

## NEWSBEAT

### Fire causes \$40,000 in damage in Ogden

OGDEN — A house fire caused about \$40,000 damage Monday morning to a vacant home at 2838 Childs Ave.

The fire was reported at 8:29 a.m., and responding firefighters found flames coming from the back of the home, said Ogden Deputy Fire Chief Chad Tucker. Crews attacked the flames, which had spread into the attic.

The main brick structure of the home remained mostly intact, and the home appears able to be rebuilt, he said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Tucker said. No injuries were reported, and the fire was contained to the single structure.

### Sales tax numbers off in Centerville

CENTERVILLE — Sales tax revenues are off at least 5 percent in Centerville for the current fiscal year, a city financial report shows.

Through three quarters of the 2006 fiscal year, which ends June 30, the city has collected \$2.39 million in sales and use tax, according to budget numbers provided by Blaine Lutz, city finance director. Lutz said some of the sales tax shortfall is being linked to a slowing economy.

Officials have projected \$3.375 million in total sales and use tax revenues for the year.

Lutz said the recent opening of a new Kohl's store and the new Wal-Mart in the city should help the city close the gap before the end of June, but he still anticipates the city could be looking at a shortfall of at least 2 percent for that fund.

A 2 percent shortfall would amount to approximately \$75,000 in potential revenue, he said.

Besides the loss of revenue in the current fiscal year, sales tax is a key mechanism being used by Centerville and Bountiful officials to provide funding for a new South Davis Arts Center. A sales tax of 1 cent per \$10 purchase began April 1, and officials anticipate it could generate up to \$350,000 a year in both cities.

Officials from both cities are looking to use projected sales tax revenue as a bonding mechanism to help build the new arts center.

### Council approves moving of home

CLINTON — The council approved an amendment to the final plat of Lot 1 of Dawson Estates, 1993 N. 1500 West.

The amendment divided the lot into two parcels. According to the homeowner, the home was built within the Rocky Mountain Power easement. With the expansion of the corridor, the home must be moved. The home will be moved onto the new parcel.

Property owner Doug Hamblin told the council he was told initially that he would have 10 years to move the home. He said with the new power corridor coming, he now has a matter of months.

## DAILY PICK

• **Dark Star Orchestra**, Grateful Dead tribute band plays favorite jams, 7 p.m., The Depot private club, 400 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, \$22/adv., \$24/day of Smith's Tx.

• **Zakir Hussain**, who has made a name in jazz and rock as well as Indian classical, 7:30 p.m., Peery's Egyptian Theater, 2415 Washington Blvd., Ogden, \$10-\$50, 395-3227.

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## COMING WEDNESDAY

Officials are concerned about living conditions in a West Bountiful duplex.

# Education choices grow in Davis

## State board recommends more than 1,500 slots be approved for charter schools

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SALT LAKE CITY — Top of Utah students and parents will have a few more education choices in the 2009-10 school year.

The Utah State Charter Schools Board recommended 1,524 more slots for existing charter schools in Weber, Davis and Ogden school districts, as well as a new charter school.

Its recommendations must still be

approved by the state Board of Education.

Each year, state legislation determines the amount by which charter schools can grow. This year, growth was set at 1.4 percent of the number of students enrolled in the state as of October 2008, which comes to 7,200 to 7,300 new charter school students.

Many charter schools requested increased enrollments. The requests were for more than would be allowed by legislation.

"We can give only 6,706 (new stu-

dents), not the 9,000 that are being requested, and one-third must go to existing schools," said Marlies Burns, Charter School Board director.

Venture Academy in Weber School District was approved 50 more students. Ogden Preparatory Academy gets 450 more students, but requested 700. Syracuse Arts Academy in Davis School District was approved for 400 more students. Currently serving kindergarten through sixth grade, the Syracuse Arts Academy plans to add grades 7-9.

"Several parents have said this is a great opportunity for kids and would like to see it go to the junior high level, and so it's by demand by parents," said Chris Dallin, chairman of the Syracuse

Arts Academy board.

Oquirrh Mountain, a new charter school in Davis district, was approved for 624 students in its first year. The school was the last named in the seven new charter schools approved for the 2009-10 school year.

"We just barely made it, but we are excited," said Sharon Cazier, a founding member.

The school will offer kindergarten through ninth grade and will focus on history, mainly American civics. The founders plan to build the school in west Farmington.

"We wanted to offer choice in education to the community," said Susan Olsen, a founding member who is also a teacher.

# ENOUGH TO GO AROUND



John Borski waters plants in his greenhouse in Kaysville Monday. Borski started growing organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and other plants 15 years ago and sells the produce locally. VIDEO: See more of the nursery.

## Commissioner wants Davis to be catastrophe-ready

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LAYTON — A Davis County commissioner is concerned the county will not be able to provide enough food to residents if a natural disaster or pandemic flu occurs here or if Interstate 15 shuts down.

"My concern is the county may not be able to sustain itself in case of an emergency," Louenda Downs said.

Officials say Downs is right — the county would not be able to sustain itself if a catastrophe hit, and Davis has not been able to produce enough food to feed all of its residents since the 1970s, when agricultural land began disappearing.

Shawn Olsen, a Utah State University Extension Service agent in Davis County, suspects the amount of farmland in Davis County has substantially decreased in the past five years, but won't have those figures until



Borski sprinkles water on young plants in his greenhouse. He says it is important for communities to preserve some land for farming.

next year.

An agriculture census across the state is conducted every five years, Olsen said.

Despite all of the development, there were 23 more farms in Davis County in 2002 than in 1997, for a total of 582, Olsen said. Also, 2002 saw an increase in harvested cropland — from 17,808 acres in 1997 to 17,879.

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## Women's Health Connection event set

By JAMIE LAMPROS

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OGDEN — Last year, 497 women were screened for breast and cervical cancer at the Women's Health Connection.

Organizers of the event — set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Midtown Community Health Center, 2240 Adams Ave. — expect to screen even more women.

"Early detection of breast and cervical cancer is vital to saving lives," said Lisa Nichols, director of Midtown.

"The Women's Health Connection is designed to make preventive screening, including Pap smears, breast exams and oral health exams, available to underserved and uninsured women in the community."

The first Women's Health Connection was held in 2004, said Sally Jones, community projects coordinator at McKay-Dee Hospital Medical Center.

The two-day event came about as a result of the success of the Children's Health Connection, she said.

"We recognized that it was impossible to have healthy children without healthy mothers," Jones said. "We would like the women to get to where they just know we do it each year, just like Children's Health Connection, and they will know they need to come."

Last year, 22 women were identified as having breast lumps they didn't know about, she said. One woman was diagnosed with an abdominal mass, several had dental issues, and many had symptoms of depression.

"I saw a lot of social things where counseling and other things were given as an option for treatment. I diagnosed some diabetes and breast lumps as well," said

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## Celebrate Earth Day with the various uses of the Standard-Examiner

Today is Earth Day, so here are some ecologically sensitive things to do with this newspaper.

First, read it. Second, cut out this column and file it for future reference.

This column, as do all, contains great wisdom, brilliant insight and the finest writing this side of James Thurber, sure to be a valuable collectible.

Many people archive them by subject, but whatever works for you is fine.

Now for the rest of the paper. Some people argue, "Newspapers kill trees. I can read news on my computer."

You can, but we're being ecological here. Making paper out of trees uses a renewable resource. The Standard-Examiner uses recycled newsprint, too, so you start ahead of the game.

Computers, on the other hand, take a great deal of energy to smelt the metals, forge the glass and refine the plastic from \$115-a-barrel oil. Computers contain lead, mercury



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Wasatch Rambler

and dangerous toxins.

This newspaper costs \$12.49 a month. Replacing a \$1,000 computer every five years will cost you \$16 a month, plus the electricity to run it and the \$25 monthly Internet subscription to feed it.

Old computers can't be used for anything but very inefficient doorstops.

With newspapers you can: • Stuff them in your boxing gloves to absorb odor. I don't box, but someone here said this works great. There's nothing worse than getting your nose broken by smelly boxing gloves.

• Shred them to mulch your garden. The paper is wood pulp, and the ink is soy-based.

• Stack them in a hotel pillow case and use them as an ironing board.

• Newspapers make great insulation. Wad the paper in your jacket to add warmth, or use them to line drafty walls.

Sleeping under newspapers on park benches is the stereotype, but don't bother. They keep sliding off.

• Newspapers fold into a really cool hat.

• In the book "The Maltese Falcon," gangster Floyd Thursby covers the floor around his bed with crumpled newspapers so nobody can sneak up on him.

Good idea, but it didn't keep Gutmán's gunman from shooting Floyd from across the street.

• Newspapers substitute for toilet paper, but not well. I speak from painful experience — The Times of London, no less.

• They are useful for housebreaking dogs and lining bird cages. Although, one time, I lined my parakeet's cage and the dummy got ink all over her feathers.

• The Sunday comics make great gift wrap. Come to think of it, the

Standard-Examiner's daily comics are in color, so use them, too. You get a holiday's supply of gift wrap in a month, free!

• Newsprint is the best thing in the world for cleaning glass. It's slightly more abrasive than paper towels, doesn't scratch and leaves no streaks.

There are many other uses, but those will get you started. Have a lovely and sunny Earth Day.

A CLARIFICATION: In my Jan. 22 column, I discussed Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, and his advocacy of a nuclear power plant in Southern Utah.

In that column, through a poor choice of words, what I wrote seemed to imply that Noel would personally profit from such a plant.

That was not my intention. Noel assures me he would not personally profit from the deal. I believe him and regret any implication otherwise.

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## COUNTYLINES

### BOX ELDER COUNTY

#### Garden program at Brigham library

BRIGHAM CITY — Barney Barney will give a talk on perennial garden combos at 7 tonight at the Brigham City Library.

This program will be the only gardening program at the library this spring because of Alexander Hamilton programs and business seminars.

### DAVIS COUNTY

#### Talent show set for Saturday

KAYSVILLE — Miss Kaysville-Fruit Heights 2007 Haley Yarbrough will be producing and hosting "Celebrating Our Stars," a community talent show for the two cities.

The free event is to continue a tradition started with the 2006 titleholder, Emily Inderinder. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Davis High School auditorium, 325 S. Main, Kaysville.

The event will feature instrumental and vocal performances by young people from the two communities.

The elementary school category will feature a vocal performance by Ashley Smoot and Seth Aamodt playing the piano, Gibson Green performing on the harp and J.R. Oldham playing classical guitar.

In the junior high category, Lisa Yarbrough will perform a vocal solo, Jennifer Hansen and Weiyi Le will each play piano selections, and Jenni Smoot and Mylie Johnson will sing.

From the high school category, there will be piano, vocal and violin performances from Brett Hadley, Garrett Olsen, Eryn Spencer and Stacy Steinhurst.

The winners of the elementary school, junior high and high school categories will receive a \$100 prize and a trophy.

All contestants will receive ribbons and gift cards for participating.

In addition, Jennifer Smoot, Rebecca Rose and Alyssa Nielsen will perform a special violin musical number called "Bugler's Holiday."

Elizabeth Rose will accompany the trio.

### WEBER COUNTY

#### New sound wall 'out of the question'

RIVERDALE — Mayor Bruce Burrows said extension of the Interstate 15 sound wall during Riverdale Road construction is "out of the question" because of a \$17 million shortfall for the project.

"The entry to freeway is right in our backyard," said resident Vivian Peterson.

"Emissions come directly at our place. Please put a sound barrier in the small portion."

Burrows told Peterson to petition legislators for additional Riverdale Road funding.

In other business, Riverdale agreed to pay energy costs when the Utah Department of Transportation installs 31 streetlights along Riverdale Road as it is widened.

The city expects to pay \$15 a month per light.

### IN THE STATE

#### Consumers warned of envelope scam

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Division of Consumer Protection has issued a citation against an Arkansas company for being deceptive when it offered big earnings for stuffing envelopes, but failed to send any supplies after a consumer paid for them.

The company, Premier Solutions, has sent mailers to Utah residents, and one person paid the company \$169 for envelope-stuffing supplies, but did not receive them, according to news release.

The Arkansas attorney general has filed similar charges and ordered the company to pay \$1.3 million in state fines and \$156,000 in customer restitution.

For more information on how to protect yourself from consumer scams and fraud, log on to [www.consumerprotection.utah.gov](http://www.consumerprotection.utah.gov), or contact the Division of Consumer Protection at 530-6601.

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# Torch run to benefit Special Olympics

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ROY — Police from across Weber County are gearing up for the annual Utah Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

The Weber County leg of the run starts in Roy and ends in Farr West at 8 a.m. May 2. The torch will then travel more than 1,600 miles around the state before entering the Brigham Young University Miller Baseball Field in Provo on May 29 during the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Special Olympic Utah Summer Games.

Each year, the run raises thousands of dollars to support Special Olympic athletes.

"It's a great event," said Ogdenville Lt. Marcy Korgenski. "The officers like it, the Special Olympians love it, and there's a lot of support in the community for it."

More than 1,000 runners are anticipated this year, said Utah Special Olympics Public Relations Director Lynn Rees.

Officers run in support of the torch, which is carried by a Special Olympian, through their own police agency's jurisdiction.

"Sometimes the officers will run farther than their own agency," Korgenski said. "They can run as far as they want — or as far as they can."

The run will start at the Maverik gas station at 3500 W. 5600 South, Roy, and end at Smith & Edwards, 3936 N. State Road 126, Farr West.

Participants will include state, county, city and federal law enforcement officers. Weber County Consolidated Dispatch will also be represented by runners, Korgenski

## Special Olympics torch run



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said. Volunteers from Youth Impact will provide water for runners at each checkpoint.

"All the kids come out and ensure we have all the support we need to stay hydrated through the race," Korgenski said.

The run raises money in three ways, organizers said.

Participating officers collect pledges and sponsorships for each mile they run; businesses contribute donations; and volunteers sell baseball caps and T-shirts to attendees.

Last year, the run raised \$12,000 to \$15,000, Korgenski said.

The money is used to fund local Special Olympic teams preparing for the summer

games, including purchasing equipment and uniforms, Rees said. Officers are "working hand in hand with athletes, preparing them to go to the competition," she said.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in Kansas in 1981 when Wichita Police Chief Richard LaMunyon recognized a need to raise awareness and funds for the cause, and thought a torch run would involve law enforcement agencies and the community.

Three years later, the run got a boost when the International Association of Chiefs of Police began endorsing the event.

With the IACP's support, the torch run has expanded to all 50 states, 11 Canadian provinces and more than 30 countries.

But for Top of Utah runners, the event is all about local athletes.

"All of them (the Special Olympians) are so dedicated," Korgenski said.

"They love being a part of it, and we love giving the time to interact with these athletes. It's just a great experience."

# Wildfire burns 4,000 acres in Weber

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UNINCORPORATED WEBER COUNTY — A 4,000-acre wildfire in western Weber County is under investigation after a fire official called the blaze "suspicious in origin" and unrelated to a previous controlled burn.

The Pintail Flat Fire, which burned the western edge of the Ogdenville Waterfowl Managed Area, northwest of Hooper, Saturday evening, was miles from the site of a prescribed burn earlier in the week, Weber County Fire Warden Dave Vickers said Monday.

Investigators don't know how the blaze began, he said, and state Division of Forestry officials are looking into the fire.

"There was no lightning that afternoon, and it was more than three miles from any prescribed fires," Vickers said, adding the area was not prescribed to be burned because limited access could have caused containment problems.

Prescribed fires in spring are not unusual there, but that does not imply Saturday's fire is related, said Val Bachman, superintendent of the Ogdenville Waterfowl Management Area.

The area's most recent prescribed burn

was completed Friday and extinguished Saturday morning. Heavy smoke and flames created obstacles for firefighters, Bachman said.

"Fuel loads were excessive, as portions of the area have not burned in over 30 years," he said. "Fire consumes four willow and cottonwood trees that were preferred as roosting habitat by wintering bald eagles."

Vickers said 13 fire engines and about 36 firefighters from Weber, Box Elder and Rich counties and the U.S. Forest Service worked on the fire, but no injuries to fire personnel or damage to structures was reported.

Crews literally fought fire with fire — they said. "Back fires" that consumed fuel sources as they burned toward the main fire, he said.

"It had the potential that, if we didn't do something, it could turn into a 20,000-acre fire. At several points, we had 80-foot-tall flames."

Crews started three back fires on the western side of canals and roadways, then allowed them to burn into the main fire, Vickers said.

"It ended up being an all-night affair. With wind changes, we had to clean up the edges along the roadways and canal banks. We completed back-firing about 3 a.m."

As of Monday morning, however, no fire reports were reported in the area, Vickers said.

"The plan worked."

# Head-on collision sends two to hospital

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OGDEN — A head-on accident sent an SUV careening into the side of a restaurant and landed two women in the hospital Monday morning.

The wreck happened around 11 a.m., when a woman driving a red Honda Civic southbound on Adams Avenue attempted to make a left-hand turn to go east on 12th Street and pulled in front of a blue Ford Expedition driving west on 12th Street, said Ogdenville police Sgt. Chad Ledford. The vehicles hit head-on, with the

Civic spinning completely around in the roadway and the Expedition veering to the left and running into the wall of the Maple Express Chinese restaurant.

Debris from the accident was littered across the roadway. A car battery ended up in a pool of acid more than 50 feet from the point of impact.

The driver of the Civic is pregnant, Ledford said, and was taken to McKay-Dee Hospital Center for examination. Two small children riding in car seats in the back were not injured.

The Expedition's female driver, the only person in the

vehicle, was also transported to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. Elizabeth Roberts, of Huntsville, was driving in front of the Expedition and turning right to go north on Adams Avenue when the accident occurred.

She said she quickly jumped from her car and checked on the children in the Civic.

The violence of the accident was striking, she said.

"They hit, and then the Expedition hit the building so hard," Roberts said, pointing to where the SUV rammed the restaurant.

"I hope everyone is OK."

# Davis

From 1B

However, with the amount of homebuilding in the past five years, he suspects there are fewer farms.

"It will probably show a decline," Olsen said.

It is not just the fact that farms are disappearing, but also that residents may not be personally prepared to feed themselves during a disaster that worries officials.

"If there were a massive disruption of the food-supply chain, there is really nothing any level of government can do to prepare for that," said Davis County Health Director Lewis Garrey.

If a disaster hit only the county, Davis would be dependent on neighboring counties to help feed its almost 300,000 residents, said Brent Peters, Davis County sheriff's emergency-management coordinator.

Residents would have to wait several days or even weeks before supplies could reach them.

Officials say residents, individually, should make sure they have enough basics to get through an emergency.

The simple answer for minor disasters is to have 72-hour emergency kits of food, water and medication available for each member of a household, Garrett said.

Worse-case scenarios, on the other hand, require any — from a six-month to a two-year supply of food storage, he said.

"I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but storing enough food for every resident cannot be done (by government entities) within a reasonable budget constraint."

Officials also say residents should not just rely on grocery stores and restaurants to feed them, but should try to grow their own food.

"Fewer people are doing that, and many do not even know where their food comes from, said John Borski, owner of Borski Organic Farms in Kaysville.

# Health

From 1B

Brent Williams, a family physician in South Ogden who has volunteered every year.

"This is a very important event because there's a population of women who will not get health care otherwise, and the women who know about the Health Connection are very supportive and they come in and get their screenings."

Other cancers and hypertension have also been diagnosed during the event, Nichols said.

Laura Tirado, of Ogden, attended the event last year and was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"The health care I have received through this event saved my life," she said in a

He said he is concerned that less land in Davis County is being used for agriculture. About 20 years ago, 50 percent of homeowners planted gardens; now only 5 percent to 10 percent of homeowners cultivate food.

Borski sells shares of his harvest to customers along the Wasatch Front in what is called community-supported agriculture — customers pay a fee upfront; in return, they receive part of the harvest.

It's not just the decrease in small gardens that concerns Borski, but also the decreasing number of large farms. "There is no consideration of the open spaces. It's an environmental issue."

He doesn't blame the farmers who are offered more money to develop their land than they can make harvesting crops.

Downs said she also does not want to see all of the agricultural area buried under rooftops.

"We need to look at planning the future so we have this ambience of agriculture," she said. "We've always been known for agriculture."

Former Layton Mayor Jerry Stevenson, who owns J&J Nursery, said Utah's agricultural production is a "a drop in the bucket" compared with what its residents need.

"We've always had trucks rolling into markets, and we're still being fed by someone else."

Many Utahns are unaware that most produce in stores is not grown locally, he said. It is coming from other states — like California — as well as other countries — like Chile and Mexico.

Watching farmland disappear over the years in Davis and Weber counties has been interesting, Stevenson said.

At one time, his business catered mostly to farmers who needed fertilizer and agriculture supplies. Now he sells mostly landscaping and home decorative supplies, he said.

He had to change the focus of his business as more homes gobbled up land, he said.

"An acre of houses is worth a lot more than anything else grown on it."

news release. "I would not have been able to afford the expensive treatment."

Approximately 12 doctors and 150 volunteers, as well as students from Weber State University's dental hygiene program, will perform exams.

Also, a Health Access Team coordinates follow-up care and treatment for any woman diagnosed with a health concern at the event, Nichols said.

The Women's Health Connection is a collaboration between Intermountain Healthcare, the Junior League of Ogden, Midtown Community Health Center, WSU and Your Community Connection.

Women's Health Connection is for women ages 18 and older.

Appointments are not required.

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**Clinton City Council**

6 p.m., budget workshop, 1906 W. 1800 North

Workshop on fiscal-year 2008-09 proposed budget

Set 7 p.m. May 13 public hearing for tentative budget

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