



## In brief

### Utah

#### Four indicted in alleged \$30M tax-evasion plot

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a husband and wife and two other Salt Lake County residents in an alleged \$30 million tax-evasion scheme. U.S. Attorney Brett Tolman says the defendants took private companies public and enlisted others to serve as officers and sell stock for cash that was moved through more than 50 bank and brokerage accounts.

Investigators say the defendants used the stock sales to buy vehicles and pay for home mortgages, remodeling work and private-school tuition, and even to cover gambling debts, without reporting it as income.

A lawyer for one of the defendants, Adrian A. Wilson, says he will vigorously contest the charges.

## Agendas

✓ **The Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board** will meet at 8 a.m. in the Environmental Department Classroom, 450 N. 1000 West in Logan. Agenda items include:

- Hearing announcements, including the new edition of Kill-A-Watt news, the commercial lighting incentive being launched and Save-A-Watt.
- Discussing brainstorming for the future and nominations for board members.
- Hearing additional items for consideration.
- Discussing the next meeting tentatively set for August 5.

✓ **The Edith Bowen Laboratory School Governing Board** will meet at 1 p.m. at 6700 Old Main Hill, Logan. Agenda items include:

- Discussing and considering approving minutes, personnel changes and the calendar for 2009-10 board meetings.
- Hearing reports from the principal and business manager.
- Having public participation.

✓ **The Thomas Edison Charter Schools Governing Board** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at 80 E. 2600 North, North Logan. Agenda items include:

- Hearing public comment.
- Recognizing National History Day award winners.
- Viewing a presentation on emergency preparedness.
- Hearing a principal's report and finance report.
- Discussing personnel requests.
- Discussing Edison North carpet repairs.
- Discussing a contract renewal for business consultant Jim Peterson.
- Discussing a confidential information policy.
- Hearing public comment.
- Discussing board training.

✓ **The Wellsville City Council** will meet at 6 p.m. in city offices, 75 E. Main St. Agenda items include:

- Discussing a business license for Philip Rasmussen.
- Conducting a public hearing to receive input and consider a request from Loyal Green to abandon the Green Acre subdivision at 825 E. Main St.
- Discussing Founders Day.
- Considering a request for approval of a preliminary plat for the Smith subdivision at 111 S. 450 East, which contains a total of three lots (two additional building lots).
- Considering for approval the final plat for phase 1 of the Sterling Ridge subdivision on property on the west side of Center Street from about 1450 South to 1600 South. Phase 1 contains a total of nine lots out of the total of 36 lots in the total subdivision.
- Continuing discussion on problems associated with large organized bike rides in the city.
- Hearing department reports.
- Hearing city manager and the recorders report.
- Discussing water coverage with Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Howard.

## Logan area jobless rate creeps up

By Emilie H. Wheeler  
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Unemployment rates for the Logan Metropolitan Area increased slightly from April to May, according to a report released Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the U.S. Department of Labor. In May, the local rate of joblessness was reported at 4.1 percent, up slightly from April's 3.9 percent.

Overall, Utah's unemployment rate in May was 5.2 percent, a slight increase from 5.1

percent in April. All rates issued in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Logan still boasts the lowest unemployment rate of any metro area in the state. The next lowest is Provo-Orem at 4.8 percent. All of Utah's metro areas saw slightly increased jobless rates from April to May except St. George, which remained constant at 6.7 percent.

The Salt Lake and Ogden-Clearfield areas both saw unemployment rates jump from 5 percent to 5.2 percent from April to May.

Logan is one of only 21 areas nationwide to register a rate below 5 percent. The national average in May was 9.1 percent, up from 5.2 percent a year earlier.

A year ago, Logan's rate sat at 2.4 percent, and Utah's jobless rate was 3.1 percent.

For the fifth consecutive month, all 372 metropolitan areas had over-the-year unemployment rate increases. In May, 112 areas reported jobless rates of at least 10 percent, up from 6 percent a year earlier, while 97 areas posted rates below 7

percent. That's down from May 2008's 333 areas.

While El Centro, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., continue to register the highest rates (26.8 percent and 23.3 percent), Bismarck, N.D., registered the lowest rate in May at 3.5 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics releases several reports each month, including metropolitan area unemployment data. It will release figures for June on July 29.

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## A sense of Place

Local spots and what they mean to people

# Sweet, ripe research

### USU's Teaching Greenhouse a marketplace for fruits of the lab

By Matthew K. Jensen  
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The 90-degree weather is just icing on the cake when you've got a banner on the side of your greenhouse advertising fresh strawberries.

Patrons from one end of the valley to the other noticed the sign on the Dale W. and Adele C. Young Teaching Greenhouse at Utah State University on the corner of 800 East and 1400 North and came through the doors asking where to find the fresh fruits.

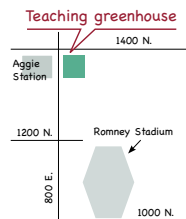
The strawberries are noticeably different at the greenhouse though, and every customer mentions it. The fruit is kept in an upright refrigerated case with sliding glass doors that can't keep back the sweet, ripe smell. The berries are also smaller than those bought in a supermarket but are a lot sweeter.

The sign lured Dick and Marj Schild of Sun City, Ariz., inside. The couple has been in Logan for just two weeks and said their visit to the spot was their first but won't be their last.

"We don't know what the rest of the produce will be until later in the summer," said Marj, as her husband purchased a small box of bright-red strawberries. The couple said they plan on eating them plain — the best way, they explained.



Whitney Robbins, front, and Dave Neiswender carry plants to a customer's vehicle at the Dale W. and Adele C. Young Teaching Greenhouse on campus at Utah State University on Tuesday. **Below left:** Petunias sit on a table at the greenhouse.



Greenhouse manager Dave Neiswender said he's seen some of the same customers in the teaching facility for



## Coordinates

**SUMMARY:** The Dale W. and Adele C. Young Teaching Greenhouse at Utah State University is open throughout the year and offers decorative plants and produce to the community at competitive prices.

**UNIQUE FACT:** The greenhouse was torn down and remodeled in 2000 around one wall that was left standing to avoid complete reconstruction.

**Quote:** "We're gonna eat 'em plain."  
— Marj Schild, a woman visiting the Teaching Greenhouse, referring to the strawberries she just purchased.

20 years.

"They like our plants a lot better than other places," he said. "From what I've seen over the years, and I've been here for a lot of years, is we get the same people over and over again every year, in the spring especially."

The purpose of the greenhouse is to sell plants and produce that are grown by researchers in various university facilities. In addition to its retail function, plants are kept on display there for USU horticulture classes to learn from.

Cindy Lundskog and her daughter, Megan, of Mt. Sterling showed up to buy plants, not strawberries, on Tuesday.

Megan stood with a small forget-me-not in her hand while her mother looked through the inventory, sorting out the best specimens for a car ride back home.

"It's fun to come and see what they have, especially the perennials," said Cindy. "We have a flower garden and a vegetable garden we like to do it; it's a lot of fun."

Neiswender says a lot of sales come from bedding plants that customers use for ground cover. Poinsettias and hanging flower baskets are also popular in their seasons.

"Our bedding plants are fresh," he added. "We start

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## Geologist publishes Colorado Plateau study

Herald Journal staff report

Utah State University geologist Joel Pederson has published a paper explaining what caused the uplift of the 130,000 square miles of the Colorado Plateau area, contributing to the formation of such landmarks as the Grand Canyon and Arches and Zion national parks.

For years, scientists have disputed what caused the land in the plateau to reach 6,000 feet above sea level before eroding to create the area's signature buttes, canyons and

arches. Pederson, along with colleagues from the University of New Mexico and the University of Southern California, used computers and advanced mathematical models to determine the causes of the increase in elevation.

The researchers made use of data gained earlier through computer research by Pederson and his students.

"We exhaustively mapped out these values using GIS and made a virtual model of the entire region," Pederson said. "We were able to calculate total

uplift and its distribution, but we were still missing information about the parts that made up this total."

Using a mathematical model developed by UNM researcher Mousumi Roy, they calculated the impact of the various forces that played into the uplift of the area. The result allowed the team to determine how much the heating of the lithosphere — the earth's outer layer of the Earth, made up of the crust and upper mantle — played a role in the increased elevation in the area.

"Roy's model shows how heating of the lithosphere has gradually permeated the region over 30 to 40 million years, causing a widespread area of rock to become buoyant and result in more than a kilometer of uplift," Pederson said. "This is exciting because this mathematical model solves the final piece of the uplift equation adding up to the sum of the parts."

The article, authored by Pederson, Roy and USC's Thomas H. Jordan, was published in the June 18 issue of "Nature."