



In brief

Logan

AVA offering arts camp for children

The Alliance for the Varied Arts is offering a summer arts camp for children ages 5 to 11. Different media will be explored in the camp, which is divided into two parts — "The Beautiful Desert," June 15 to 25, and "Jungle Fun," July 27 to Aug. 6.

Both will feature music, ceramics, visual art, drama, dance and cooking. Jungle Fun also includes African drumming. Both camps have two time options to choose from. The morning session runs from 9 a.m. to noon; the afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

Sessions are held Monday to Thursday. Cost is \$80 per child; AVA members will receive a 10 percent discount. Enrollment is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information, visit www.avaarts.org or call 753-2970.

Utah

Officials identify 4 more 'probable' cases of swine flu

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State health officials say the number of 'probable' swine flu cases in Utah has grown to 13. In a news release Sunday, the Utah Department of Health says four new cases have been identified by Summit County health officials.

Utah's only confirmed case of the H1N1 virus was also identified in Summit County.

Summit County health officials say the virus was contracted by a Park City school student while traveling to Mexico over spring break. The child has fully recovered.

UDOH says no additional cases of swine flu have been confirmed by labs at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Huntsville Valley School to close after 148 years

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — After 148 years of homework assignments, pop quizzes, dances, sporting events and one rogue bear, the Huntsville Valley School is closing its doors. A mainstay of the community, the school building needs refurbishing. But cost estimates placed the price tag at almost as much as a new school.

Weber School District officials are opting to build a more centrally located school in nearby Eden, rather than make repairs.

Huntsville Town Councilman Jim Truett says the school is part of the community's heritage.

"It's like we're losing a big part of ourselves," said Joseph Harris, a former student.

Agendas

- ✓ The Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Cache Administration Building, 179 N. Main St. Agenda items include:
 - Approving minutes and bills.
 - Considering approving the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program.
 - Conducting a public hearing for the CMPO FY10 budget.
 - Considering adopting resolution 2009-4, the CMPO FY10 budget.
 - Updating the bike route sign project.
 - Discussing Hyrum city's SR 101 roadway maintenance issue.
 - Updating the 2009 TIP administrative amendment 2009-4: transit stimulus funds (minor scope change).
 - Hearing project updates.

Schools prepare in case of swine flu

By Devin Felix
staff writer

Schools in Cache Valley are calm but prepared to respond if the dreaded H1N1 virus — commonly known as swine flu — turns up in students in the valley.

Representatives of the Cache County and Logan city school districts said they have fielded multiple calls from parents wondering about the schools' plans for dealing with a pos-

sible infection. Those concerns have likely been fueled by the decision of the Park City School District's superintendent to cancel school throughout that entire district Thursday in response to probable infections among several of its students.

"We've tried to not create a panic situation but to be sure everyone is aware and watching," said Mike Monson, support services director for the Logan district.

Monson and Cache District Deputy Superintendent Mike Liechty each said school- or district-wide closures such as in Park City could be likely if a case of the disease turns up among students.

"I hope we don't have to go to that, but you never know," Liechty said.

Both districts have posted notices on their Web pages encouraging parents to help prevent the possible spread of disease by having their children

wash their hands frequently, cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing and other precautions to prevent the spread of disease.

The districts have also asked parents and school staff to be particularly attentive to students who display flu symptoms. Parents have been asked to keep their children home if they are sick and to be prepared to take their children home

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Alan Murray/Herald Journal

Members of the Latino Student Union of Utah State University dance at the Cinco de Mayo festivities at the Cache County Fairgrounds in Logan on Saturday.

Cache Valley fiesta

Logan throws 1st official Cinco de Mayo celebration

By Devin Felix
staff writer

Neither rain, nor wind, nor more rain and wind was enough to keep several hundred Cache Valley residents from having a good time at Logan's first official Cinco de Mayo celebration Saturday.

Held at the Cache County Fairgrounds, the event featured musicians, food vendors, Mexican professional wrestlers, clowns, children's games, folk dancers and more. It also featured a lot of rain, but that wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of those who organized and participated in the event.

Events were moved into the fairgrounds' buildings or under awnings to keep out the rain, and people bundled up against the wind and cold.

"Even with the rain, we are here. We will survive," said Leo Bravo, director of the Multicultural Center of Cache Valley, which organized and sponsored the event, along with Club New York.

Though Cinco de Mayo is traditionally celebrated by Hispanics, the event's organizers hoped to create an event that would have a cross-cultural appeal, Chanson said. A mix of Caucasian, Hispanic and other ethnic groups attended Saturday.

"The Multicultural Center wanted to put on an event that would bring the different cultures together, and we thought Cinco de Mayo would be perfect for that," said Blaise Chanson, chair of the center's board of directors.

Chanson said the center also hoped to spread awareness among the community of its mission of helping minorities to integrate into the community while retaining their heritage.

The holiday commemorates a battle on May 5, 1862, when a Mexican army of 4,000 defeated a French army twice its size

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USU plans three new programs for fall '09

By Kim Burgess
staff writer

Utah State University will soon offer three new programs through its Regional Campuses and Distance Education system.

In fall 2009, the school plans to launch a bachelor's degree in management information systems taught via interactive broadcast. New minors in journalism and Spanish will be available online.

The MIS bachelor's degree, offered in partnership with USU's Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, will come to the regional campuses (located in Brigham City, Uintah Basin and Tooele) as well as a number of smaller USU education centers across the state. The major prepares students to work on computer issues within businesses.

"We are working hard to expand our degree offerings to meet the growing needs of our current and potential students," said Vince Laferty, executive director for Regional Campuses and Distance Education of the new offerings. "In this uncertain economy, many people are deciding to start or finish a degree."

The minor in journalism, offered online, now has only an emphasis in

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Citizen journalism

A sample of recent submissions at YourCacheValley.com

The challenges of life with an 'angel'

By lola75

Life with an angel ... sounds just heavenly, doesn't it? It does have its amazing, heavenly moments, but there are also moments that seem much more like hell than heaven. Maybe I should explain what an angel is. An angel is the affectionate term used to refer to a person who has Angelman Syndrome (AS). It is a rare genetic condition that is characterized by developmental delays, lack of speech, seizures, difficulty walking and a happy nature (sometimes inappropriate laughter).

The heavenly moments come from the happy nature these children have. They love completely unconditionally, and they love everyone in their life. They love you regardless of whether or not they (or you) are having a bad day. They see the world from a perspective that enables them to see the good in everyone and everything. They have a laugh that is absolutely infectious and can lighten the mood in any room. These are the heavenly moments.

Then there are the hellish moments. Some may think it is when you get the diagnosis. Yeah, that is hard, but



Zachary, our angel

it was easy compared to so many other moments. The seizures are horrible because you feel so powerless to help your child. Sometimes they only last a few seconds, but

sometimes they go on for 5, 10, 45 minutes. Each minute feels like an hour. Abnormal sleep patterns are common in AS. I can tell you, going months without one uninterrupted night's sleep is draining beyond description. Sometimes they wake up and you just need to reassure them that you are just in the next room. They go back to sleep or at least play quietly so you can go back to sleep. Sometimes they wake up at 3 a.m. and want you to stay with them ... for hours.

The absolute worst moments are when you watch

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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.

Obituaries

Maurice Merrill

LOGAN, Utah — Maurice Webb Merrill, 87, passed away with his children at his side on May 3, 2009, in Logan.

He was born May 15, 1921, in Preston, Idaho, to Mariner Oran and Flossie Webb Merrill.

Upon graduating from high school he moved to Moscow, Idaho, to attend the University of Idaho. He later decided to join the Army and was stationed in Miami, Fla., until he received a medical discharge. He then moved to Washington, D.C., to be close to his sister and was introduced to the love of his life and soon-to-be bride, Clara Jean Beets. They were married on Sept. 29, 1945.

They moved to Chicago, Ill., so he could attend optometry school. After graduating, they made their final move to Logan, Utah, where he set up his practice. He was loved by his patients and continued to receive wonderful comments of his great service long after his retirement. He loved talking with people. He refused to put up a fence in his backyard because he would enjoy sitting outside greeting people as they were playing golf.

Maurice and Jean had three children: Patricia (James) Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah, Roger (Debbie) Merrill of Pollock Pines, Calif., and Vickie (Jay) Kries of Providence, Utah. They also have nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His bride passed away in August 2000, and he was so very anxious to see her again. Now they are together again. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kelton Merrill; and by a sister, Maxine McNutt.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Logan City Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lundstrom Park 3rd Ward LDS Church, 1260 N. 1600 East, Logan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CAPSA by calling 435-752-4493. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.webbmortuary.com.

Ruth Newbold

PRESTON, Idaho — Ruth Elaine Morgan Newbold, 70, slipped peacefully into the waiting arms of her loving Heavenly Father on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at her daughter's home in North Logan, Utah, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1938, the middle child of three and only daughter to George and Bernice Morgan.

Ruth was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed crocheting, genealogy and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was a faithful and active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many positions in her ward over the years. At the time of her death she was a Logan temple worker and Webelos Scout leader. She will be greatly missed in these positions.

Ruth is survived by her husband and eternal companion, Rex Morris Newbold Jr., and her children, Lori (Hugh) Smith, Gerald Kellogg and Robert (Mary) Kellogg. She also has 10 grandchildren and countless "adoptive" children and grandchildren as well. She is also survived by her youngest brother, Ronald (Annie) Morgan; sister-in-law, Ruth Morgan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, and her brother, Richard Morgan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 6, in the Preston South Stake Center, 55 E. First South, Preston, with Bishop Jason Travis conducting. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Webb Funeral Home, 109 E. Oneida, Preston, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the stake center. Interment will be in the Whitney (Idaho) Cemetery. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.webbmortuary.com.

Obituary policy

The price for obituaries and cards of condolence is \$6 per column inch. Obituaries are measured columns wide by inches deep, including photographs. For more information, call 752-2121.

Swine

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He said officials would decide today whether to extend the shutdown or allow schools and businesses to reopen on Wednesday.

Pablo Kuri, an epidemiologist advising Cordova, told The Associated Press on Sunday that tests have confirmed a swine flu death in Mexico City on April 11, two days earlier than what had been believed to be the first death.

He also said there have been no deaths among health care workers treating swine flu patients in Mexico, an indication that the virus may not be as contagious or virulent as initially feared.

The closed events made for a surreal Sunday in Mexico, as parishioners celebrated Mass via television, camera operators were the only ones in stadium bleachers and parks, museums, restaurants, theaters and other attractions were closed.

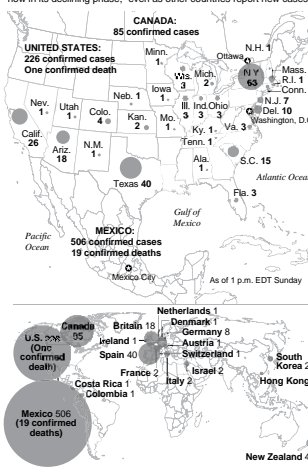
Sunday also marked the official start of campaigning for July 5 congressional elections — but all public campaigning was banned to prevent gatherings where the virus could spread.

Gabriela Cuevas Barron of the conservative National Action Party giddily claimed she was launching Mexico's first virtual campaign, promising in a Webcast to work for a cleaner and safer Mexico City — for now, through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Meanwhile, the leftist Democratic Revolution Party was already up with a Facebook page for its candidates.

The United States said it had sent 100,000 protection kits worth \$1 million to Mexico for use

Outbreak shows signs of stabilizing

Mexico's health secretary said the swine flu epidemic in his country "is now in its declining phase," even as other countries report new cases.



SOURCES: World Health Organization; CDC; state and federal governments. AP

by first responders. The kits include respiratory masks, protective goggles and overalls. In all, the U.S. has sent \$16 million in aid to Mexico since the emergency began, the U.S. Embassy said.

Officials in New Mexico announced Sunday that 14 schools in four towns were being closed for at least a week after the state's first swine flu case was confirmed, and the New Mexico Activities Association suspended all athletic and activity programs until further notice at member schools across the state.

In Arizona, all 10 public schools in the border city of Nogales canceled classes this week after a student tested positive for swine flu.

California officials, meanwhile, suspended all visitations at prisons pending results of tests

on an ill inmate at Centinela State Prison.

In the Canadian province of Alberta, officials quarantined about 220 pigs that became infected from a worker who had recently returned from Mexico. It was the first documented case of the H1N1 virus being passed from a human to another species. Canada stressed that pigs often get the flu and there's no danger in eating pork.

Egypt has ordered all pigs in the country slaughtered as a precaution, sparking riots Sunday by pig farmers who threw stones at police.

According to tallies by the CDC, World Health Organization and governments, there were 101 confirmed cases of swine flu in Canada; 40 in Spain; 18 in Britain; eight in Germany; four in New

Zealand; two each in Italy, France, Israel, and South Korea; one each in Colombia, Costa Rica, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria, Hong Kong, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Fear spread in other parts of the globe, much of it directed at Mexican nationals or those who have traveled to Mexico.

China quarantined more than 70 Mexican travelers in hospitals and hotels there, and Mexicans on arriving flights were being taken into isolation, said Mexico's ambassador, Jorge Guajardo. Even the Mexican consul in Guangzhou was briefly held after returning from a vacation in Cambodia, Guajardo said.

"In many cases we have gotten reports that they were being quarantined for the sole fact that they had a Mexican passport, whether or not they came from Mexico, whether or not they had been in Mexico, whether or not they had been in contact with someone else from Mexico," Guajardo said.

Hong Kong isolated 350 people in a hotel after a Mexican traveler there was determined to have the swine flu.

In Trinidad, crew aboard a Mexican tanker had been isolated since Friday at the Point Lisas Port. The Ministry of Health said Sunday they were tested and cleared of any flu infection and that the vessel was expected to be released.

Health officials around the world cautioned that despite encouraging signs, swine flu still poses a very real threat.

"Most experts would agree that we are experiencing is mild to moderate in severity," Dr. Jon Andrus of the Pan American Health Organization. "That is not to say that things cannot change very rapidly and very dramatically."

Chrysler

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survival will be tough in today's ultra-competitive car market.

It's hard to say, yet, if the bankruptcy will slow Chrysler's sales even more, or if bargain-hungry drivers will see the company's straits as an opportunity. Some dealers said they saw better-than-average traffic over the weekend, while others said it was slow.

Looking farther out, dealers say

they're not sure what the coming months hold.

For now, though, they'd all love to have a client like Houston Trinity, the pastor of East Houston Trinity Walk of Faith Ministries, who bought his fourth vehicle from River Oaks Chrysler-Jeep in Houston a few weeks ago, a silver, 2009 Chrysler 300 he calls his "baby Bentley."

Powell, 59, even serves as an adjunct salesman: He was back at the dealership Saturday to discuss potential purchases by four of his parishioners.

"It wouldn't matter to me whether President Obama is backing these

cars or not," said Powell, sitting in general manager Alan Helfman's office. "I believe in Chrysler, and I believe in the Helfmans."

Like other automakers, Chrysler — whose brands include Jeep and Dodge — has used cash rebates, zero-percent financing and other incentives to attract buyers.

Chrysler's roughly 3,200 dealers are trying to remain upbeat and talk the company line, but uncertainty lingers. For one thing, not everyone is going to keep their franchises and details on how the reorganized company will look have yet to emerge.

USU

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public relations. Emphases in print journalism and broadcast/electronic media will be added in the future. This program combines practical mass communication skills along with understanding the relationship, roles and interactions of mass communication.

The Spanish minor focuses on Spanish and Latin American culture, civilization and literature.

Two additional programs are also in the works. A distance-delivered Master of Fine Arts in art with a specialization in graphic design and an online minor in art education are currently being developed.

USU administrators report that over the past few years, USU distance education has experienced dramatic growth.

In February, when spring semester enrollment numbers were released, Provost and Executive Vice President Raymond Coward said the regional sites experienced a 22 percent increase in students over the previous year, with the Tooele campus seeing a particularly dramatic spike.

For more information, visit www.distance.usu.edu.

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Angel

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your child struggle to do the most basic of tasks — standing up, walking, feeding themselves — and then see another child do the same task without any effort. But the sadness changes to elation when they finally accomplish the task.

Angelman Syndrome

occurs spontaneously in less than 1 percent of births. It is estimated that there are 4,000 to 5,000 patients in North America. It is so rare that many doctors aren't familiar with it. I have talked to parents who meet 25 to 30 years before their child was diagnosed because no one picked up on the symptoms.

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation has been working for 20 years to raise awareness

and support research to better understand the underlying genetic mechanisms of the syndrome and find ways to treat the syndrome. They will be holding their annual nationwide walkathon on May 16 to raise funds to support their mission. For the first time this walk is being held in Utah. I ask you to donate any amount you can. Every dollar counts. Please go to www.angelman.org/myzcharity. Thank you.

group's instructor. The students also hope to set an example to young Hispanic students and hopefully encourage them to go to college, said group member Diana Patino.

"Our idea is for them to see us and think, 'If they can do it, we can do it,'" Patino said. Chanson said organizers hope to make the celebration an annual event. For information on the Multicultural Center of Cache Valley, visit www.mccutah.org.

E-mail: dfeix@hjnews.com

Idaho Lottery

Sunday Pick 3: 5-8-1 Saturday Powerball: 03-20-38-42-45 (27) Wild Card 2: 02-06-10-21-31 King of Clubs On the Net: www.idaholottery.com

Flu

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from school if they display symptoms while at school. "It's the same practice, but because of the nature of this particular flu virus there's just a greater sense of caution, especially with the impact it could have,"

Monson said. Preston School District Superintendent Barbara Taylor stopped short of saying schools in her district could close if there is a confirmed case in that area, but said the district will remain in contact with physicians and other health officials and will follow its policy for dealing with pandemic flu if the need develops.

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