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The real meaning of Christmas

First Presidency stresses following example of the Savior in annual Christmas devotional



By SARA LENZ

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encouraged members of the church to remember the true meaning of Christmas — celebrating the birth and life of Jesus Christ — during the Christmas devotional Sunday evening at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City.

Gifts are often associated with Christmas, but this can sometimes detract from the real purpose of Christmas, said President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, second counselor in the First Presidency.

“It doesn’t take expensive gifts to make Christmas meaningful,” he said. Struggles in the economy right now might be a “blessing in disguise” in that people

might not buy as many gifts and remember Christ more.

President Uchtdorf said the Savior set the example for giving.

“If the Savior were among us today, we would find him where he always was — ministering to the meek, the downcast, the humble, the distressed and the poor in spirit,” he said. “As he gave to us, let us give to him by loving as he did.”

President Henry B. Eyring, first counselor in the First Presidency, recalled his family’s tradition of reenacting the coming of the Savior’s birth and how his children learned of Christ as they played the different parts.

Each family will have their own traditions, he said,

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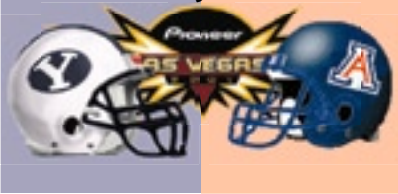
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Left: Attendees file through the Conference Center before Sunday’s First Presidency Devotional in Salt Lake City.

Above: President Thomas S. Monson addresses listeners in the conference center and worldwide during the First Presidency Christmas Devotional in Salt Lake City, Sunday.

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Wirthlin honored at Tabernacle funeral

By CLAIRE THORNOCK

Friends and family of Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin gathered for his funeral Friday at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, honoring his life and work as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

President Thomas S. Monson conducted the funeral, while the Mormon Tabernacle Choir provided music. Elder Wirthlin’s son and members of the Quorum of the Twelve gave tributes to Elder Wirthlin’s legacy.

Joseph B. Wirthlin Jr. gave thanks to those who had served with his father, speaking fondly of the grand reunion his father was having with his mother on the other side.

Wirthlin spoke of his father’s humility and love that he had for others, his effort to do his best always and his commitment to the work of the Lord.

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Cougars edge Aggies for possession of Oquirrh Bucket

By DANIEL WHITEHEAD

The BYU men’s basketball team was able to fight off a pesky Utah State offense and boisterous Aggie crowd on its way to a close 68-63 victory in Salt Lake City Saturday evening.

Jonathan Tavernari led all BYU scorers with 24 points on 7-of-17 shooting and 7-of-8 free throws, while sophomore point guard Jimmer Fredette had 16 points, going 6-of-13 from the field and 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

BYU head coach Dave Rose was happy with the game’s outcome as he improved to 2-1 all-time versus the Aggies.

“The game was exactly as we thought it would be — a very hard-fought game,” he said. “I am proud of our players for the way we executed down the stretch. It was a good win.”

BYU star Lee Cummond was surprisingly off-touch, scoring a mere

six points on 2-of-9 shooting, but he did have a team-high six assists. Jackson Emery had nine points, while Chris Miles put in six for the Cougars. Backup Gavin MacGregor scored a career-high seven points off the bench.

The Cougars are off to an 8-0 start, the best since the 1987-88 season. Although the offense was consistent throughout the game, it was the defense that made the difference.

BYU forced 17 Aggie turnovers, 12 of those coming off steals that led to Cougar points in transition. Rose praised his team’s effort.

“I thought Lamont Morgan played a great game for us with the pressure he put on their guards, and those steals by Emery and Tavernari were critical,” he said.

The Cougars held Utah State’s Gary Wilkinson to seven points in the second half after allowing 15 in the opening half. The Aggies converted 40 percent of their shots after averaging 56 percent in their first five games.

In a game that featured seven lead changes, the Cougars held a slim 38-35 edge at halftime and 50-45 advantage with 10 minutes left in the game. BYU managed to counter every Aggie comeback effort with big shots and converted enough free throws in the final minutes to win the game.

The Cougars did not score a bucket in the final 2:50, but Emery put in 4-of-8 free throws and Tavernari made his final two to seal the victory.

“We had players besides Cummond make some big plays in the game,” Rose said. “That is critical for chemistry and for how we’ll play as a team down the road.”

The Old Oquirrh Mountains to the west of Salt Lake City) is the symbol of in-state basketball supremacy in Utah. Every year since 1974 the trophy has been awarded to the team that has the best win-loss record against in-state competition.

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Associated Press

BYU guard Lee Cummond, right, battles for the ball with Utah State forward Gary Wilkinson during Saturday’s game at EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake City.

Weather



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Snow
High 42, low 25



TUESDAY
Partly Sunny
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BRIEFING



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Associated Press

Riot police avoid fire bombs thrown by protesters outside the The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki during clashes on Sunday after riots broke out over the fatal police shooting of a teenager.

Youth riots break out in 2 Greek cities after teen killed

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Hundreds of youths angered by the fatal police shooting of a teenager rampaged through Greece's two largest cities for a second day Sunday in some of the worst rioting the country has seen in years.

Gangs smashed stores, torched cars and erected burning barricades in the streets of Athens and Thessaloniki. Riot police clashed with groups of mostly self-styled anarchists throwing Molotov cocktails, rocks and bottles. Clouds of tear gas hung in the air, sending passers-by scurrying for cover.

Rioting in several cities, including Hania in Crete and cities in northern Greece, began within hours of the death Saturday night of a 15-year-old shot by police in Exarchia. The downtown Athens district of bars,

music clubs and restaurants is seen as the anarchists' home base.

Soon stores, banks and cars were ablaze.

The rioting was some of the most severe Greece has seen in years. The last time a teenager was killed in a police shooting — during a demonstration in 1985 — it sparked weeks of rioting. In 1999, a visit to Greece by then U.S. President Bill Clinton sparked violent demonstrations in Athens that left stores smashed and burned.

The two officers involved in Saturday's shooting have been arrested and charged, one with premeditated manslaughter and the illegal use of a weapon, and the other as an accomplice. They are to appear before a court Wednesday. They and the Exarchia precinct police chief have been suspended.

Georgia uneasy of Russia

SUKHUMI, Abkhazia (AP) — Russia's footprint is everywhere in this breakaway Georgian province, from billboards featuring its president, Dmitry Medvedev, to its joint military exercises with the Abkhaz navy.

"Peace! Freedom! Independence!" proclaims a roadside billboard featuring Medvedev and Abkhaz President Sergei Bagapsh. Medvedev, although short, appears nearly twice as big as Bagapsh.

It could be a metaphor for how some Abkhaz feel since Moscow recognized their statehood following the August Russian-Georgian war: grateful for the support, but afraid of being swallowed up.

Officials in this territory of broad Black Sea beaches, lush fruit orchards and snowy mountains acknowledge that Russian soldiers have been interfering in their internal affairs.

Afghanistan to get harder

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Sen. John McCain said Sunday that the situation in Afghanistan will get more difficult before it gets easier — "just like the surge in Iraq was" — as the U.S. prepares to pour thousands more troops into the country, including on the doorsteps of Kabul.

The former Republican presidential candidate, who is to report back to President-elect Barack Obama, visited the southern province of Helmand, where he said NATO forces are at a stalemate with insurgents. Though Helmand has for years been the responsibility of British forces, McCain said the U.S. will focus more on the region — the heartland of the Taliban movement and a center for opium poppy production.

"We're going to have additional troops and additional help," McCain said of the country's south.

The trip comes at a time of increasing violence in Afghanistan, where a record 32,000 U.S. troops are now stationed, with requests for 20,000 more from American commanders.



Associated Press

Japan Agriculture Minister Shigeru Ishiba samples salad cooked with made-in-Japan vegetables on Thursday as he launches a campaign to boost the self-sufficiency rate in Tokyo.

Japan boosts food growth

NARA, Japan (AP) — Masayuki Miura's restaurant is radically out of step with modern Japanese tastes.

Instead of foreign foods, Miura and his wife Yoko serve up a 100-percent made-in-Japan offering of fish and locally grown organic rice and vegetables, including centuries-old Japanese heirloom varieties.

"We need more people to eat Japanese vegetables," declared Miura.

The Japanese on average get only 40 percent of their calories from domestic food, down from 73 percent in 1965, the government says, putting the country's self-sufficiency rate near the bottom of the 30-country Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The United States, an agricultural exporter, has a 128 percent rate, and even a smaller nation like Britain can provide 70 percent of its citizens' calories.

Amid rising world food prices and a series of imported food contamination scandals, Japan is afraid it is too reliant on foreign food.

Gaza cattle shortage makes holiday glum

Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Salah Afana's cattle business usually booms with the approach of the Muslim feast of the sacrifice. But this year he's hit a snag: He's out of cows.

Afana, Gaza's largest cattle trader, has been unable to import cows since Israel shut the strip's borders last month in response to Palestinian rocket fire. He has since sold all his stock — less than half of what he sold last year — and is turning customers away.

The Gaza-wide shortage of cows and sheep for slaughter is one of many disappointments Gazans face before Eid al-Adha, the most important holiday in the Muslim calendar. For them it's tantamount to Thanksgiving without turkey.

The four-day holiday beginning Monday is supposed to be one of the year's most joyful, but nothing is as it should be, Gazans say. An Israeli blockade on the ruling Hamas government has caused shortages of basic

goods, and Palestinian political squabbling has kept thousands of would-be pilgrims from traveling to Mecca.

On top of that, their banks have run out of currency, depriving thousands of civil servants of salaries.

It's a sharp contrast to Bethlehem, in the West Bank, which after several bleak years is finally getting a Christmas season to cheer about. Hotels are booked solid, Manger Square outside Christ's traditional birthplace is already bustling with tourists, and Palestinian and Israeli security forces are working together to keep the peace.

"We're under siege, the pilgrims can't get out, and there's no money. How can we celebrate the holiday?" said Mahmoud Khozendar, a Gaza doctor.

Eid al-Adha commemorates the readiness of Abraham — Ibrahim to Muslims — to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God, who stays his hand and provides a lamb instead. Muslims traditionally slaughter an animal on the holiday to commemorate Abraham's sacrifice. The meat is split between the needy and family members.

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GHANA CHEERS OPPOSITION

Local residents cheer as ballot counting shows opposition party candidate John Atta Mills getting more votes than ruling party candidate Nana Akufo-Addo, at a polling station in Jamestown in the Odododiodoo Constituency of Accra, Ghana, on Sunday.



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CHRISTMAS

Focus on Savior, Presidency says

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but each one can “draw hearts to the Savior.”

“By his life and sacrifice, he gave us all the gift of resurrection after death, the certainty that we would live again,” President Eyring said.

He said even though no one can give completely as Christ has, everyone can serve others and try to follow his example. One such example President Eyring gave was of a bishop who would invite strangers in need into his

“Our opportunities to give of ourselves are indeed limitless, but they are also perishable.”

Thomas S. Monson
LDS Church president

home for dinner.

President Thomas S. Monson, president of the church, retold the story of the night of the Savior’s birth and how the innkeeper said there was no room at the inn. He said if only the innkeeper had known who the couple was, he would have let them in.

Just as the innkeeper said there was no room, often

people do not make room for Christ in their lives. Each person can work on bringing the Savior more into their lives, President Monson said.

“Our opportunities to give of ourselves are indeed limitless, but they are also perishable,” President Monson said. “There are hearts to gladden. There are kind words to say. There are gifts to be given. There are deeds to be done. There are souls to be saved.”

He said to think about serving those in need this Christmas, for there is always someone who needs to be visited and loved.

“As we do serve him, we will not forfeit our opportunity — as did the innkeeper of old — to make time for him in our lives and room for him in our hearts,” President Monson said.



Photo by David Scott

Members of the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square perform during Sunday’s First Presidency Christmas Devotional

Senator calls for GM head to step down

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A senator who will help determine whether the auto industry gets a \$15 billion bailout said Sunday that the head of General Motors should step down, telegraphing what could be a congressional demand for a top-line shake-up in Detroit in exchange for financial life support.

Rick Wagoner, the chief executive of GM, “has to move on,” said Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. He spoke on CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

“I think you have got to consider new leadership,” Dodd said. Asked if that should be a condition of any bailout, he added, “I think it is going to have to be part of it.”

“I think it’s clear GM is in the worst shape,” Dodd said before specifying the need for Wagoner to step down.

In response, GM spokesman Steve Harris said the company appreciates Dodd’s support for the loans, but added, “GM employees, dealers, suppliers and the GM board of directors feel strongly that Rick is the right guy to lead GM through this incredibly difficult and challenging time.”

Last week, The Associated Press asked Wagoner if he would resign at the request of Congress, to which he replied, “It’s not clear to me that experience in this industry should be viewed as a negative, but I’m going to do what’s right for the company and I’m going to do it in consultation with the board.”

GM’s board recently has been meeting three times a week by telephone.

But the shots kept coming Sunday. President-elect Barack Obama accused auto executives of a persistent “head-in-the sand approach” to long-festerling problems. In an appearance on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Obama said Congress was doing “the exact right thing” in drafting legislation that “holds the auto industry’s feet to the fire” at the same time it tries to prevent its demise.

The criticism of industry leaders deepened as negotiators for the White House and Congress narrowed their differences over a plan to extend roughly \$15 billion in short-term loans to any Detroit automaker that needs them. Analysts say General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, in particular, are at risk for running out of money in the next few weeks, and that Ford Motor Co. may need help if the economy deteriorates further.



Associated Press

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., speaks after appearing on CBS’s “Face the Nation” in Washington, on Sunday.

Democratic Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, whose state is ground zero for the battered industry, told “Fox News Sunday” he was confident an agreement would emerge within the next day.

Democratic leaders have said they hope to pass the measure this week. While Levin declined to predict its approval, support among rank-and-file lawmakers presumably would improve dramatically if both White House and Obama were to signal their backing once the legislation is complete.

“The last thing I want to see happen is for the auto industry to disappear, but I’m also concerned that we don’t put \$10 billion or \$20 billion or \$30 billion or whatever billion dollars into an industry, and then, six months to a year later, they come back hat in hand and say, ‘Give me more,’” Obama said.

Obama, who takes office Jan. 20, has drawn some criticism from Democrats who want him to become more involved in efforts to save the industry. The president-elect said his aides are monitoring developments and considering longer-term plans.

He expressed no support for calls to allow the big carmakers to enter bankruptcy and said, “We don’t want government to run companies.” Instead, he said, “if taxpayer money is at stake — which it appears may be the case — we want to make sure that it is conditioned on an auto industry emerging at the end of the process that actually works, that actually functions.”

“Taxpayers, I think are fed up. They’re going through extraordinarily difficult times right now.”

Obama did not single out any individual executive by name for criticism, and said there had been incremental progress in the past 15 years toward a more competitive line of products.

“What we haven’t seen is a sense of urgency and the willingness to make tough decisions. And what we still see are executive compensation packages for the auto industry that are out of line compared to their competitors, their Japanese competitors, who are doing a lot better,” he said.

Asked whether the top executives should remain in the jobs, he said: “Here’s what I’ll say, that it may not be the same for all the companies. But what I think we have to put an end to is the head-in-the-sand approach to the auto industry that has been prevalent for decades now.”

Later, at the news conference, he appeared to temper his comments, saying that current management should be ousted if it doesn’t understand the urgent need to make changes in the industry.

A breakthrough on the long-stalled rescue came Friday when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., yielded to President George W. Bush on a key point: allowing the aid to come from an existing fund set aside for the production of environmentally friendlier cars.

The Big Three executives spent two consecutive days on Capitol Hill this past week pleading for as much as \$34 billion in loans to help their industry survive. GM and Chrysler made clear that \$15 billion would be enough to keep them running until the end of March 2009.

FUNERAL

Elder Wirthlin eulogized

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He spoke of how his father always portrayed the special witness of Christ by the way he worked with his fellow servants, the words in his sermons and the way he treated his mother. Wirthlin closed with his own testimony, speaking of his father’s faith in the resurrection.

“He always told us how that one day his lost hair will be restored,” he said. “He would also show his grandkids picture of his younger years when he had a full head of hair.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles addressed the audience, noting the abundant love within the Wirthlin family. Elder Nelson spoke of his own younger years idolizing Elder Wirthlin as the famous University of Utah football star. Then he spoke of the 11 years Elder Wirthlin dutifully served as his counselor in different callings and the overall wonderful experience he had serving side by side for a total of 22 years. In closing, Elder Nelson blessed the family and bore his testimony.



Courtesy newsroom.lds.org

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin as a young man.

President Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve spoke specifically to the family of Elder Wirthlin, sharing the testimony of their beloved father and grandfather, which had been published about a week earlier.

The testimony focused on a mission experience Elder Wirthlin had while serving in Austria.

He and his companion were walking through the beautiful Alps on Christmas Eve of 1937 when they heard a choir sing-

ing “Silent Night” in a nearby church. Elder Wirthlin and his companion stopped to listen, spiritually moved with a greater love for all mankind. It was then that Elder Wirthlin and his companion decided they would continue to serve their Master diligently all of their lives.

Packer advised Elder Wirthlin’s son to make a copy of the testimony and keep it within reach for his and younger generations’ benefit.

As the concluding speaker, President Monson spoke of the love and brotherhood he had with Elder Wirthlin and how he was an honorable man of God with a close relationship to his Father in Heaven.

“Joseph knew the Lord and the Lord knew Joseph,” President Monson said.

President Monson spoke of Wirthlin’s football career at University of Utah where he was nicknamed “Speedy Wirthlin.” He talked about stories and growing experiences he had with Elder Wirthlin, and President Monson said he had never had a more loyal, trusting or dedicated friend.

President Monson spoke of Elder Wirthlin’s legacy of love, telling his family to remember to live the gospel so they could one day live eternally with their parents, who would want the same.

President Monson ended with a choked-up farewell.

“I shall miss him, I shall miss him,” Monson said.

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Elder Bruce D. Porter

Member of the First Quorum of the Seventy

Elder Bruce D. Porter was called as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in April 2003. He had previously been serving in the Second Quorum of the Seventy since April 1995. At the time of his call, Elder Porter was serving as a professor of political science at Brigham Young University. He is a former executive director of the U.S. Board for International Broadcasting and a former research fellow at Harvard University. He has also served as an analyst for the Northrop Corporation and as a professional staff member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee.

A native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Elder Porter graduated

from Brigham Young University and then earned an MA in Russian studies and a doctorate in political science from Harvard University.

Elder Porter has served the Church as a bishop, branch president, stake president’s counselor, stake mission president, and full-time missionary (Düsseldorf Mission). Since being called as a General Authority, he has served in the Europe East Area Presidency and the Salt Lake City Area Presidency of the Church. He is currently serving as executive director of the Correlation Department of the Church.

Elder Porter and his wife, Susan Elizabeth Porter, are the parents of four children and have six grandchildren.

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VIEWPOINT

Preserving social stigmas

Stop casual use of hateful speech

By SAMANTHA STRONG

Faggot. It’s a word we hear all the time in one form or another from the mouths of people from all walks of life. Well-known political commentator Ann Coulter said in 2006 that former Vice President Al Gore was a “total fag.” Later that year, actor Isaiah Washington called his co-star a “faggot” on the set of “Grey’s Anatomy.” Lead singer of the heavy metal band Skid Row, Sebastian Bach, wore the word. His controversial T-shirt said “Aids: Kills Fags Dead.” Former House Majority Leader Dick Armey called openly gay congressman Barney Frank “Barney Fag” in a press interview in 1995.

Big-mouthed pundits, hotheaded celebrities, vulgar rock stars and our country’s most respected leaders all find common ground, of all places, here — where ignorance reaches an all-time high and humanity reaches an all-time low, where grown men and women return to the basest of elementary school fight tactics — name calling.

Discerning the origin of the word, as it is now used, is a muddy trail to trace. As early as the 16th century, “faggot” has been used in reference to old or unpleasant women, a possible connection to its current meaning considering that female terms are quite often used to describe homosexual or simply effeminate men — sissy, Nancy, queen, etc. Some claim the current meaning developed out of the word’s British meaning, “a bundle of sticks,” specifically sticks for burning. The connection is thought to be made through burning at the stake, a punishment inflicted upon witches and heretics in medieval Britain who were often accused of homosexual behavior. This path of meaning is comparable to the translation of the Italian word “finocchio” to the English “fennel,” which is used in a close sense to the modern “faggot.” The assumption here is that the word originated during the Holy Inquisition when fennel was thrown on those being burned at the stake to erode the stench of incinerating human flesh. Whatever its origin, one thing is clear: the word in its current use is distinctly American. British English, for the most part, maintains the meanings of the past. Whatever use it finds in the UK can be attributed to imported American media.

In November 2002, Catholic magazine, the “New Oxford Review,” defended the word. Their argument: as long as it was used to describe a practicing homosexual, all was well. Calling such persons “faggots” preserves the social stigma tied to homosexuality, they said.

A related argument has been made in defense of the word “nigger.” Some historians have said that to stop using the word is to rob the rising generation of the complete history of blacks in America. But the history the word carries is heavy with hate. The word now means more than “black person.” It has expanded to mean all disadvantaged people and narrowed to mean “defect” — human or nonhuman. Historically, slaves used the word in reference to themselves or each other as a means of self-preservation through self-deprecation. By using it, slaves acknowledge to whites their inferiority, putting masters at ease. Calling oneself a “nigger” told whites no suspicion was necessary — their subhuman status had been accepted. Like the meaning of “faggot,” the meaning of “nigger” has evolved. Unlike “faggot,” however, the word, in its current meaning, didn’t always carry its current connotation. There was a time when it was considered utterly inoffensive. That fact is often cited as “nigger” users’ defense, despite its weakness as an argument. “Faggot” users don’t even have the luxury of a make-believe defense.

I wholeheartedly agree with the “New Oxford Review.” Calling someone a faggot preserves the social stigma tied to homosexuality. But what the editors of that publication and the thousands of students on this campus who agree with them fail to acknowledge is that, in this case, “social stigma” is a euphemism for hate. Calling an individual a “fag” penetrates the collective social demographic “preservers” of social stigmas cowardly attack and finds therein an individual face to spit upon.

There are two types of people who use the word faggot: malevolent bigots and thoughtless copycats. Either you use it because you feel it, or you use it because you hear it. And I don’t know which one’s worse. The former makes you a Nazi or a Klansman, and the latter makes you a mindless hypocrite.

Samantha Strong is the Issues & Ideas Editor at The Daily Universe.



Readers’ Forum

Admiration isn't perversion

In response to Friday’s letter entitled “Men and women affected by different stimuli,” I have several things to say. First of all, I realize the impact of emotional stimuli on women, for I am one. I realize the double standard — it seems OK for a girl to read a Danielle Steele romance novel, but visual pornography is harmful. Including “Twilight” and other chick flicks though, I feel is going too far. I have not compared the men I see in my wards or anyone in real life to a man I see depicted in a movie. Chick flicks are just that — movies. I would much rather look for someone who I can actually relate to and who has eternally promising qualities than just who has “chiseled abs” and the “right things to say at every given moment.” This is not to say that girls don’t enjoy seeing someone who takes care of their body or knows what to say, but I think it is degrading to say that girls cannot separate these fictional and movie men from reality. To discount books like “Twilight” and these chick flicks, you might as well go back through literature and cut out Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” as well as Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice.”

The fact is, things that are romantic are not necessarily “emotionally pornographic” as you are stating. You too loosely connect romance with purely sexual connotations, and love is not equal to sex. To admire a woman’s beauty within reason is not considered perversion for men, and equally so, to admire romance within reason should not be perversion for women.

DAWN EDELEN
Olathe, Kan.

Elder Wirthlin’s message

In one of Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin’s final General Conference addresses, he taught the saints the importance of the Savior’s greatest commandment: to have charity. Elder Wirthlin taught us that this commandment and the other greatest commandment, to love God with all our hearts, are the most important facets of our faith. In today’s society, it seems many have lost sight of what charity truly is. Charity, the pure love of Christ, is seeing people as they truly are, not as they seem. We must learn to look beyond the appearance of individuals and come to see them as God sees them, as His children.

Often, many only see the outward “flaws” of a person, failing to recognize their circumstances. As we gain charity, we will gain the capacity to follow Christ’s teaching, which says, “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure

ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.” We don’t know the circumstances or the motivations of people. We don’t know why people make the decisions they do. Often, we become frustrated in our quest for understanding the motives of others. Nevertheless, as Elder Wirthlin taught us, we must come to gain charity and show love to all men, despite our differences.

JACOB NEWMAN
Salt Lake City

Instructional sciences major

I would like to ask students to discuss an idea that I’ve had, decide how much merit it has on their own and write about it. Here it is: an instructional sciences major at BYU.

It would be broad, taking in things like math or physics teaching, but also could be made useful to business students as an instructional design major — preparing to teach company executives how to reduce costs, for example. BYU should be the best at that in the world, in any case. Presentation, explanation, critical thinking — these are some of the skills that firms most seek in our graduates. Having a major (or perhaps even a minor) tailored to this field could pay great dividends.

In addition, it would provide students the opportunity to do undergraduate research in teaching. For example, students could work with professors in “IP&T” (Instructional Psychology and Technology) who are not currently available to them. As an undergraduate who wants to write a thesis on teaching, it is difficult to find professors to mentor me when I have never worked with them before. Also, students could seek to assist in the pedagogical processes at BYU — something I would love to see more of.

Think about it. Let me know what you think. Write back.

BENJAMIN PACINI
Salt Lake City

BYU elitists

I love BYU for many reasons. Yet I am bothered when individuals feel that being here somehow makes us better than those at other schools. Just our association with BYU does not add to our righteousness or the amount of good we can do. God offers the same spirit, the same access to temples and the same revelation from prophets to any worthy individual regardless of university affiliation. While BYU attracts some of the world’s best in nearly every field, affiliation with the Church’s flagship university alone does not elevate our abilities above those of

others throughout the world.

BYU is not ideal for everyone. Each year, many students are admitted, but instead choose to attend non-Church schools or transfer elsewhere after only a semester or two. They may have had negative experiences here or decided that BYU’s “Zionesque-Disneyland” environment is not for them. Or maybe they prefer an environment where they are taught “correct principles” and trusted to “govern themselves” rather than being told specifically what constitutes appropriate behavior as our Honor Code does. Despite opting out of the BYU experience, these students can turn out just fine, developing as much faith, intellect, talent and desire to serve as even the most impressive BYU graduate. They certainly have no need to “repent” of their decision to attend another university.

I am grateful for and do not regret my BYU experience. There is a tremendous amount of good here. However, just because the Church sponsors BYU does not mean that BYU is the Church. Just because the Honor Code is based on gospel principles does not mean that the Honor Code is the gospel. We are blessed to be here, but if we look down on others for not being here, we are the ones who need to repent.

SAM NOBLE
Muncie, Ind.

Right expectations

Many of the author of Friday’s viewpoint on emotional pornography’s so-called “unrealistic expectations” that come out of chick flicks are not immoral or condemned by prophets. “Caring affection” and saying the “right things” are things that men should strive for, and women have a right to expect that from us to some degree, because that is what God expects from us. You can’t make the same argument about pornography.

ROBERT GIBBONS
Alexandria, Va.

Let’s baptize

Every week many members of our ward attend the weekly tunnel singing. It’s a great activity to feel the Spirit and end our Sunday worship. It is wonderful to witness the multitude of members praising our Father through hymns. It is also very exciting to see the many new missionaries called to serve throughout the world. The enthusiasm, however, may be a little too extreme. The line “Let’s baptize!” some tunnel singers add to the hymn “Called to Serve” is just a little too “Utah,” and completely detracts from the purpose of missionary work.

Let us remind you of the purpose of a missionary: “Invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost and enduring to the end.” The focus of missionary work is not baptism, but to “invite others unto Christ.” This one-liner detracts completely from the true Spirit of missionary work. It corrupts a divinely inspired hymn.

Everyone knows that the success of a missionary is not measured by the number of baptisms. We encourage you all to help make this “almost perfect” night a more perfect night. Let’s help send our recently called missionaries into the field with the right attitude and focused on Christ.

NATHAN SEEBERGER
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THOMAS FOWLES
Pasco, Wash.

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GoodSearch.com is a Web site that donates money to non-profit organizations just by using the site, costing the user nothing.

Surf, shop on the Web for good causes

Web sites offer chance to give to charity for free

By CHRIS REED

Web sites now allow Internet users to donate to their favorite cause every time they shop online, or even search the Internet, without spending a penny.

“What makes the system so compelling is that it doesn’t cost the users a thing,” said JJ Ramberg, co-founder of GoodSearch.com and Goodshop.com.

Both sites generate donations every time they are used and are designed to allow users to choose which registered non-profit organizations will benefit from their money spent online.

Ramberg said approximately one cent is donated to the users’ favorite charity with every Internet search conducted through GoodSearch.

“Users are not donating anything themselves —v they are not giving away any of their own money, but they are still financially supporting their favorite cause,” Ramberg said. “The money comes from the GoodSearch advertisers and the GoodShop merchants.”

Ramberg said GoodSearch donates 50 percent of its revenue and the other 50 percent is used for company expenses.

Dario Batioja, 29, a civil engineering major from Quito, Ecuador, said he had never heard of either Web site.

“That’s really good to know,” Batioja said. “It’s a way you can donate by doing something you

do every day. The next time I buy something I will use it for sure.”

More than 70,000 non-profits are registered on these Web sites, including Save Darfur, Invisible Children, United Way, the LDS church, and many more.

Ramberg emphasized that shopping online through GoodShop is easy. iTunes, Amazon, Cheap Tickets, Gap, Best Buy, Target, and hundreds of other retailers are available.

Rob Reynolds, 27, an instructional psychology and technology master’s student from Provo, said he had never heard of either Web site, either. However he said he was excited to know he can use eBay through GoodShop.

“That’s very cool,” Reynolds said. “I do a ton of stuff on eBay, so I’ll definitely go through here. It’s a good cause no matter what you’re doing. I’m absolutely going to use this, and I’m going to tell my family about it.”

Users can verify how much money is being donated to their favorite cause by clicking on the “amount raised” button beneath the name of their chosen charity. For example, since its inception, more than \$246 has been raised for the LDS church through GoodSearch.

GoodSearch advertises that it is also a good way to raise money for schools.

Ramberg said schools can sign up to be a part of GoodSearch and GoodShop by clicking on the “Add a New Charity or School” button on the homepage of either site, and the application process takes just a couple of minutes.

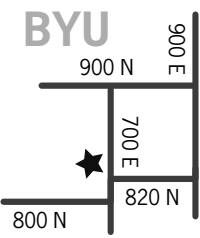
“Once you’re signed up for one of the sites, you’re signed up for both,” Ramberg said.

She said more than 100 new nonprofits and schools register daily.



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Food fight: attorney general, DA to face off

By NATHAN SHARP

The Utah Attorney General’s office has declared war on hunger by challenging the Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office to a food fight to fill the Utah Food Bank.

This Christmas, the Utah Food Bank estimates it will need to collect 1.5 million pounds of food and 24,000 turkeys to meet the increased demands of those struggling to make ends meet. This is a

30 percent increase over last year, mostly due to the economic recession and the troubled job market, according to Jessica Pugh of the Utah Food Bank.

In an effort to help meet this increased demand for food donations, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff is taking on Salt Lake County District Attorney Lohra Miller, in a challenge to see who can donate the most food between Dec. 1 and 24. The winner will get a trophy, bragging rights and a certificate of surrender from

the losing side.

“We will battle for beans, scrap for soup and throw down for cans of tuna fish,” Shurtleff said in a press release. “This is a fight to feed the hungry that will end when the last attorney says ‘I give.’”

Collection barrels will be placed in all attorney general and district attorney offices, as well as at the Capitol Building. This is primarily a contest to see which staff can gather the most amount of food, but the public is welcome to contribute as well.

“Get ready,” warns District Attorney Miller in a press release. “We’re the heavyweight in Salt Lake County when it comes to fighting for a good cause. The attorney general will have a hard time knocking us out. He’s the underdog here because we won’t quit until the shelves are packed!”

Those wishing to donate can visit any of the bins or can contact the Utah Food Bank at 801-887-1266 or www.utahfoodbank.org.

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Lone Peak High band plays in Disney parade

By CLAIRE THORNOCK

For the Lone Peak High School Marching Band, Disneyland was the happiest place on earth.

On Nov. 5, the band performed at Disneyland’s “Walt Disney’s Parade of Dreams,” made possible through Disney’s Performing Arts Program, which gives opportunities to bands, orchestras, choirs, drill teams, dance ensembles and other performing groups.

Christine DeMichael, market manager for Disney Youth programs, said there is a process which schools go through to perform at Disneyland.

“First groups submit an application, audition tape, and

pictures of their performance attire,” DeMichael said. “The Disney Performing Arts team reviews all the applications and materials and makes sure the performance is something our theme park guests would enjoy.”

DeMichael said a Disney Performing Arts Workshop is open to all groups who apply, adding that the performance groups learn and embrace the arts.

“Disney Youth Programs give teachers, directors and students a vast array of educational experience at the Disney Parks,” DeMichael said. “Many performance group members go on to careers in the arts and are encouraged by what they experience during the program and it gives students an opportunity to experience travel as a

group and see Disney Parks in a new way.”

Curtis McKendrick, Lone Peak High School Band Director, said this trip was a great opportunity for his students.

“Performing in Disneyland was a fantastic experience,” McKendrick said. “I hope that this trip inspires them to improve and get better.”

Outside Disneyland, the band went to a Disney recording studio, where they played Disney songs with a professional conductor. They also visited nearby Riverside Community College to participate in clinics and performances with the college’s world-renowned marching band.

Kristy Rogers, a Lone Peak sophomore and clarinet player, said the band practiced exten-

sively prior to their visit.

“In the summer, we had three weeks of band camp which lasted all day, and during the last week we practiced for 14 hours,” Rogers said. During the school year, the band usually only practices Mondays and Thursdays for three hours each time.

Rogers said in the end, all the practicing was worth it because of the experience gained, and her increase in knowledge and love for music in general.

“It was really cool to be in a recording studio and see how it works and how to play when different people conduct,” Rogers said. “I am definitely now thinking of getting a career in music.”

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BYU Sports
BOX SCORES

MEN'S BASKETBALL
BYU AT WEBER STATE
Dec. 3 at Dee Events Center, Ogden

Score by Periods				
	1st	2nd	Total	
BYU	46	46	92	
Weber State	39	23	62	
BYU (7-0)				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Cummand	12-13	2	31	
Tavernari	4-13	11	27	
Miles	4-5	8	18	
Emery	2-3	6	19	
Fredette	7-10	18	35	
Abouo	1-4	2	9	
Morgan, Jr.	2-7	9	27	
Rose	0-1	0	9	
Anderson	3-4	6	10	
Pinegar	0-0	0	3	
MacGregor	0-1	2	12	
Totals	35-61	92		
Weber State (2-4)				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Lillard	1-4	2	23	
Bullinger	5-10	16	32	
Panos	4-7	12	25	
Hansen	0-3	2	22	
McCoy	2-4	7	23	
Cottle	0-0	0	1	
Benson	0-0	0	3	
Ramos	0-1	0	2	
Carson	1-2	3	20	
Davis	4-8	10	25	
Mahoney	0-1	2	7	
Morris	4-6	8	17	
Totals	21-46	62		

BYU	Points in the paint	24
WSU		22
BYU	Points off turnovers	22
WSU		4
BYU	Second chance points	8
WSU		2
BYU	Fast break points	8
WSU		0
BYU	Bench points	19
WSU		23
Score tied		2 times
Lead changed		6 times
BYU	Last FG	2nd-01:42
WSU		2nd-07:40
BYU	Largest lead	by 32, 2nd-01:42
WSU		by 4, 1st-09:48

BYU vs. Utah State
Dec. 6 at Salt Lake City
EnergySolutions Arena

Score by periods				
	1st	2nd	F	
Utah State	35	28	63	
BYU	38	30	68	
Utah State (5-1)				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Wesley	4-8	12	34	
Wilkinson	6-11	22	31	
Quayle	3-8	7	25	
Newbold	4-9	11	28	
Myaer	1-7	3	25	
Williams	1-3	2	16	
Geiger	0-1	0	11	
Williams	1-3	0	11	
Formisano	0-2	6	15	
Totals	21-52	63		
BYU (8-0)				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Tavernari	7-17	24	39	
Miles	3-3	6	18	
Emery	2-5	9	37	
Cummand	2-9	6	27	
Fredette	6-13	16	35	
Abouo	0-1	0	3	
Morgan, Jr.	0-2	0	18	
Rose	0-0	0	1	
Anderson	0-0	0	2	
MacGregor	2-3	7	20	
Totals	22-53	68		

USU	Points in the paint	22
BYU		20
USU	Points off turnovers	6
BYU		15
USU	Second chance points	16
BYU		6
USU	Fast break points	0
BYU		0
USU	Bench points	8
BYU		7
Score tied		3 times
Lead changed		7 times
USU	Last FG	2nd-00:07
BYU		2nd-02:47
USU	Largest lead	by 1, 1st-19:41
BYU		by 10,1st-03:46

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
BYU VS. USC
Dec. 6, Laie, Hawaii

Score by Periods				
	1st	2nd	Total	
USC	34	30	64	
BYU	28	37	65	
USC				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
LeNoir	3-11	8	23	
Cameron	3-8	9	22	
Laplane	2-5	4	19	
Gilbreath	4-6	11	28	
Hughes	4-11	10	29	
Dunham	0-1	0	12	
Oliver	2-5	6	17	
Corral	2-6	6	19	
Jenkins	1-2	4	10	
Perkins	3-7	6	21	
BYU				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Foreman	6-9	19	38	
Nielson	1-10	4	34	
Slade	5-10	13	34	
Moeaki	0-4	0	21	
King	7-8	14	31	
Jackson	0-0	0	2	
Hostetter	0-2	0	11	
Wood	5-6	14	20	
Riley	0-0	1	9	

BYU VS. WRIGHT STATE
Dec. 5, Laie, Hawaii

Score by Periods				
	1st	2nd	Total	
Wright State	29	21	50	
BYU	29	27	56	
Wright State				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Thomas	5-9	15	38	
Davis	3-10	11	28	
Peckley	3-10	7	27	
Dixon	0-3	1	26	
Richardson	0-2	0	10	
Ward	2-7	6	27	
Scott	0-0	0	7	
Bennett	0-1	0	3	
Hall	4-14	10	34	
Totals	17-50	50		
BYU				
	FG-FGA	Pts	Min	
Foreman	1-3	2	37	
Nielson	8-12	19	37	
Slade	6-10	15	34	
Moeaki	1-4	3	20	
King	1-2	4	16	
Jackson	0-0	0	3	
Hostetter	0-2	1	9	
Wood	1-3	5	19	
Riley	2-4	7	25	
Totals	20-40	56		

NCAA Football
Bowl Schedule

EAGLEBANK BOWL
Wake Forest vs. Navy
Washington, D.C., RFK
Dec. 20, 9 a.m., ESPN

NEW MEXICO
Colorado State vs. Fresno State
Albuquerque University Stadium
Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m., ESPN

MAGICJACK ST. PETERSBURG
Memphis vs. South Florida
St. Petersburg, Fla., Tropi-
cana Field
Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

PIONEER LAS VEGAS
BYU vs. Arizona
Las Vegas, Sam Boyd
Stadium
Dec. 20, 6 p.m., ESPN

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS
Southern Miss vs. Troy
New Orleans, Superdome
Dec. 21, 6:15 p.m., ESPN

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CREDIT UNION POINSETTIA
Boise State vs. TCU
San Diego, Qualcomm
Stadium
Dec. 23, 6 p.m., ESPN

SHERATAN HAWAII
Hawaii vs. Notre Dame
Honolulu, Aloha Stadium
Dec. 24, 6 p.m., ESPN

MOTOR CITY
Florida Atlantic vs. Central Michigan
Detroit, Ford Field
Dec. 26, 6 p.m., ESPN

MEINEKE CAR CARE
West Virginia vs. North Carolina
Charlotte, N.C., Bank of America Stadium
Dec. 27, 11 a.m., ESPN

CHAMPS SPORTS
Wisconsin vs. Florida State
Orlando, Fla., Florida Citrus
Bowl
Dec. 27, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

EMERALD
Miami (Fla.) vs. California
San Francisco, AT&T Park
Dec. 27, 8 p.m., ESPN

INDEPENDENCE
Northern Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech
Shreveport, La., Independence Stadium
Dec. 28, 6:15 p.m., ESPN

PAPAJOHNS.COM
NC State vs. Rutgers
Birmingham, Ala., Legion
Field
Dec. 29, 1 p.m., ESPN

VALERO ALAMO
Missouri vs. Northwestern
San Antonio, Alamodome
Dec. 29, 8 p.m., ESPN

ROADY'S HUMANITARIAN
Maryland vs. Nevada
Boise, Idaho, Bronco
Stadium
Dec. 30, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

TEXAS
Rice vs. Western Michigan
Houston, Reliant Stadium
Dec. 30, 6 p.m., NFL Network

PACIFIC LIFE HOLIDAY
Oklahoma State vs. Oregon
San Diego, Qualcomm
Stadium
Dec. 30, 6 p.m., ESPN

BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES
Houston vs. Air Force
Fort Worth, Texas, Amon G.
Carter Stadium
Dec. 31, 10 a.m., ESPN

BRUT SUN
Oregon State vs. Pittsburgh
El Paso, Texas, Sun Bowl
Dec. 31, Noon, CBS

GAYLORD HOTELS MUSIC CITY
Boston College vs. Vanderbilt
Nashville, Tenn., LP Field
Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

INSIGHT
Kansas vs. Minnesota
Tempe, Ariz., Sun Devil
Stadium
Dec. 31, 3:30 p.m., NFL
Network

CHICK-FIL-A
LSU vs. Georgia Tech
Atlanta, Georgia Dome
Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m., ESPN

OUTBACK
South Carolina vs. Iowa
Tampa, Fla., Raymond
James Stadium
Jan. 1, 2009, 9 a.m., ESPN

CAPITAL ONE
Georgia vs. Michigan State
Orlando, Fla., Florida Citrus
Bowl
Jan. 1, 2009, 11 a.m., ABC

KONICA MINOLTA GATOR
Clemson vs. Nebraska
Jacksonville, Fla., Jackson-
ville Municipal Stadium
Jan. 1, 2009, 11 a.m., CBS

ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY CITI
Penn State vs. USC
Pasadena, Calif., Rose Bowl
Jan. 1, 2009, 2:30 p.m., ABC

FEDEX ORANGE
Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech
Miami, Dolphin Stadium
Jan. 1, 2009, 6:30 p.m., FOX

AT&T COTTON
Ole Miss vs. Texas Tech
Dallas, Cotton Bowl
Jan. 2, 2009, Noon, FOX

AUTOZONE LIBERTY
Kentucky vs. East Carolina
Memphis, Tenn., Liberty
Bowl Memorial Stadium
Jan. 2, 2009, 3 p.m., ESPN

ALLSTATE SUGAR
Utah vs. Alabama
New Orleans, Superdome
Jan. 2, 2009, 6 p.m., FOX

INTERNATIONAL
Buffalo vs. Connecticut
Toronto, Rogers Centre
Jan. 3, 2009, 10 a.m., ESPN2

TOSTITOS FIESTA
Ohio State vs. Texas
Glendale, Ariz., University of
Phoenix Stadium
Jan. 5, 2009, 6 p.m., FOX

GMAC
Tulsa vs. Ball State
Mobile, Ala., Ladd-Peebles
Stadium
Jan. 6, 2009, 6 p.m., ESPN

FEDEX BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Florida vs. Oklahoma
Miami, Dolphin Stadium
Jan. 8, 2009, 6 p.m., FOX

NCAA Football
Rankings
BCS STANDINGS

1. Oklahoma 12-1	
2. Florida 12-1	
3. Texas 11-1	
4. Alabama 12-1	
5. USC 11-1	
6. Utah 12-0	
7. Texas Tech 11-1	
8. Penn State 11-1	
9. Boise State 12-0	
10. Ohio State 10-2	
11. TCU 10-2	
12. Cincinnati 11-2	
13. Oklahoma State 9-3	
14. Georgia Tech 9-3	
15. Georgia 9-3	
16. BYU 10-2	
17. Oregon 9-3	
18. Michigan State 9-3	
19. Virginia Tech 9-4	
20. Pitt 9-3	
21. Missouri 9-4	
22. Ball State 12-1	
23. Northwestern 9-3	
24. Boston College 9-4	
25. Mississippi 8-4	

AP TOP 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football
poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through

Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place
vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous
ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (50)	12-1	1,602	2
2. Oklahoma (9)	12-1	1,540	4
3. Texas (6)	11-1	1,530	3
4. Alabama	12-1	1,410	1
5. Southern Cal	11-1	1,372	5
6. Penn St.	11-1	1,259	6
7. Utah	12-0	1,225	7
8. Texas Tech	11-1	1,193	8
9. Boise St.	12-0	1,101	9
10. Ohio St.	10-2	1,069	10
11. TCU	10-2	921	11
12. Cincinnati	11-2	863	13
13. Oklahoma St.	9-3	853	14
14. Georgia Tech	9-3	761	15
15. Oregon	9-3	710	16
16. Georgia	9-3	599	17
17. BYU	10-2	477	20
18. Pittsburgh	9-3	428	23
19. Michigan St.	9-3	423	21
20. Mississippi	8-4	389	22
21. Virginia Tech	9-4	318	—
22. Northwestern	9-3	262	24
23. Ball St.	12-1	249	12
24. Oregon St.	8-4	163	25
25. Missouri	9-4	150	19

Others receiving votes: Iowa 104, Boston College 95,
Florida St. 13, East Carolina 12, West Virginia 12, California
8, Rice 6, Nebraska 5, Tulsa 2, Rutgers 1.

USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1. Oklahoma (31)	12-1	1482	2
2. Florida (26)	12-1	1481	4
3. Texas (4)	11-1	1408	3
4. USC	11-1	1309	5
4. Alabama	12-1	1309	1
6. Penn State	11-1	1193	6
7. Utah	12-0	1134	7
8. Texas Tech	11-1	1132	8
9. Boise State	12-0	1034	9
10. Ohio State	10-2	1004	10
11. TCU	10-2	877	11
12. Cincinnati	11-2	830	12
13. Oregon	9-3	747	14
14. Oklahoma State	9-3	722	15
15. Georgia Tech	9-3	690	16
16. Brigham Young	10-2	541	18
17. Georgia	9-3	537	19
18. Michigan State	9-3	466	21
19. Virginia Tech	9-4	337	NR
20. Northwestern	9-3	334	22
21. Pittsburgh	9-3	316	23
22. Ball State	12-1	219	13
23. Missouri	9-4	218	17
24. Mississippi	8-4	160	25
25. Oregon State	8-4	131	24

Others Receiving Votes
Boston College 96, Iowa 40, Florida State 22, East Carolina
15, California 12, Kansas 10, North Carolina 6, Nebraska 5,
Rice 3, Buffalo 3, Rutgers 2.
Dropped From Rankings
Boston College 20.

HOW THE TOP 25 FARED

No. 1 Alabama (12-1) lost to No. 2 Florida 31-20, SEC
championship. Next: TBD.

No. 2 Florida (12-1) beat No. 1 Alabama 31-20, SEC
championship. Next: TBD.

No. 3 Texas (11-1) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 4 Oklahoma (12-1) beat No. 19 Missouri 62-21, Big 12
championship. Next: TBD.

No. 5 Southern Cal (11-1) did not play. Next: No. 6
Penn State, Rose Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 6 Penn State (11-1) did not play. Next: No. 5 South-
ern Cal, Rose Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 7 Utah (12-0) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 8 Texas Tech (11-1) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 9 Boise State (12-0) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 10 Ohio State (10-2) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 11 TCU (10-2) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 12 Ball State (12-1) lost to Buffalo 42-24, Friday.
Next: TBD.

No. 13 Cincinnati (11-2) beat Hawaii 29-24. Next: vs. TBA,
BCS Bowl.

No. 14 Oklahoma State (9-3) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 15 Georgia Tech (9-3) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 16 Oregon (9-3) did not play. Next: TBD.

No. 17 Georgia (9-3) did not play. Next: TBD.

Cougs on their way to Vegas for 4th time

By SEAN WALKER

Amidst a night of few surprises and mediocre matchups, BYU accepted its fourth-straight bowl bid to Las Vegas to face off against Arizona, which finished 7-5 and 5th place in the Pac-10.

Florida and Oklahoma will meet Jan. 8, 2009 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami for the BCS National Championship Game. Other teams that garnered a BCS bowl berth include Penn State and USC in the Rose Bowl; Cincinnati and Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl; Utah and Alabama in the Sugar Bowl; and Ohio State and Texas in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Wildcats are making their first bowl appearance since 1998. The Cougars, on the other hand, are coming off a season that originally had

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them as the No. 1 BCS buster before losses to TCU and Utah on Oct. 16 and Nov. 22, respectively.

Nevertheless, BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall seemed happy with the announcement.

"We appreciate the invitation to play in the Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl," Mendenhall said in a news release. "We have enjoyed our previous experiences in Las Vegas and look forward to competing in our fourth straight bowl game. Our focus will be on playing to our potential and improving our football program."

Even more elated were the organizers of the Las Vegas Bowl, after they sold out Sam Boyd Stadium as easily as the 2007 game. That game's 40,712 fans marked the third-consecutive sellout in Las Vegas.

Ex-BYU QB will take over at UW

By SEAN WALKER

USC offensive coordinator and former BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian will take over as the 23rd head coach of the Washington Huskies, he confirmed Saturday after the Trojans' 28-7 win over rival UCLA in Pasadena, Calif.

Sarkisian will be continually reminded of his former bonds, playing USC every year in conference play and beginning a three-year series with BYU in 2010. The Cougs are 3-4 all-time against UW, with wins in 1985, 1999 and 2008.

"I'm excited," Sarkisian told the Associated Press after the game. "It's been a great program in the past and they're obviously down now. But I'm going to get them back to fighting for a championship."

ESPN originally reported the news Thursday after Texas Tech coach Mike Leach and Fresno State's Pat Hill pulled their names from consideration



Associated Press

Southern California offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian warms up the team before their NCAA college football game against UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday.

for the job. Sarkisian interviewed on Thanksgiving, then returned to Los Angeles a day later, the (Los Angeles) Daily News reported.

Washington, USC and Sarkisian originally denied the claims. After securing the Pac-10 title, however, all three

sources commented on the ex-Coug's advancement.

"I'm thrilled to have Steve heading up our football program," UW president Mark A. Emmert said in a news release Saturday night. "He's a very talented, energetic coach with a great work ethic and values

that match the UW. His challenge is very clear — we believe he's entirely up to it, and we look forward to a return of the glory years for Husky football."

Despite only playing three years in the Canadian Football League, the 34-year-old Sarkisian has made a rapid rise in the college coaching ranks since joining the USC staff in 2001 as quarterbacks coach. He took a year to coach in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders, and then returned to USC around the same time recently released head coach Lane Kiffin took over the top job there. Kiffin will coach in the SEC in 2009, heading up the Tennessee Volunteers.

The former BYU quarterback will be the third youngest head coach in the NCAA, behind Kiffin and Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald, who are both 33.

The 1996 WAC player of the year led the Cougars to a 13-1 finish, with their only loss coming, ironically, to Washington in Seattle. He finished his senior year completing 278-of-404 passes for 4,027 yards and 33 touchdowns.

Women's basketball wins two in Hawaii

By JILL TUTTLE

BYU women's basketball team came up with two hard-fought victories in Hawaii.

The Cougars beat Wright State, 56-50, Friday and USC in a close game, 65-64, Saturday at the Hukilau Invitational, as they improved to 5-2 on the season.

In Friday's game against the Raiders, BYU picked up the tempo in the second half after a difficult start. The Cougars trailed through most of the first half until tying the game at 24-24. BYU owned a temporary lead when sophomore Mindy Neilson scored three points with 1:45 left in the first half. The game was tied at 29 going into the locker room. The Cougars outshot the Raiders 50 percent to 38.5 percent in the first half.

In the second half, the Cougars improved the offensive gap, again knocking down 50 percent of their field goals to the Raiders' 29.2 percent.

Judkins said they were going to come out and try to play well defensively.

"They're [Wright State] very good and athletic at the wing," Judkins said.

Neilson represented on defense, leading the Cougars with three steals. Neilson also led all scorers with 19 points, shooting 8-for-12. She has shot in double-figures three times this season.

Behind Neilson, senior Shawnee Slade contributed 15 points and led the team with six rebounds. Slade also had eight turnovers. Despite 32 Cougar turnovers to the Raiders' 26, BYU managed to hold off Wright State.

Sophomore Jazmine Foreman showed confidence on the

court with a game-high eight assists. Foreman has settled into the starting point guard role after a season-ending knee injury to Haley Hall.

"For me it was a big step coming from Haley's injury," Foreman said. "At the same time I was more ready for it this year than last year. Now I feel like I have developed more of a trust within the team and ability to take control."

Foreman had a big game against USC, with a career-high 19 points, and shot 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

BYU had four players in double-figures Saturday, including senior Cassie King's season-high 14 points.

"Being a senior, I feel a responsibility to make sure everyone's playing intense," King said. "I try to use my strength to my advantage."

The fight against the Trojans was certainly intense.

USC was up by four points after leading most of the first half. The win was tight after a seesaw of scoring in the second half. In the last 15 minutes of the game, there were seven ties and eight lead changes. As the clock wound down, Slade, who finished with 13 points, got inside for a layup to put the Cougars up, 63-62, with 48 seconds left in the game. The hot-ticket Foreman had two free throws to make it a three-point lead for the Cougars and the Trojans converted two-points but still trailed by one as the clock expired.

BYU shot 49 percent from the field and 60 percent from the free-throw line. The Trojans grabbed three more boards than the Cougars, but sophomore Coriann Wood had eight rebounds to accompany her career-high 14 points.

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Study examines ICU stays, drug abuse

By NAT HARWARD

A recent study at LDS Hospital shows people with a history of drug abuse are likely to face high medical costs and intensive hospital care at an earlier age. Researchers at LDS Hospital and BYU reviewed 742 records for patterns of drug and alcohol abuse among patients admitted to LDS Hospital's intensive care unit.

Ramona Hopkins, a BYU psychology professor and co-author of the study, said, "We know that the rate of drug dependence among patients in our ICU was 19 percent, which was twice the rate you see in the Utah population."

These patients were drug dependent before becoming critically ill.

Also, these drug-dependent patients were, on average, six years younger than



Photo by Stephanie Rhodes

A new study concludes that drug addicts are more likely to be admitted to an ICU, like that at the Utah Valley Medical Center.

other ICU patients.

Lead author of the study and a researcher at LDS Hospital, Mary Suchyta, said after years of she and her colleagues observing this trend, they wanted to "look and see if in fact [their] suspicions [could]

be substantiated."

The study confirmed their suspicions and adds higher medical expenses and earlier severe treatment to the long list of already known detrimental effects of drug abuse.

Hospital treatments alone

are expensive, but treatment in an ICU is much more, Suchyta said.

"In an ICU you use substantially more advanced technology, and the patients tend to be significantly more ill," she said. "They require higher levels of nursing, and they tend to be on significant more expensive drugs."

The complete cost of treating these individuals may potentially expand outside the hospital and fall on society, Suchyta said.

Suchyta said she and Hopkins direct their research at studying not just survival outcomes among ICU patients, but their long-term quality of after treatment.

The study appears in the December issue of "Intensive Care Medicine," and is available through the Lee Library Web site.

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Utah couple accepts literal call to serve

By EMILY KIMBALL

The number for BYU Info is not 801-BYU-INFO.

That number, which translates numerically into 801-298-4636, belongs to Elton and Marilyn Pierce, residents of North Salt Lake, owners of the phone number for the past 19 years.

Don't be ashamed if you're one of the more than 30,000 people who've accidentally called the Pierces. Years ago, they received seven or eight calls a day. Today's daily average is three or four. Marilyn, 77, became the phone answerer since her husband, 81, has difficulty hearing. She still cheerfully responds to callers.

For her, it's a call to serve. "The number for BYU-Info is 801-422-INFO. It's no problem," she tells callers. "All my life I've done volunteer work of one kind or another and it's just really handy to do it from home."

Redirecting people seeking bookstore hours, phone numbers and financial aid, is a natural addition to Marilyn's altruistic efforts. She performs name extractions on genealogical records and has knit hundreds of baby mittens and sweaters — so many, she said, that Church Humanitarian Services started collecting and delivering yarn directly to her.

She and her youngest daughter also set up the foundation, Sharing Our Surplus, which collects edible, usable food from grocery stores and bakeries which would otherwise get thrown away, and distributes it to families in need.

Tracking the location of callers became a family pastime for

the Pierces. For years they planted pins in a map of the world and a map of the United States in the hallway in their basement.

"It was filled with pins, really, I had to keep buying new boxes of pins," she said.

Missionaries ending their service would call from around the world to set up their return to BYU.

"We had calls from Rome, Italy, Taiwan, all over Europe and Great Britain," she said. "The grandkids used to get a kick out of it but they're all married now and the map doesn't interest them anymore." The maps have since been taken down.

Together the Pierces raised four children and are now the grandparents of 20 and great-grandparents of 22, with another on the way in February.

"We expect to see more great grandchildren," she said with a chuckle.

Marilyn and Elton met while they both worked at ZCMI. She was saving money for school. He was a manager.

"We got married and I didn't get to school, but I still had a career," she said. She eventually ran a parent education resource center within the Salt Lake City public school system.

None of their children or grandchildren attended BYU. Aside from attending Education Week and some informational meetings, they have no other ties to the university.

Marilyn has never been tempted to change the phone number because it does have its advantages, she said.

"If I see old friends, they'll say 'How can I get in touch with you?'" she said. "I just say 'Dial BYU-INFO,' and they can always remember my number."

Congress to vote on bill for Utah, Washington

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Congress is being asked to vote again on a bill that would give Utah a fourth seat in the House of Representatives and add a seat for Washington, D.C. as well.

Washington's non-voting delegate wrote House Speaker Nancy Pelosi last week, suggesting a vote for Feb. 12. That's the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP.

"We cannot think of a more appropriate way to celebrate these milestones than to grant

the people of the District of Columbia the equal voting rights they have been denied for more than 200 years," wrote Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., Washington's delegate in the House.

Norton is allowed to vote only in House committees.

The House passed a bill in 2007 that would have given the District of Columbia a representative and adding a member to Utah's delegation. It was designed as a compromise because conservative Utah was expected to elect a Republican to the new seat, while District voters would

almost certainly choose a Democrat.

But the bill was blocked in the Senate and did not have the votes needed to overcome a filibuster. Since then, the Democratic Party has taken over the majority in both the House and the Senate.

"We believe that with an even larger Democratic majority here and in the Senate, and a party committed to this issue in its platform, the District of Columbia Voting Rights Act should be an easy, bipartisan vote in both the House and Senate," Norton wrote.

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Groups protest Utah drilling leases

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Conservation groups filed formal protests Thursday on what they call a "fire sale" of oil-and-gas drilling leases offered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for later this month.

The Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance filed their objections to drilling in wild areas of eastern Utah on 92 parcels totaling 100,000 acres.

The BLM has already pulled nearly 100,000 acres from the auction, set for Dec. 19, leaving 276,025 acres up for bid.

The BLM has been under pressure — from the National Park Service and from conservation groups — to cull a list of auction parcels in Utah's final oil-and-gas lease sale of President George W. Bush's administration.

Last week, the BLM pulled drilling leases that were located on and near the borders of Arches National Park, Dinosaur

National Monument and Canyonlands National Park, all in Utah.

Then, on Tuesday, the BLM removed some auction parcels from Nine Mile Canyon, home to thousands of ancient rock art panels, and from nearby Desolation Canyon on the Green River, while continuing plans to lease other parcels near both canyons and in other wild areas of Utah.

"This is the Christmas sale, the Bush administration's last great gift to the oil and gas industry," said Stephen Bloch, a staff attorney for the Salt Lake City-based Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

"They are under intense pressure to back off from a broad coalition of outdoor industry groups, cultural preservation organizations and the conservation community," he said.

The conservation groups said they were objecting to leasing around Desolation and Labyrinth canyons, a favorite of rafters on the Green River, and other parcels near Canyonlands National Park. They were joined

by the Boulder, Colo., based-Outdoor Industry Association, which filed its own objections.

"Our businesses and livelihoods rely on the remote nature of these stretches of river and their abundance of wildlife, natural quiet, clean air, dark skies and wild qualities," said Amy Roberts, vice president of government affairs for the OIA, which represents 4,000 manufacturers, distributors and retailers.

Terry Catlin, energy team lead for the Utah office of the BLM, acknowledged that pressure brought to bear on the agency after it announced its original leasing plans on Election Day influenced the bureau's two reversals over the past 10 days.

"I think clearly it's a factor, especially in terms of another Interior agency raising concerns. We took the Park Service concerns quite seriously, and you see the result on the parcels that were dropped," she said.

The BLM has set Dec. 12 for announcing what additional parcels, if any, it plans to drop from the Dec. 19 auction.

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Members of Team DNA present their marketing plan for a new Maybelline fragrance at this year’s L’Oreal Brandstorm competiton. Team DNA won this year’s campus competition and will compete nationally.

BYU students bring big ideas to annual L’Oreal competition

Five campus teams competed for a slot in a national event

By HAILEY KELLER

Adrenaline, anxiety and anticipation. Audience members at the BYU L’Oréal Brandstorm competition Thursday night could only imagine the gamut of emotions the five teams of three must have been feeling as they waited for the winners of the competition to be announced.

The winners of the 2008 BYU L’Oréal Brandstorm competition are ... drumroll... Danielle Wright, Nathan Wigglesworth and Aaron Krall, of “Team DNA.”

Team DNA will be flown to New York in June to compete against four other schools from around the country, Krall said, and will then have the opportunity to compete nationally in Paris if they win in New York.

After working on their project for around 100 hours in the last month, Krall said Team DNA was confident about its presentation and product.

“Even if we had not won we were confident enough in our idea that it wouldn’t have made a difference,” Krall said.

Although confident, Krall said the other five teams’ presentations were outstanding and he felt overwhelmed that his team had come out on top.

The L’Oréal Brandstorm competition was held in the MOA auditorium and was packed with students interested in what the five teams had come up with.

The basis for the competition was for the competing groups to integrate perfume into the Maybelline New York line. Maybelline is known for its cosmetics, so the five groups: Team DNA, Team Creo, Team JKL Advance, Team Life Blood and Team Trifecta, had

their work cut out for them as they collaborated on how to introduce this new product.

Team DNA had interviewed more than 200 women to help them decide just what women want in a perfume. Through their interviews, they decided “Jennifer” would represent these women. Through the strategy of trial, interest and purchase, the group introduced their product as “Awake.” Team DNA threw oranges out to the audience and asked them to peel back a little of the orange peel. The refreshing scent of orange with a bit of spice to it would be the scent of Awake.

By basing the product after the familiar oval shape of the mascara and lip gloss shapes already in the Maybelline line, the bottle was designed for women to be comfortable with the new product. The goal of their product was to make fragrance the ultimate beauty accessory.

Building their scent around a red carpet experience for every woman, Team Creo’s perfume was called “Premiere.” The idea was to make every day a premiere experience for women everywhere. One idea the group had for a commercial would be an ordinary woman hailing a cab in New York. When the cab pulled up, it would be a taxi cab limo and when she entered the vehicle, her own personal consultant would be waiting for her.

Using charts, models of the product and digital designs of how the product would look in the store, Team Creo took their product in a classy direction. The size of a credit card, Premiere’s package would be red and black, representing passion and power.

Team JKL Advance introduced “Alex” as the face of their product. Alex is a confident, successful woman who knows what she wants. During JKL Advance’s presentation, an audience member shouted “what’s a girl to do?” The group then proceeded to tell the panel of four judges that the girl could use their scent, “Brooklyn,”

which “is a perfume for life.”

Basing their product on a completely different concept, Team Life Blood began their presentation with a video featuring “Ashley,” a typical girl who was getting ready for her morning. Team Life Blood’s idea for introducing fragrance into the Maybelline line focused on a woman’s wardrobe.

According to the team women have an emotional tie to their clothes and they base what they wear around what their day is going to be like. Their perfume line called “Fashion Scents” included three different fragrances: “Little Black Dress,” “Vintage Jeans” and “Sun dress.”

The group proposed after the launching of these fragrances, one new fragrance each year would be introduced. Keeping to their wardrobe idea, the group had a model of their proposed “fragrance closet” where the three perfume bottles would hang, like clothing. The closet doubled as a holder for “Alex’s” earrings as well.

Capturing the essence of New York, Team Trifecta chose its perfume brand, “The Boroughs,” to be represented by five different scents: “Bronx,” “Staten Island,” “Queens,” “Brooklyn” and “Manhattan.” For women to decide which fragrance fits them best, the group had created a photo-booth styled quiz where women could enter the booth, answer several questions, get their results and have their photo taken.

Team Trifecta used digital interactive models to show how their perfume bottle and travel size bottle would fit interchangeably together. When the travel bottle was empty, it could be slipped back into the larger bottle and would be automatically refilled.

Because “going green” is huge right now, Team Trifecta proposed its bottle and packaging be created out of 100 percent recycled New York materials.

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EVENTS Calendar

If you would like an event to appear in this calendar, please send information to releases@newsroom.byu.edu the Thursday before the event in the week upcoming.

TODAY

Ambassador lecture His Excellency Said Tayeb Jawad, the Afghan ambassador to the U.S., will speak on “Afghanistan: Security, Development, and Relations with the U.S.” The event will begin at 2 p.m. in the Herald R. Clark Building, Rm. 238.

TUESDAY

History lecture BYU Heroes of History Club, 7 p.m. McKay 115, Robert Millet will be the special guest speaker. The topic will be Jesus Christ as a prototype of historical heroes.

WEDNESDAY

Campus lecture Thomas L. Kane Exhibition Lecture Series, 3 p.m., Thomas G. Alexander “Thomas L. Kane and the ‘Mormon Problem’ in National Politics,” HBLL auditorium.

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

Campus lecture Raymond Taras, professor of international relations and director of the World Literature Program at Tulane University, will present “A Europe of Phobias? How Immigration is Making the EU Paranoid” at noon in 238 of the Herald R. Clark Building.

THURSDAY

Campus lecture Andrei S. Markovits, the Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, will lecture at the Sports and Global Society Lecture Series, discussing “Sports and Culture in Europe and America—A Mirror of Modern Life,” at 4 p.m. in 2107 of the JKB

SATURDAY

Christmas celebration The MOA will host a Christmas event from 1 to 4 p.m and includes storytelling, a magic show, an art project, musical performances, treats and a visit from Santa. Tickets are \$2 per person or \$10 for families.

Economy scales back celebrations

Associated Press

ST. GEORGE—Employers in southern Utah are canceling or scaling back their holiday parties as a result of the economic downturn.

The city of St. George canceled its holiday celebrations in each department, including parties for police and fire department employees.

“Due to the financial situation we’re facing, we felt we could save some dollars by cutting out city-sponsored department Christmas parties,”

said Marc Mortensen, assistant to the city manager. “We feel it is more important to maintain levels of service to the public than it is to throw an internal party for employees.”

Mortensen said the city will save thousands by canceling the celebration. Holiday events can cost \$10 to \$12 for each employee.

Dixie State College canceled its annual holiday luncheon, too.

Steve Johnson, spokesman for Dixie State College, said a smaller party is planned.

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New MMA show set for Utah

*Throwdown Gym
in Orem to host
new reality series*

By MITCH MALLORY

One of the fastest growing sports in the world, mixed martial arts (MMA), has found a niche here in Utah Valley that will soon include a reality TV series.

Adam Legas, owner of Throwdown Gym in Orem, said alternative fitness like MMA is as big here in Utah as anywhere else in the world.

"Utah's interest in MMA is huge and we are putting out some of the best fighters in the world," Legas said. "It's the purest form of competition, because people have always wanted to know who's the toughest and the strongest. There are rules, so it's not chaos in the cage, and people love the competition."

Throwdown Gym has been chosen to host a reality TV series created by executive producer Doug Porter.

"Our show wants to take general people who may not be fighters but who may have disputes or animosity with someone



Photo courtesy of throwdownet.com

The Throwdown Gym in Orem has been chosen to host a new reality TV series. The series will focus on mixed martial arts fighting.

else," Porter said. "We want to take those people, train them for six weeks and let them settle it in the cage, get over their grudge and move on with their lives."

The reality series, which is in the making, looks to have Legas playing more of an antagonistic role, evaluating and egging on participants.

Johnny Riche, VP of marketing, promotions and productions, said the show has attracted interest because of the huge number of 18-34-year-old males that watch and participate in MMA.

"MMA is the fastest growing sport in the world," Riche said.

"It's still new and exciting and, even here in Utah County, we have events that draw a very diverse crowd. We keep these events family-friendly and the people love to come see the purity of the competition."

Throwdown will host an event Feb. 7 at the EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake to release information about the TV series for those interested in participating. They also host a radio show every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. on 1280 AM and a TV show Friday nights at midnight on KJZZ.

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Decking the halls

Hundreds of Christmas lights can be found adorning trees in the JFSB quad area as well as the trees in Brigham's Square.

Photo by David Scott

Unwrapping CHRISTMAS

TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

Write your favorite quote from the Christmas Devotional article beginning on page 1.

DAY 6

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Bring your entry to The Daily Universe booth at the Wilk or to the north lobby of the BRMB by 3 p.m. today. The ten winners of \$50 Visa gift cards will be printed in the space below in tomorrow's paper. Good Luck!

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The Rules

- Only current BYU students may enter.
- Employees and immediate family members of employees of The Daily Universe or students in classes that currently work with the newspaper (Comms 321, 420, 484) also may not participate.
- Only one entry per student each day. Duplicate entries will disqualify the entrant for the rest of the contest, including the grand prize drawings.
- Original entries must be cut from the paper and hand delivered with your BYU student ID to The Daily Universe booth at the Wilkinson Center Terrace or the lobby of the north entrance of the Brimhall Building. Entries are accepted each contest day (Dec. 1-5, 8-10) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Entries via e-mail or campus mail will not be

- accepted. Late entries will not be accepted. No photocopies will be accepted. Entries without the corresponding BYU student ID will not be accepted.
- Entry must include the correct solution to the day's contest to be eligible.
- Ten daily winners will be selected from all entries received each day by 3 p.m.
- Winners will be announced in the next day's paper. Each winner of the daily contest will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.
- All entries will be entered in the grand prize drawings that will held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Wilkinson Center Terrace. Only one grand prize per person.
- Grand prizes include: flat-screen TV, game

- system, iPod, digital camcorder and \$500 gift card.
- Winners must show a current BYU student ID to collect their prize. Daily winners and grand prize winners not at the Dec. 11 event can collect their prizes Monday through Friday at 112 BRMB, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only winners may collect their prizes. Roommates or friends cannot pick up prizes. Prizes may be reported as taxable income.
- Prizes not claimed by noon on Thursday, Dec. 18, will be redistributed.
- Decisions of the judges are final.

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Sudoku

7		8	6		9	2		1
	6						9	
9				7				3
8				2				5
		3	7		5	8		
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6				4				2
	3						7	
5		2	1		7	9		8

Puzzle 1: Easy

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Puzzle 3: Hard

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	6			2			5		

Puzzle 2: Moderate

3	8	6	4	1	7	2	5	9	
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Puzzle 3: Weekend Warrior (Very Hard)

Solutions to Friday's Puzzles

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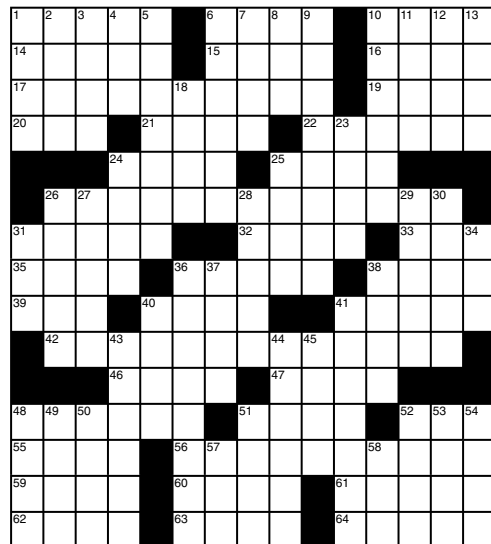
- "Green ____" of 1960s TV
- Spoiled kid
- Bossy's offspring
- Fill the crevices of, as a window frame
- Capital of Italy
- Zero-shaped
- Etiquette expert writes messages online?
- Device for a plow team
- Thieves' locale
- Moist, as morning grass
- Dog : barked :: cat : ____
- Frees (of)
- Poverty
- Singer speculates?
- Eliminate the stubble
- Pupil's surrounder

- ____ & Tina Turner Revue
- Misjudges
- Princess who helped Jason
- Tel ____
- Ballot marks
- When repeated, a Samoan city
- Ingrid Bergman or Bjorn Borg
- Artist clears the bases?
- Food, informally
- Actress Lupino and others
- Many Halloween costumes
- Cross-country
- Grain in Cheerios
- Announcement for the head of a queue
- Actress searches?
- Skater's jump

- ____ and out"
- Bar legally
- Decrease, as the moon
- Rover's "hands"
- Hotel offerings

DOWN

- Scored perfectly on
- Arrived
- Damage beyond repair
- 90° pipe turn
- Jump from a plane
- Read a little here and there
- Pink, as cheeks
- Gal. or qt.
- One of the six states of Australia
- Cousin of the gray wolf
- Declare openly
- Great Salt ____
- Skipped town
- Foot: Prefix
- Wraps up
- Guns, as an engine
- Had on
- One "tamed" in Shakespeare
- Ankle bones
- To whom a husband leaves an estate
- Potomac, for one
- Loses control on a snowy road, say



Puzzle by Susan Gelfand

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	D	O	P	T		W	H	O	C	A	R	E	S	
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| 31 Gender | 40 Warm-up exam for future collegians | 49 Six: Prefix |
| 34 Cain and Abel's mother | 41 See 53-Down | 50 Plow team |
| 36 Bobbysoxer's candy bar maker | 43 Butterfinger | 51 Whole lot |
| 37 They're subject to inflation | 44 Parkgoers with backpacks | 52 Aware of |
| 38 Inspires reverence in | 45 Chief Norse god | 53 With 41-Down, nuclear device |
| | 48 Chew (on) | 54 Recipe measures: Abbr. |
| | | 57 Actress Longoria |
| | | 58 G.I. uplifter |

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