Resort in Utah. Unified Police say 38-year-old Pierre of Big Sky, Mont., was killed while snowboarding near Gad Valley on Sunday.

Outrage at UK plan to put audio recorders in taxis

Associated Press

LONDON — Civil liberties campaigners on Monday expressed outrage at an English city's plan to install audio recorders in licensed taxi cabs as a security measure.

Officials in Oxford say that starting next year its 600-plus cabs will carry audio-equipped cameras that run whenever the vehicle is in use, "leading the way" in ensuring the safety of passengers and drivers.

"This is a staggering invasion of privacy, being done with

... a total disregard for civil liberties," said Nick Pickles of Big Brother Watch. He said his group would complain to an independent regulator.

The Oxford officials didn't cite any crime figures regarding taxi drivers or their passengers to justify the decision.

Britain has hundreds of thousands of surveillance cameras in public places, including many trains, subways and buses.

But guidelines from independent regulator the Information Commissioner's Office say recording conversations is "highly intrusive and unlikely

to be justified."

Oxford City Council dismissed concerns over privacy violations, saying the recordings of conversations between passengers would be available only to police or other authorities in connection with specific investigations.

"The risk of intrusion into private conversations has to be balanced against the interests of public safety, both of passengers and drivers," said a council spokeswoman, who declined to be identified, in keeping with departmental policy.

She added that the level of privacy passengers could expect in a taxi was "far lower" than in a home or personal vehicle.

Julian Alison, the licensing team leader for the city, said the recordings would boost the confidence of taxi-users and create a safer environment for drivers.

The council is "committed to ensuring the safety of those who live in, work in, and visit the city and through the implementation of schemes such as CCTV in licensed vehicles," Alison said.

Under the proposed plan, conversations in taxis will be recorded from the time an engine is running until 30 minutes after the car's ignition is turned off.

Most taxis would require one camera positioned above the rearview mirror, but the council said larger vehicles could require an extra camera to ensure the whole of the interior is viewable.

The footage recorded by the audio-equipped cameras will not be regularly viewed, but kept on a hard-drive for 28 days.

Tourists invited to see erupting volcano

Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — A national park in Congo best known for its endangered mountain gorillas is now inviting tourists to go on overnight treks to see a volcano spurting fountains of lava nearly 1,000 feet into the air.

Mount Nyamulagira began erupting on Nov. 6 and could continue to do so for days, or even months.

"Last night's was the most spectacular yet," spokeswoman LuAnne Chad said Monday from Virunga National Park.

Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano attracted tourists earlier this year when a fissure had lava spurting 65 feet (20 meters) high. In comparison, volcanologist Dario Tedesco estimated that the lava on Mount Nyamulagira in Congo is spewing up to 980 feet high (300 meters) high.

Park wardens have named the latest Nyamulagira eruption "Kimanura," after the name of the area along the volcano's flank, spokeswoman Chad said.

Rivers of incandescent lava are flowing slowly north into an uninhabited part of the park, but that the lava flows pose no danger to the park's critically endangered mountain gorillas, a statement from the park said.

Virunga Park is home to 200 of the world's 790 mountain gorillas, as well as lowland gorillas, chimpanzees, okapi, forest elephants and buffalo.

The park has set up a tented camp nearly one mile (1.5 kilometers) south of the eruption where tourists can spend the night. For \$300, the park provides transportation for the hour-long drive from the eastern capital of Goma and wardens to guide visitors on the three- to four-hour hike to the camp.



Associated Press

Mount Nyamulagira in eastern Congo is seen erupting on Friday. Virunga National Park in Congo is inviting tourists on an overnight trek to view a spectacular eruption of Mount Nyamulagira.

Virunga is located in eastern Congo, where numerous militia and rebel groups continue to terrorize the population nearly a decade after the country's civil war ended. Some 360 park rangers protect the park and its wildlife from poachers, rebel groups, illegal miners and land invasions.

Rangers worked through the civil war in eastern Congo's five parks, with more than 150 killed in the last 10 years, according to the statement.

The 3,000 square-mile (7,800 square-kilometer) Virunga National Park is a World Heritage site containing seven of the eight volcanoes in the Virunga mountain range that sprawls across the borders of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda. Only two are active — Nyamulagira and, closer to Goma, Mount Nyiragongo.

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Oakland raid latest in Occupy camp crackdowns

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Police decked in riot gear and armed with tear gas cleared out Oakland's anti-Wall Street encampment early Monday, the latest law enforcement crackdown amid complaints around the country of health and safety hazards at protest camps.

The raid at the Occupy Oakland camp, one of the largest and most active sites in the movement, came a day after police in Portland, Ore., arrested more than 50 people while shutting down its camp amid complaints of drug use and sanitation issues.

Police in Burlington, Vt., also evicted protesters after a man fatally shot himself last week inside a tent.

Police staged a previous raid on the Oakland encampment on Oct. 25, but Mayor Jean Quan allowed protesters to re-establish their tent city. On Monday, however, Quan said officials could no longer ignore the problems posed by the camp.

"We came to this point because Occupy Oakland, I think, began to take a different path than the original movement," Quan said. "The encampment

became a place where we had repeated violence and last week a murder. We had to bring the camp to an end before more people got hurt."

Demands increased for Oakland protesters to pack up after a man was shot and killed Thursday near the encampment at the City Hall plaza.

Protesters claimed there was no connection between the shooting and the camp. But police identified the slain man as Kayode Ola Foster, 25, of Oakland, saying his family confirmed he had been staying at the plaza.

Witnesses also told police that one of two suspects in the shooting had also been a frequent resident at the plaza. The names of the suspects have not been released.

Monday's raid came as no surprise to protesters after the city issued its fourth order to abandon the camp. About 300 officers from the Oakland Police Department and seven other law enforcement agencies moved in around 5:30 a.m., arresting 32 people and tearing down about 150 tents.

Another man was arrested later in the morning for trying to break through police barricades and spitting on officers.

Protesters vowed to regroup and return.



Associated Press

Police break up an encampment for an Occupy Wall Street demonstration in Oakland, Calif., on Monday. Police in Oakland began clearing out a weeks-old encampment early Monday after issuing several warnings to Occupy demonstrators.

"I don't see how they're going to disperse us," said Ohad Meyer, 30, of Oakland. "There are thousands of people who are going to come back."

Officials declared the operation a success, saying all arrests were peaceful and there

were no reported injuries to protesters or officers. Police said those taken into custody likely will face charges of unlawful assembly and lodging.

"This had been a very difficult situation," Quan said. "I'd tried to do what was right

for the city and keep the most people safe at every step."

Not everyone in Quan's camp agreed with the show of force.

Dan Siegel, one of the mayor's top legal advisers, resigned over Monday's raid, saying of

officials should have done more to work with protesters before sending in police. Siegel, a

longtime friend of Quan who worked as an unpaid adviser, has been a vocal critic of Oakland police and their handling of the Oct. 25 raid.

Rules lag amid deadly dust blast

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When an accumulation of sugar dust ignited and blew up the Imperial Sugar plant in Port Wentworth, Ga., in 2008, killing 14 and injuring dozens, the state responded by issuing emergency regulations on combustible dust. No Georgia workers have been killed by exploding dust since.

For most of the nation, however, tighter regulations are still years away even though federal safety officials have been closely studying the threat posed by dust at industrial sites since 2003. Federal figures show that deadly explosions from finely powdered food, wood, metals and chemical happen each year in the U.S., killing and maiming multiple workers.

Combustible dust has been linked to at least six deaths at industrial sites this year, five of them in separate accidents at a Tennessee plant that makes metal powders for automotive and industrial uses. Between those two accidents, another worker was seriously injured by a fireball that investigators blame on an accumulation of iron dust at the same Hoeganaes Corp. plant in Gallatin, Tenn.

These industrial sites are regulated separately from grain handling facilities like the one that exploded last month in Kansas, also killing six. While that tragedy served as a reminder of the dangers for grain industry workers, experts say there are even fewer protections for their 2.5 million counterparts around the country in other industries susceptible to dust explosions.

"The science of explosion control is pretty simple. It's not rocket science," said retired University of Michigan Professor of Aeronautical Engineering Bill Kauffman. "If you can see your footprint or can write your name on the wall, it's going to explode."

In an inspection prior to the deadly explosions at the Tennessee plant, dust hazards weren't checked. Hoeganaes (HAY-ganeez) was fined days before the second fatal blast, but not for breaking rules meant to prevent dust explosions — because there are none. The plant continues to operate.

That frustrates Mitchel Corley, whose little brother died from injuries caused by one of the explosions.

"Yes. I'm mad. Absolutely. They knew for certain that dust was flammable," he said of the company.

Figures compiled by the U.S.



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Chemical Safety Board illustrate the scope of the problem. A 2006 study reported there were at least 281 dust explosions in the U.S. between 1980 and 2005 that killed 119 workers and injured 718. In 2007, it recommended that the Occupational Health and Safety Administration create workplace rules to control dust and cut down on explosions. The CSB is charged with investigating industrial accidents, but it must rely on regulatory agencies like OSHA to effect change from its findings.

"Despite the seriousness of the combustible dust problem in industry, OSHA lacks a comprehensive standard to require employers in general industry to implement the dust explosion prevention and mitigation measures," the CSB wrote in its 2007 report.

OSHA decided instead to initiate a National Emphasis Program that stepped up education and inspections at plants in key industries. While the aim is to

reduce dust explosions, inspectors have had to use regulations related to worker training and housekeeping because dust-specific rules are still being developed. The Chemical Safety Board says the rules currently being used are insufficient for preventing dust explosions.

Figures from the Chemical Safety Board indicate that dust explosions have happened just as often since it asked for stricter dust rules. There have been at least 35 explosions with 26 dead and 128 hurt since the beginning of 2008.

At the Hoeganaes plant in Tennessee, two workers were killed after a January blast blamed on iron dust. In March, while that accident was still under investigation, a second explosion at the factory created a fireball that seriously injured another worker.

Then a third blast, in May, killed three more Hoeganaes workers just days after Tennessee's Occupational Health and Safety Administration fined

the plant for 12 worker safety violations from the earlier two accidents.

The safety board's statistics show it is unusual for one plant to have so many dust explosions in such a short time. It investigated the accidents and found that company officials knew the dust that covered flat surfaces all over the plant was explosive.

Chemical Safety Board Chairman Rafael Moure-Eraso said in June that the plant should not reopen until it was completely redesigned, but the board does not have the power to close the plant.

Asked whether he would be willing to work there without the redesign, Moure-Eraso said, "No. Absolutely not."

The Hoeganaes plant wasn't redesigned, but it did reopen after what company Vice President of Human Resources Mike Mattingly in May called "a comprehensive safety review." He declined to be interviewed for this story.

Friends mourn Utah LDS missionary killed in Texas

Associated Press

KEARNS — Friends are remembering a Mormon missionary who died in a south Texas bicycle accident as a fun-loving young man who wanted to change the world.

KSL-TV reports hundreds of people, including dozens of missionaries, attended a Monday funeral in Kearns for 21-year-old Taylorsville resident Trevor Reinhold Strong.

Strong died after he was

struck by an oncoming car about 7 p.m. Tuesday in the city of Donna. The crash also killed 20-year-old missionary Derek Jason Walker of Fairfield, Idaho, and injured 19-year-old Zachary Todd Harris of Huntsville, Ala.

The car's driver fled the scene but later surrendered to police.

Strong had already completed his mission with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was due to come home but had asked to stay in Texas longer.



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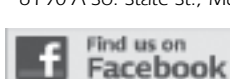
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Utah resorts still capitalizing on the Winter 2002 Olympic games

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SALT LAKE CITY— Before the buildup for the Olympics 10 years ago, Snowbasin in Utah was little more than a mom-and-pop operation, with aging lifts and amenities and offices in a single-wide trailer.

Now even its bathrooms are turning heads, with the Italian marble day lodge restrooms recently voted top five in the U.S.

Pleanty has changed since the 2002 Winter Games put Utah's ski industry on the map.

The state's 14 resorts have undergone roughly a billion dollars in improvements, from high-speed lifts and bubble chairs to the construction of high-end global hotels such as the Montage Deer Valley and Waldorf Astoria Park City.

Overall skier visits have increased 42 percent to 4.2 million, skiable acres are up 26 percent, and a trend of late has been multi-generational vacations — grandparents on the slopes with their children and grandchildren.

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Bill Malone

Park City Chamber and Visitors Bureau president

did a great job of exposing us," said Bill Malone, president of the Park City Chamber and Visitors Bureau.

He said the Olympics also provided a giant "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," reflected in places such as Deer Valley being voted North America's No. 1 overall ski area for the fifth straight year by Ski Magazine readers. Before the Olympics, Park City had one five-star resort; now it has five.

"Even if you didn't know a lot about us, being able to say we hosted the Games creates credibility," he said.

What hasn't changed is the snow, still billed as The Greatest Snow on Earth because of its low moisture content and touch of salt.

It's what drew Evan Unger to Utah nearly 40 years ago when he was a student at Cal Berkeley. He had planned to ski Tahoe, only to encounter rain. He ended up heading to Snowbird instead and discovered the "magic" powder that has been bringing him back ever since. These days, Unger, who has skied just about everywhere in the world, is often accompanied on trips to the backcountry with his daughter.

The international clientele also is on the rise, particularly at Park City's three resorts, which report international business has increased 200 percent in 10 years. Bilingual instructors and foreign accents on the slopes are now quite common, with Aussies outnumbering UK skiers in Park City for the first time but more and more groups coming from Mexico and Brazil.

There's even a non-stop flight from Paris to Salt Lake City International Airport five to seven days a week.

"In many respects I don't think we were even on the radar screen. The Olympics

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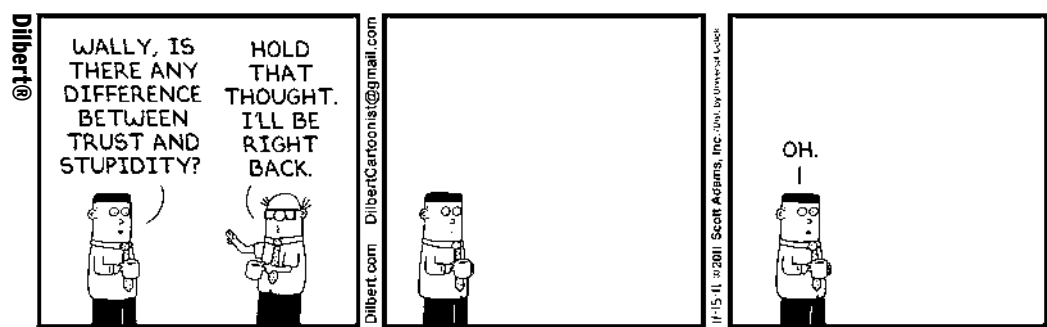
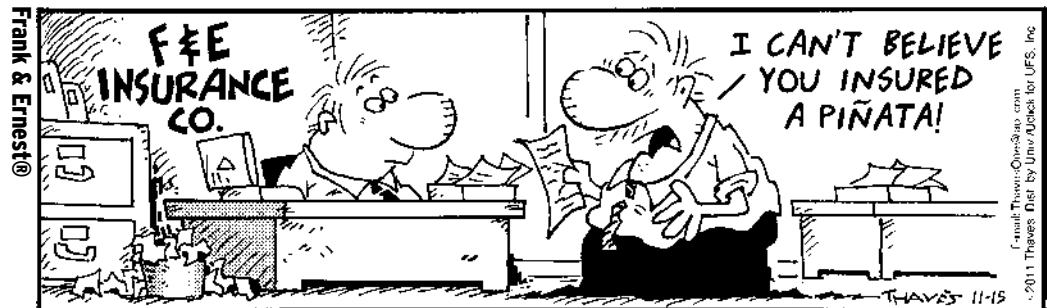
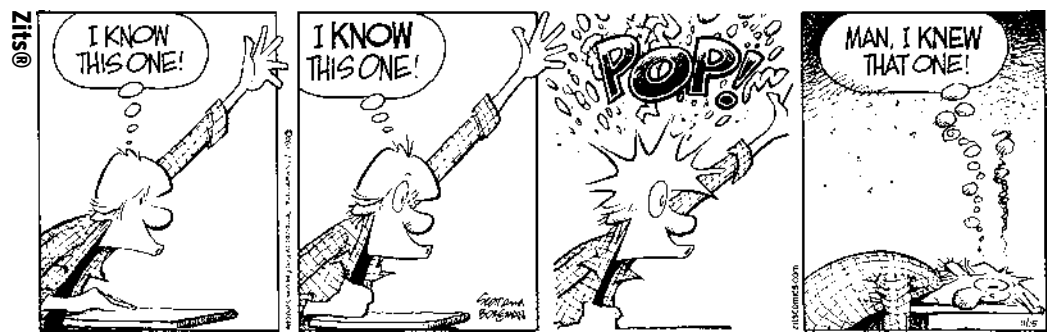
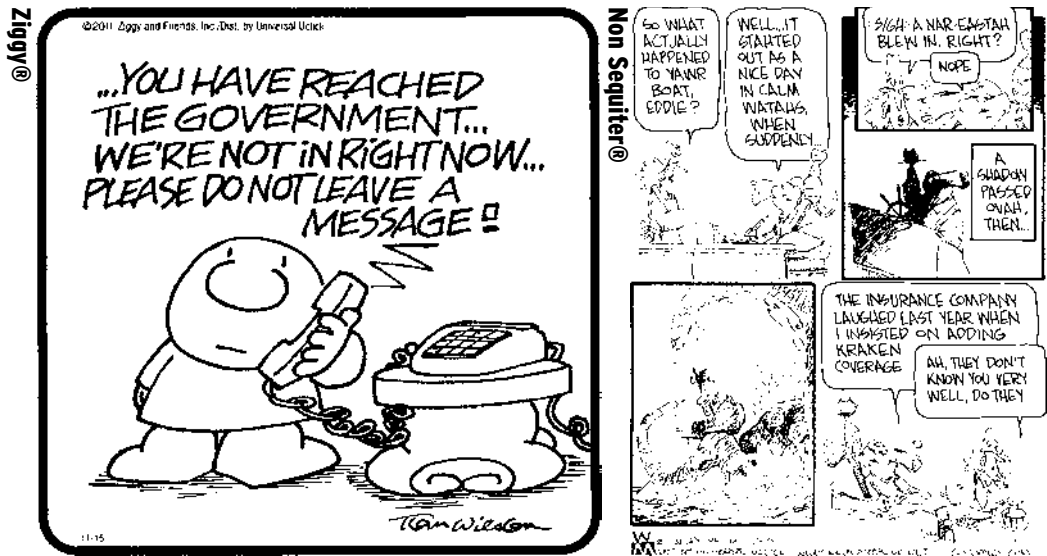
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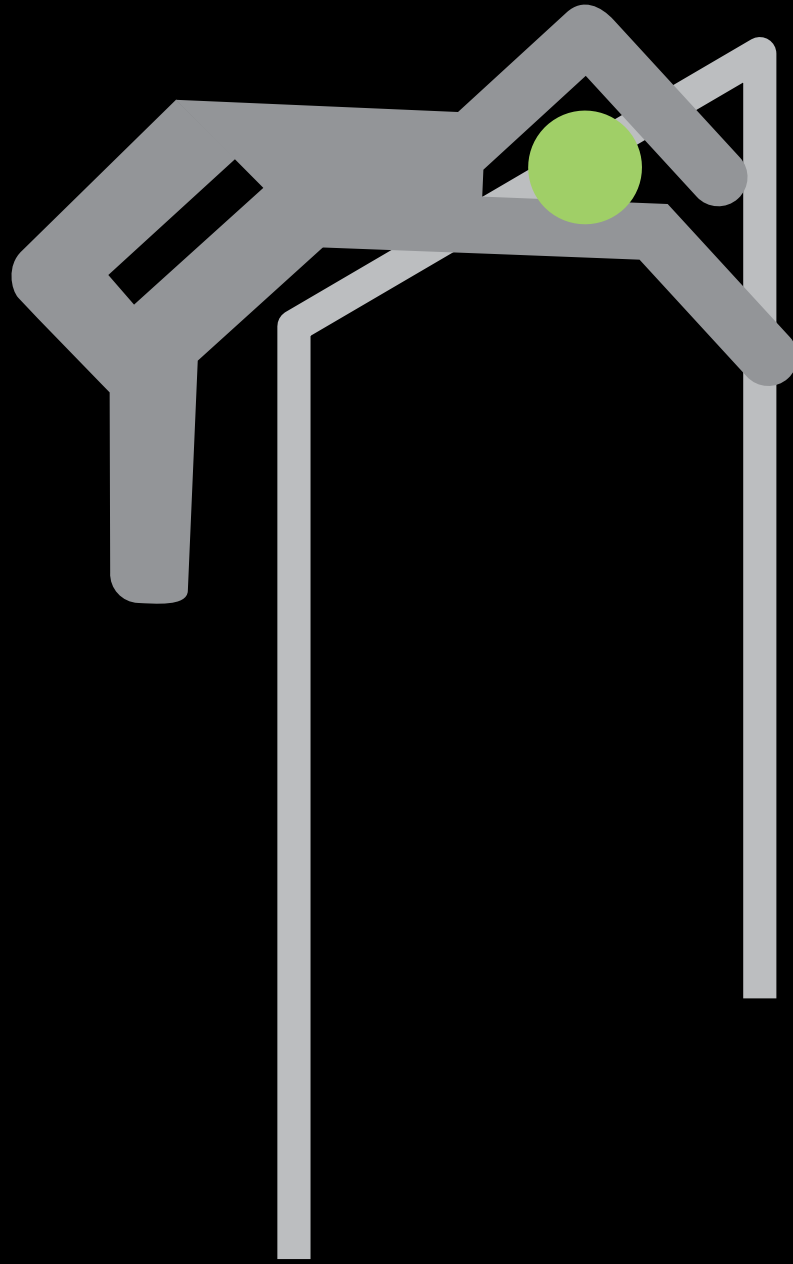
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