



In brief

USU Ceramics Guild spring sale this week

Students in Utah State University's Ceramics Guild plan a spring sale with proceeds supporting the guild and its activities.

The USU Ceramics Guild spring sale begins at 5 p.m. Thursday and continues through Saturday, Friday and Saturday sale hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale is held in the ceramics studio, Fine Arts Visual, Room 123.

Everyone is invited to join guild members at an opening reception Thursday evening, where refreshments will be provided.

Guild members have worked to create beautiful, handmade pottery for the sale. Prices begin at \$8. Cash and checks are accepted.

For information, contact USU's ceramics program in the department of art, 797-3566, or e-mail Michiko Zaharias at michiko.z@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Utah

Gov. Herbert: UTA chief's pay 'a tad' high

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Gov. Gary Herbert says the salary for the Utah Transit Authority's top executive may be "a tad excessive" and deserves further scrutiny.

UTA chief executive officer John English receives more than \$339,000 a year in compensation.

Herbert did not specify what he thought English's compensation should be. The agency's 19 board members set English's salary. They are appointed by a number of elected officials from local and state government. The governor names one board member.

Larry Ellertson, chairman of UTA's board of trustees, said he would welcome a discussion of the matter with Herbert. He says a market study UTA used to arrive at English's base pay shows him in the midrange.

Judge denies 1999 murder case dismissal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge has denied defense motions in connection with the 1999 murder of a University of Utah student.

Among others, 3rd District Judge Deno Himonas on Friday denied a motion to dismiss all charges against Donald Young based on a claim he was not in Utah at the time of the slaying.

The 43-year-old Young is charged with capital murder and eight other felonies in the August 1999 fatal stabbing of 22-year-old Amy Quinton.

Agendas

✓ The Preston City Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. at 70 W. Oneida St.

- Agenda items include:
 - Discussing business licenses.
 - Discussing New York Deli's request for awnings on sidewalks.
 - Discussing the Preston Auto Parts utility bill.
 - Discussing a painting of Fackrell Pavilion at City Park.
 - Discussing the Festival of Lights committee.
 - Discussing Idaho Department of Commerce contract amendment.
 - Discussing West First South sewer project.
 - Discussing a proposed ordinance for impact fees.
 - Discussing the city/county impact area.
 - Discussing the county commissioner report.

USU's 'Green Beam' to shine again

Herald Journal staff report

This semester's final Science Unwrapped presentation at Utah State University will feature the "Green Beam," a bright green laser atop the Science Engineering Research building.

Although tight funding has limited the lidar's use in recent years, the familiar

green beam will shine during the Friday presentation, titled "Light Years: The 50th Anniversary of LASER."

The Green Beam is formally known as the Rayleigh Scatter Lidar. It is used to study atmospheric dynamics.

John Sohl, atomic and laser physicist for Weber State University, will present at Friday's event. Following his presenta-

tion, attendees are invited to try hands-on activities, including an exhibit developed by USU's award-winning chapter of the Society of Physics Students. The undergraduate student group received one of 20 national LaserFest Outreach Grants and has created laser mirror mazes to share with the community.

Free refreshments will be

served. The presentation is in Room 130 of the Eccles Science Learning Center on campus. Admission is free, and the presentation is open to all ages. The event starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 797-3517, visit www.usu.edu/science/unwrapped or view Science Unwrapped at USU on Facebook.



Riding right

Jonah Bethers rides through a set of cones during a bike rodeo at Greenville Elementary School on Friday afternoon. Kendal Pugh organized the event for the students as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Eli Lucero/Herald Journal

USU expert advises Georgian farmers

Herald Journal staff report

Justen Smith, a Utah State University Extension agriculture/4-H agent for Davis County, recently returned from a volunteer assignment to the Republic of Georgia, where he worked to address the shortage of agricultural machinery, a problem that limits production as well as long-term growth in Georgia's agricultural sector.

The trip was a project with

CNFA, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening agricultural markets and empowering entrepreneurs in the developing world. Smith worked with CNFA staff in Georgia to develop the training components of the Access to Mechanization Project.

Smith has completed assignments in more than 30 countries, focusing on livestock or horticulture development, even if the necessary resources and

equipment were lacking.

While in Georgia, Smith had the opportunity to interact with local farmers who were enthusiastic, appreciative and asked a lot of questions, he said.

"While Extension services have been available in the United States for more than 100 years, farmers in developing countries value these much-needed services because they are not readily available," Smith said.

Poll: Most delegates don't want Bennett

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sen. Bob Bennett's 18-year career could be in jeopardy at the Utah Republican convention in two weeks, according to a poll of state GOP delegates.

The poll commissioned by the Deseret News and KSL-TV found that 59.5 percent of state Republican delegates don't want Bennett to serve another term.

Bennett could lose the nomination if any of his challengers win 60 percent of the convention vote May 8.

Bennett said his strongest challenger is Utah attorney Mike Lee, one of seven others trying to grab the party's nomination.

"It appears this is a two-man race," Bennett told the Deseret News.

No U.S. senator from Utah has been run out of office before a general election since the early 1940s.

Bennett said he was confident he would survive the convention and was expecting he would be forced into a primary runoff in June.

The poll of 525 GOP delegates was conducted by Dan Jones & Associates over a week ending April 20 and had a margin of error of 3.6 percentage points.

Bennett may be in trouble with committed delegates, but he leads in another poll taken by Dan Jones.

The second poll found that 27 percent of Utah voters favored Bennett. His closest competitor was Lee

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Citizen journalism

A sample of recent submissions at YourCacheValley.com

Franklin County health expo fun, informative



Clowning around at the Franklin County Medical Center Health and Wellness Expo.

By 'cmroschell'

Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Preston High School gymnasium, there were clowns, a ringmaster, circus peanuts, and BLOODSUCKERS! Maybe not the kind in the "Twilight" movies, but people were willingly paying to have their blood taken.

The Health and Wellness Expo 2010 sponsored by the Franklin County Medical Center was in full swing with the theme "Under the Big Top of Health." It was a fun time for all. Activities for the young and old alike, prizes to be won, and many booths to educate us in many ways to help with better health and safety.

One of the exhibitors was the Franklin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. They had



Sherri Jo Garner helps out at the Franklin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee Safety Exhibit at the health expo.

a safety exhibit, provided items to help with safety, and you could register to win two ATV helmets donated by Northstar's Ultimate Outdoors. If you missed it this year, be sure to make it a priority to attend next year.

To participate ...

Do you want to share your talents, observations, opinions with fellow Cache Valley residents? Do you have a news item you'd like to report? Post your material at YourCacheValley.com. Submissions there are showcased in The Herald Journal each Monday.

