

NEWSBEAT

Suspect facing new felony charges

OGDEN — An Ogden woman awaiting trial on a felony charge of driving under the influence of alcohol is facing more felony charges, including another DUI, after she fled from police twice in one day.

Police said Tamara Stephenson, 57, was involved in a hit-and-run accident around noon Wednesday at the intersection of Tyler Avenue and 25th Street. An officer was investigating the accident when Stephenson returned, this time speeding west down 25th Street, said Lt. Scott Sangberg.

The officer attempted to pull her over, but after she ran several stop signs and red lights, the officer decided it was too dangerous to continue the pursuit.

About three hours later, an Ogden detective spotted Stephenson's car pulling into the liquor store. He stopped her as she left and placed her under arrest, Sangberg said. But as police were wrapping up their investigation, Stephenson managed to get her handcuff undone and took off running.

An officer at the scene gave chase and took Stephenson back into custody, Sangberg said.

She was booked into the Weber County Jail and is facing felony on felony DUI charges, evading, escape from custody, open container, failure to remain at the scene of an accident and violation of a conditional license.

Weber Democrats to meet Saturday

OGDEN — On Saturday at 10 a.m., the Weber County Democrats are hosting an open house to celebrate the opening of their new campaign headquarters at 2650 Washington Blvd.

Representatives from the Ogden-Weber Education Association and the Weber School District have been invited to participate with Weber County Democratic candidates in a public forum on education issues.

Weber County Democratic candidates include: Bill Hansen, Senate District 19; Steve Olsen, Senate District 20; Lewis Johnson, county commission; Ava Painter, House District 6; Rob Reynolds, House District 7; Trent Alvord, House District 8; Neil Hansen, House District 9; Ed Allen, House District 10; Mark Openshaw, House District 11; Mark Sage, House District 12.

The public is invited to attend.

Weber reunion today and Saturday

OGDEN — Weber High School class of 1948 is having a 60th class reunion today and Saturday at Wolf Creek in Eden.

Golf, visiting and dinner will be today. Participants will stay overnight in the condos, with breakfast and more visiting Saturday morning. More than 100 people have signed up. A few extra meals and rooms are available for former classmates who did not sign up but who would like to come up to Wolf Creek and attend.

DAILY PICK

• **Mark Chesnutt**, the man from Beaumont, Texas, plays classic roadhouse music with a fresh twist. Doors open 6 p.m., Outlaw Saloon private club, 1254 W. 2100 South, Ogden. \$25/advance, \$30/day of Smith's Tix.

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COMING SATURDAY

Box Elder County Jail inmates soon will have to pay to stay.

Walker not out of woods

Legislators want ethics investigation of treasurer's race

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BOUNTIFUL — Five lawmakers who have called for an ethics investigation of a Republican legislator want to know: Who is Rep. Mark Walker's powerful friend?

Three Democrats and two Republican representatives have asked the House Ethics Committee to investigate whether Walker violated ethics rules connected to bribery allegations in his unsuccessful bid for the state treasurer's nomination. The group of five also want the Ethics Committee to find out

"whether another unnamed legislator colluded with Walker."

The Utah Attorney General's office reversed course Thursday and said it will initiate a criminal investigation of Walker after all.

Walker was defeated in the Republican primary this week amid allegations of election law violations made by his opponent, Richard Ellis. Currently the chief deputy state treasurer, Ellis accused Walker of offering him a pay raise and promising to retain him in his current position if he would drop out of the race.

In a news release, the attorney general's office said Walker would be guilty of a misdemeanor if the accusations are true. Republican Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings and Democratic Weber County Attorney Mark Decaria have been appointed to investigate.

Attorney General spokesman Scott



Troxel said the civil penalties in election law became moot after Walker lost the primary, which led to incorrect suggestions Wednesday that the investigation was over. On the contrary, he said, the attorney general's criminal division concluded that the criminal aspects of the law are still relevant, despite Walker's loss.

Walker had to forgo a re-election bid for the House to run for treasurer. Some legislators are trying to expand the ethics investigation to include more than just the lame duck.

The group of five lawmakers seized on one comment in Ellis' affidavit in particular.

"(Walker) also told me he could

'make it happen' and that he had talked with the person who could make it happen," the affidavit states.

Rep. Neil Hansen, D-Ogden, wants Walker, under oath, to tell them who that person is.

"Who are the people who are behind this? Who knew it?" Hansen said. "If (Walker) has nothing to hide, if he feels nothing is wrong, he needs to name who was with him in trying to do this. ... It has to be somebody with very powerful means who can garner the votes to make it happen."

Hansen said the list of possible identities of "the person" is long, but he believes the person must be a legislator who could increase the treasurer's office budget.

Hansen said the group calling for the ethics investigation — Hansen, Sheryl Allen, R-Bountiful; Steve Masca-

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THE FINAL FRONTIER



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Jeremy Huffman, 6 (left), makes adjustments to a space module replica during a "space walk" with the assistance of Colton Wheelwright, 14, on Thursday at Odyssey Elementary's Astro Camp in Ogden. The boys were taking part in a four-day exercise at the school, simulating all aspects of a NASA shuttle mission. Below, staff member Becca Robison, 17 (left), answers a question in the shuttle's simulated control center.

Ogden's Astro Camp helps kids blast off to space careers

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OGDEN — A loud beeping interrupted the intent silence of the cockpit crew.

Everyone jumped and several disappointed sighs escaped the crew — the mission would have to be delayed until the problem was identified and fixed.

Within minutes, mission control reported all was "go" again and the launch sequence continued.

Almost 300 Astro Camp students will experience space shuttle simulations this summer at Odyssey Elementary School. The school was built with high-tech simulators specifically for Astro Camp summer programs and field trips during the school year.

"There aren't many school districts that would come in and build this for us," said Ed Douglas, Astro Camp director. "We couldn't have done it without the Ogden district."

The school opened last fall, so this summer is the first round of camps for the facility.

Classrooms are converted into sleeping chambers with cots and sleeping bags, and audio from recorded launch and landing sequences plays in the elevator. Students spend four days at the school, training,



learning and completing missions from breakfast to bedtime.

Return campers were impressed with the upgrades from previous years.

"I like the shuttle sticking out of the building," said 13-year-old Gideon Zentz. He added the air conditioning was also a

huge plus.

Ed Douglas and his wife, Lois, started the program in 1993. Lois wrote the curriculum and Ed built the simulator. With the new facility and better technology available, Ed rewrote the entire simulation program — a hefty project considering each of the 256 simulator switches needs two PowerPoint slides

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100 pelts a month taken, officials estimate

Three arraigned in bobcat case

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OGDEN — Jared Beal and two accused accomplices were formally arraigned Thursday on multiple counts of wanton destruction of protected wildlife.

Beal, 40, of North Ogden, was charged last month with six third-degree felonies and six class A misdemeanors after an investigation that began more than a year ago involving more than a dozen state game wardens.

Officials estimated Beal may have been trapping and skinning close to 100 bobcats a month during the bobcat hunt that runs from November through February.

On Thursday, 2nd District Judge Parley Baldwin scheduled an Aug. 13 preliminary hearing for Beal and codefendants Jon Barker, 22, and Merlin Jorgensen, 62.

The latter are each charged with one count of third-degree felony wanton destruction of protected wildlife for aiding and assisting Beal, according to the charges.

Investigators were tipped off during the 2006 bobcat season when Beal was found to be selling 60 or more bobcat pelts a year in Wyoming, which has fewer restrictions on the taking of bobcats.

The Wyoming pelts are not included in the charges. Beal's bobcat hides were seized by the state Division of Wildlife Resources before they were sold when a search warrant was served on Beal's home in January.

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Council hits USU over teacher math preparation

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LOGAN — American universities are failing to prepare elementary teachers in math, according to a study released Thursday by the National Council on Teacher Quality.

The Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Resources at Utah State University was one of 77 programs reviewed by the committee and was one of 37 schools the study claims "fail on all lev-

els" in math preparation.

Only 13 percent of schools were shown to adequately prepare elementary teachers in math by the council's standards.

Sandi Jacobs, vice president of the national organization, said increasing consistency in content on Teacher Quality

was one of the most significant findings. "Across the country, there is tremendous variation in how elementary teachers are prepared in math. There is absolutely

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A GALLANT EFFORT

Kaysville postal workers' CPR can't save stricken man

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KAYSVILLE — Two postal clerks who tried to save a 46-year-old Kaysville man's life hope he will beat the odds but are prepared for the worst.

Doctors also are preparing Todd Richard Hess' family for the worst. They plan to take him off the ventilator today.

The family still says the clerks' efforts means their son's organs can help others.

Kellie Quinley, 29, and Chris Urbick, 31, were working at the front desk behind the counter at the Kaysville Post Office at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday when a customer came in from the post office box lobby.

"He said a man had fallen down in the P.O. box section and someone needed to call 911," Urbick said.

Quinley has been with the post office for a year. Before that she worked as a dispatcher with Davis County Sheriff's Office for six years.

Urbick, who has worked for

the post office for three years, is a technical sergeant with the Utah Air National Guard 109th Air Control Squadron.

Both have had regular cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and so they left their other customers behind and ran into the lobby. Another postal clerk called 911.

They said they couldn't find a pulse and it was obvious Hess wasn't breathing. Meanwhile three phone calls went to 911.

"I looked around the corner and saw them working on him," said Postmaster Cal Bambrugh. "I'm really proud of them because what I felt when I saw them was fear. I had no idea what to do to help."

What needed to be done came without thought to the pair.

"We just started doing (CPR)," said Quinley, who did the chest compressions. "I didn't even think about it. I've given the directions so many times over the phone, that it was just in my head, and I



Chris Urbick (left) and Kelli Quinley, employees at the Kaysville Post Office, performed CPR on a man who collapsed Thursday at the post office.

knew from the last CPR class that the compressions were important."

Urbick was going to give mouth-to-mouth breathing, but decided it wasn't a good idea when they both saw blood coming out of Hess' mouth and nose.

"I would've just put fluid back in his lungs," Urbick said.

"We've always been told to 'do no harm,'" Quinley said.

Within three minutes, Kaysville and Davis County Sheriff's paramedics were on the scene, she said. But those three minutes felt longer than Quinley expected and doing the actual chest compressions was harder than she thought it would be.

Vince and Suzanne Hess, of Farmington, said their son's doctors are planning to take

the father of five off the ventilator today.

"He's gone," Suzanne Hess said.

"The postal workers did a great job," Vince Hess said, his voice choking on tears. "What they did will now benefit others." Vince Hess said his son is an organ donor.

They said doctors do not know why their son collapsed.

An aneurysm was found on a CT scan at the Hospital. Hess was then flown to the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray.

Doctors do not know if the aneurysm existed before or after he fell, the couple said.

Bambrugh said the incident made him see the importance of taking a CPR course, and he hopes to get more of his 45 employees trained in CPR.

DaVinci

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obstacles, including firing executive director Lewis Reese in January 2007.

"There were a series of things that really shook the school to its core, and the board has worked tirelessly," Soleil said. "I am so thrilled that they were picked. We are so proud of how hard the

board, the staff and Jessie Kidd have worked."

Members of the school's board of directors call Kidd a driving force behind the success of the school. Kidd was appointed first as interim executive director and then executive director in July 2007.

"We have a great new director who has shown superior administrative leadership in promoting democracy and open communication among our DaVinci stakeholders," said Paula Dugan, president of

the board of directors.

Kidd's leadership has also been noted at the state level.

"She asks the questions that need to be asked," Burns said.

"My question is always, 'Is it true to mission?'" Kidd said.

Amsel said Kidd's enthusiasm is exhibited throughout the school.

"It's just wonderful to see people excited and passionate about schools. There's a lot of energy at DaVinci," Amsel said.

DaVinci serves grades nine through 12 and is one of more than 60 charter schools that will be open this fall. Charter schools are public schools that operate outside of traditional school districts.

Enrollment is still open for the coming school year, Dugan said. The school is open Monday through Thursday until noon and can be reached at 409-0702.

More information is also available at www.davinciacademy.org.

Space

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and requires six to eight steps worth of script and programming to keep them interactive.

"For nine months I didn't get any sleep," he said. NASA provided the program with DVDs of footage from actual launches, and Ed simplified NASA launch sequences into simulations 32 students can take part in.

"What we really want to do is build successful

kids," Lois said. "Building confidence in kids is really important."

Teamwork is heavily stressed at the camp.

"We try really hard to instill in the kids that the most important person in the mission is the person whose turn it is, because if it's your turn then 31 people are depending on you," Ed said.

High school and college students with extensive camp experience serve as team leaders as well as role models, Lois said.

"They're a lot of fun, but they're very successful

academically. We want them to see there is no such thing as a nerd," she said. "We feel like our team leaders are a real strength in that respect."

There will be nine camps this summer, and the district also offers a physics camp.

"It's just a really fun thing to do," said 14-year-old Taylor Olpin. "It might seem like a hard thing to do, but you forget you're not at home really fast."

The program is open to any fourth- to eighth-grade student. Students are accepted on a first-come,

first-serve basis, and the cost is about \$65 per day.

More information is available at www.astrocamp Utah.org.

Walker

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ro, R-West Jordan; Rosalind McGee, D-Salt Lake City; and Phil Riesen, D-Salt Lake City — feels an obligation to protect the integrity of the House of Representatives.

The complaint from the five representatives also requests a ruling on whether Walker's vote to increase the salary of the treasurer's position two years prior makes his own run for that seat a violation of House ethics rules.

Walker denies offering Ellis a raise, much less mentioning that some power broker would arrange for the money to make it happen. He said he believes the issue is moot.

"I've lost my race. I'm done. What's their motivation?"

He scoffed at the idea that the lawmakers are seeking truth and integrity, and he suggested the effort is merely a means to smear

Republican leadership. "I don't think there's any question," he said. "That's about as clear as day."

The ethics committee is made up of four members from each party. The committee has subpoena power to demand testimony. If the members split evenly on whether to initiate an investigation, Hansen said, the tie would result in no investigation being done.

Ellis sued the lieutenant governor to initiate an investigation prior to the primary. He said he has no opinion on whether an ethics investigation should be conducted.

"That's out of my hands," he said. "Under the statute, I've fulfilled my responsibility and obligation (by filing a complaint). ... The ball is in their court."

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bobcats for 20 years or more, officials said.

Deputy Weber County Attorney Gary Hewitt said Thursday it would be "pure speculation" to say whether Beal in prior years was trapping as many bobcats as he now is accused of trapping illegally.

"It would be almost impossible to reconstruct the evidence to prove past cases," he

said. For Utah's "furbearer's season," which also includes fox and other animals, each bobcat trapper is eligible for six permits, with one bobcat allowed per permit.

Beal had legal permits for only six bobcats during the most recent season, according to the charges, but used additional permits in the names of family and friends.

The allegations involve bobcats trapped and killed in Weber, Box Elder and Tooele counties.

Though commonly re-

ferred to as a hunt, the animals are usually trapped rather than shot to preserve hides for sale. Bobcat hides are the most valuable of those taken during the furbearer's season, sold for anywhere from several hundred dollars to more than \$1,000 each.

The bobcats were caught with metal traps with toothless clamps that are spring activated when the animal steps into them, officials said, as opposed to box traps or wire snares. The carcasses are discarded after the hide is skinned, usually removed in one piece.

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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Bountiful Dealer To Offer Gas For 99¢ Per Gallon¹ Through 2008 & To Sell Vehicles For Just \$29² Down & \$99³ Per Month! Customers To Pay Just 99¢ Per Gallon Until 2009 When They Purchase Any Vehicle This Tuesday, June 24th, Thru Saturday, June 25th!

Clair Wilson
Staff Writer

BOUNTIFUL, UT — Mr. Randy Hayes, General Sales Manager of Bountiful Lincoln Mercury, just announced that he has issued directives to the management and sales staff at the dealership to accept all reasonable offers from any customer who purchases a vehicle between now and Saturday, June 28th. He states that he has several local auto loan specialists willing to waive all payments for 90 days with approved credit and he will sell pre-owned vehicles for as low as \$29² down and \$99³ per month! Add gas for only 99¢ a gallon for the rest of the year¹ and that's an unbeatable deal! All recent trade-ins, lease returns, service loaner vehicles and dealer demos will be at Bountiful Lincoln Mercury to be sold off during this event.

This unprecedented 5-day sell-off event is scheduled for this Tuesday, June 24th, through Saturday, June 28th. This event must take place regardless of any weather conditions that may arise.

Hayes offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale. "We've had record sales due, in part, to recent manufacturer discount pricing programs. As a result we are now extremely well-stocked with hundreds of new and late-model, low mileage trade-ins, most with the remainder of the manufacturers' warranties still in effect." He adds, "During this massive sales event we will offer unbelievable discounts on all of these pre-owned vehicles at just \$29² down and only \$99³ per month. As you can see I am committed to doing whatever it takes to sell off our entire inventory of pre-owned vehicles by month's end, even if people have had serious credit problems in the past. We've arranged for several finance representatives to be on-site each day to assist those with past credit issues. We can finance all qualified buyers."

He also points out that in most instances their prices could be thousands lower than local auction prices.

"Current automotive market conditions indicate that the best values exist in the pre-owned market," whether leased or purchased, (paid off or not). You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to purchase a pre-owned car, truck, minivan, sport utility, luxury, or economy vehicle with an unbelievably low down payment of just \$29² and monthly payments of \$99³ per month! Hayes reminds prospective buyers, "We will waive all payments for 90 days with approved credit, plus give buyers free oil changes for one full year. We will make sure that we can complete every deal during store hours. No overnight camping or squatting will be permitted."

Those wishing to beat the rush should shop early and take advantage of our extended sale hours over these five days at Bountiful Lincoln Mercury, located at 2773 Main Street in Bountiful, UT. For further info on this sell-off, please call:

"Gas for 99¢ a gallon until the end of the year¹, plus cars for \$29 down and \$99 a month³."

— Randy Hayes, GSM

There will be an enormous selection of vehicles to choose from, including Lincoln, Mercury, Jeep, Dodge, Pontiac, Ford, Toyota, Chevrolet and more.

"Remember, interest rates are still very low but are poised to rise in the near future. Most of all, we've got over a million dollars worth of inventory—that's hundreds of new and pre-owned cars, trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles to choose from. It can't get any better for the serious auto buyer," says Hayes.

For auto shoppers looking for a very low payment and price there will be many choices, including a 2001 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 for just \$29² down and \$99³ per month. Sample payments will be clearly marked on all vehicles. All you'll need to do is obtain credit approval, then pick a vehicle and a payment. It's that simple.

"We are flooded with used vehicles that must be sold or shipped to auctions located throughout the Northwest United States, which will cost us thousands in shipping costs that we want to avoid," says Hayes.

He cites another example, a 2002 Suzuki Grand Vitara for only \$29² down and \$129³ per month. For those auto shoppers looking to trade their current vehicle, all trades will be

processed for 100% of their current Kelley Blue Book value⁴, whether leased or purchased, (paid off or not). You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to purchase a pre-owned car, truck, minivan, sport utility, luxury, or economy vehicle with an unbelievably low down payment of just \$29² and monthly payments of \$99³ per month! Hayes reminds prospective buyers, "We will waive all payments for 90 days with approved credit, plus give buyers free oil changes for one full year. We will make sure that we can complete every deal during store hours. No overnight camping or squatting will be permitted."

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no common denominator," Jacobs said.

Low admissions requirements were identified as a major problem. Potential teachers already score lower on the SAT and other entrance exams than their college-bound peers, but the differences are especially striking in math. Insecureities about math at the teacher level lead to poor performance by students, the study states.

"Evidence suggests that countries around the world typically have about three times more elementary teachers who major or minor in mathematics," it reads.

Jim Dorward, associate dean for research, said he's seen that anxiety among Utah State students.

"That is what concerns me most," he said. "It just perpetuates this cycle. The people that need to know the most about math are those primary level teachers."

Dorward said he would love to see more classes taught on math education, but elementary teachers must be basically proficient in every subject area, not just math.

In order for students to graduate in four years, the program must be kept balanced, he said.

Nationwide USU ranks 24th overall in a field of more than 1,200 education programs and ranks third in research funding, according to U.S. News and World Report.

"We are continually reminded by superintendents in the state that our students are the most valued new teachers in their district," Dorward said. "We do a very good job of preparing teachers in the classroom."

The study looked at syllabi information and textbooks for 77 education programs. It did examine quality of instruction. The report is titled "No Common Denominator: The Preparation of Elementary Teachers in Mathematics by America's Education Schools."

USU was the only Utah university selected for the study.