

NEWSBEAT

Drive-through book exchange for USU

LOGAN — Students at Utah State University will be able to sell back their textbooks this spring without ever leaving their cars.

Utah State is offering its first-ever drive-through buyback Monday.

Cars can line up in two lanes near four booths in the Romney Stadium parking lot beneath a large white tent.

The idea for a drive-through buyback comes from Colorado State University. Utah State officials say students always complain about the lack of parking on campus, so this should make it more convenient for them.

Students can often sell their books back to the campus bookstore for half of what they paid for them.

The drive-through program will be available through Thursday.

Stroke awareness month to be May

SALT LAKE CITY — May is National Stroke Awareness Month, and the Utah Department of Health wants Utahns to know how to recognize symptoms, as well as what risk factors lead to strokes.

Strokes are the No. 3 killer in Utah and the nation, according to a news release. Utah's hospitalization rate for stroke is lower than the national rate, according to UDOH Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program data.

Almost 60 percent of all Utahns do not know the signs of stroke, according to the release.

Signs and symptoms include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg.
- Sudden confusion, with trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

For more information, go to www.hearthishighway.org or call (866) 88-STROKE.

General plan in use in West Haven

WEST HAVEN — A new general plan that has been in the works since November is now in effect. The city council voted at its last meeting to implement the plan and added commercial overlays on existing and newly added business zones.

The new plan increases density in some areas, allowing for two units per acre in many areas that were once one unit per acre, but it also lowers the maximum density on mixed-use zones to six per acre instead of 20 as were previously allowed.

Business zones were added at many major intersections and along major roads. City Planner Steve Anderson said the new plan basically keeps West Haven's overall density at what it was before.

DAILY PICK

• **Bryan Scary**, frontman for the band The Shredding Tears plays a multitude of instruments, 8 p.m., Burt's Tiki Lounge private club, 726 S. State St., Salt Lake City. \$8/adv., \$10/day of Smith's Tix.

• **Mark Mallman**, singer/songwriter started out with glam rockers the Odd, but moved on to do his own thing, 7 p.m., Kilby Court all-ages venue, 726 S. State St., Salt Lake City. \$7. Smith's Tix.

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Motorcycle safety is everyone's responsibility.

Robotics team needs funds

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PLEASANT VIEW — The Crane of Doom has earned high praise and an award for Weber High School's robotics team, and now the team is asking for support from the city council and involvement from the community.

The team needs donations, supplies and spots in parades and fairs. Weber High does not contribute any of the funds for the team, and the cost for the team to participate and travel this year was \$8,000.

Donations of funds and supplies

also been called the Super Bowl of Smarts. It is a competition that combines bright young minds with technology and encourages teams to help each other.

Each team has six weeks to build a robot from a provided kit of parts. Teams can add parts to the robot as well.

The Crane of Doom, also known as Doombot, was made from electronics and parts from a walker. It receives orders by remote control and can be programmed to move about on its own.

There are 12 to 14 members for the 12 students on the team.

"They've done an excellent job," mentor Russ George said.

In March, the team took second place out of 42 teams in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology regional competition in Las Vegas. Last year, Weber High placed 17th out of 51 teams.

The FIRST competition has

The robot was able to drive around a racetrack and throw exercise balls to show off the skills of the Weber High robotics team.

"Kids learn talents they didn't even know they had," said team member Nathan Cragan.

FIRST provides approximately \$9 million in scholarship opportunities each year.

Team members said FIRST has made a difference in inner-city schools in Los Angeles and Ohio, and Weber High's team will be working

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TAKING TOBACCO TO TASK



Dylen Campbell stands aside as members of the Weber-Morgan Governing Youth Council light candles along 1900 West in Roy on Monday. The council was out to raise awareness about the effects of secondhand smoke.

Youth council memorializes victims of cigarette smoke

By **RACHEL J. TROTTER**
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ROY — One hundred and forty-five. That's the number of people who die every day from secondhand smoke — and some local teens think that's too many.

Area teens from the Weber/Morgan Governing Youth Council spent Monday afternoon and evening in the parking lot of Spacetime Family Fun Center in Roy for a special memorial and awareness campaign to stop smoking.

The teens lit 145 candles in memory of the 145 cigarette casualties each day and also wore T-shirts reading, "Tobacco is Toxic."

"They waved signs with tobacco facts and got numerous honks in response to a sign: 'Honk if you don't want your kids to smoke.'"

"This isn't about the smokers. It's about the tobacco. It is so dangerous," said 15-year-old Hanna Higginson.

The students held signs and handed surveys and awareness kits to passersby.



Venus Refahiyat holds up a sign along 1900 West in Roy on Monday.

The teens thought the Roy location would be good because teens and young families frequent the bowling alley. The Weber/Morgan Health Department likes the location as well because Roy city officials have considered banning smoking in city parks.

"They put it on hold when it went to county vote, but it may go back to the cities and we'll come back to Roy," said Kristi Jones, health educator for the health department.

Jones worked with the youth council to organize the memorial and awareness campaign.

"This whole thing was their idea — the place, the memorial was all

their own. They are great kids," said Anna Guymon, another Weber/Morgan Health tobacco educator.

For 18-year-old Jill Bowers, the anti-secondhand smoke campaign is personal.

"My sister smokes, and I have two little nieces and the kids are exposed to this stuff all the time," she said.

She wants to protect her nieces and others in the same situation. "There is so much we can do — we can educate the community."

Bowers, president of the youth council who headed up Monday's

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Grade changes will impact sports

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OGDEN — The new grade configuration and a new classification for Ogden High School is creating confusion and uncertainty for the future of school sports teams.

Starting in 2009, Ogden City School District will no longer have middle schools with fifth through eighth grades and high schools with ninth through 12th grades.

Instead, the district will move to a system of junior highs with seventh through ninth grades and high schools with 10th through 12th grades.

Ogden High School is slated to move up to 4A school status in 2009 because of its enrollment numbers, and Ben Lomond will remain in the 3A bracket in the Utah High School Activities Association.

That means the schools will no longer compete against each other in sports. The UHSAA's proposal for the classification changes lists a 94-student difference between Ben Lomond and Ogden High schools.

Ogden attempted to appeal the change, said Bruce Penland, the district's executive director of secondary education, but the appeal was denied.

The district will not be allowed to appeal the classification change again, and the final vote by the UHSAA board will be in late May or early June.

"They're holding to that," Penland said. "We have been given exceptions in the past,

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This Rock of Ages isn't quite as sturdy as they thought

A tombstone ought to be the best way to preserve a reminder of the past.

It's usually a rock, after all. I can't count the number of stories I've stumbled over on morning strolls through cemeteries.

Rocks do wear, however, so Norma Buchanan is worried her family's past is, ever so slowly, crumbling away.

Her family's monument, a marble pillar, stands at the northwest corner of the Ogden City Cemetery. Placed in 1870, it watches over a section of ground containing Norma's great-grandfather, Chauncey Walker West, two of his 10 wives and maybe 20 of his children.

That pillar is showing its 138 years. The engraving is dim, names are getting hard to read. It's been broken and cemented together several times.

In one place, layers of stone are peeling like old paint — an odd thing for marble to do, but there it is.

Norma finds herself in an odd



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situation: To preserve this reminder of her family's past, she needs to contact the present, her living relatives. Problem is, the present has made itself scarce.

She's guessing she's got at least 10,000 relatives scattered around. The West family used to keep in touch through a family association, much like the Farr family does, but "life happened," she said, and that group fell apart.

They have good reason to keep in touch. Norma's great-grandfather was one of the earliest settlers of Weber County. The city of Farr West is named, in part, for him.

West owned an entire city block in

Ogden. He ran a hotel, a blacksmith shop, a tannery, a meat market, a ranch and other businesses "because he knew people needed jobs."

One way he provided jobs was to join with Lorin Farr and Ezra Benson to form a company called Benson, Farr & West. The company contracted with the railroads to build road grade for the Transcontinental Railroad.

That deal was the death of West. "He didn't get paid," Norma said, referring to Utah's own "Great Train Robbery," in which Utahns built the railroad but were never able to collect their wages.

West went to San Francisco to collect and died on Jan. 9, 1870. Norma said, probably of tuberculosis.

Norma feels West was a great and historical man whose memory should not wear away: "I walk here a lot and see this falling apart and feel like he deserves better."

She contacted a monument maker about building a duplicate in granite, but hasn't got the \$10,000 the job costs. That's where her relatives come in.

If there are 10,000 of them and each gives a dollar, she's there, but "I can't find them. You can't get anybody on the phone these days."

How true. Cellphone numbers aren't in the phone book, land lines go unanswered, people are busy.

In addition to contacting me for publicity, she's hoping the Internet will help.

She's got a Web site: chaunceywestmonument.blogspot.com. Her e-mail is norma.buchanan@gmail.com. Or give her a call at 393-4385.

I hope she succeeds. The west end of the Ogden City Cemetery is where a lot of Top of Utah's early settlers are buried: Farr, Broom, Benlap, Browning, Peery.

Don't watch your step — you, too, will trip over some history. But only if that history is taken care of.

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