County financial meltdown

Mass layoffs, department closures and radical cuts were the order of the day as commissioners faced $4 million budget shortfall

by Tom Gillie

Through the first eight months of the year, county commissioners were cutting along with the clouds on the horizon. Then, in late August, they announced an unanticipated $4 million shortfall in revenue by the end of the year and the hurricane broke. Over the next several weeks, commissioners would lay off 50 people, cut whole departments and even eliminate the county’s beloved bookmobile service as they tried to slash their way out of the red. Dwindling mitigation fees and unrealized revenue from federal programs were to blame for the problem, according to initial comments from commissioners relayed through the county attorney in the Transcript Bulletin.

“Energy solutions is the biggest piece of mitigation fees and their activity at Clinton is down this year,” said Tooele County attorney Doug Moon. “When you lose that amount of money, and you’re running on a tight budget, that won’t help.”

DUSD ends its mission and prepares to shut down

by Lisa Christensen

After 66 years, the mission of Desert Chemical Depot ended, simply, quietly and more quickly than expected, and sent the military installation on the fast track to shut down.

The terms of the Chemical Weapons Convention required that all of the country’s chemical weapons stockpiles be eliminated by April 29. DUSD, one of nine chemical stockpiles in the country, held at its peak 44 percent of the nation’s stock of chemical weapons — and destroyed its hoard ahead of five other facilities, which together only amassed 41 percent of the national stockpile.

Since its establishment in 1942, DUSD has gone through various states of collection and destruction of chemical weapons. Originally called Desert Chemical Warfare Depot, it was pulled into the authority of neighboring Tooele Army Depot in 1947. In 1962, the site became Desert Chemical Army Munitions Disposal System, or CAND, and began operations.

In 1984, the U.S. Army declared plans to dismantle chemical weapons at Tooele Army Depot South Area, among others. Five years later, the State of Utah granted permission for the Army to build the Desert Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, or TOCDF, and the contract for that project was awarded to Edgewood Defense Materials, Inc. TOCDF operations began in 1998, the same year the installation’s name was changed back to Desert Chemical Depot.

The treaty was signed the following year, and officially called for the weapons to be destroyed in 2004.

The stockpile included several different substances, including mustard gas, VX and World War II-era chemical agents.

Drought, fire abound in arid year

Ranchers and farmers were especially hard hit by dry, hot weather

by Rachel Madison

A dry winter with minimal snowpack was an inauspicious start to a year of severe fires and drought. In April, the basin-wide average for the three-Tooele County snowpack monitoring sites was 45 percent of normal, according to Randy Johnson, area supervising at the Salt Lake office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Despite the low snowpack, in April reservoir levels in the area remained healthy from heavy precipitation in spring 2011, Johnson said. But conditions have noticeably changed.

Fire burns along the Oquirrh Mountains near Pine Canyon on July 11. The lack of snowpack in 2011 led to severe drought.
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TOP 10 STORIES
OF 2010

1. Increased nutrition and physical activity
2. Four more than 30 community representatives
3. Deer hunting permit
4. The real killer
5. The city's top cop
6. The E-edition is easy to use
7. The non-credentialed administration
8. The credential suspension
9. The deer hunting permit
10. The real stab in the back

Almost a year and a half after being cited for a deer hunting violation, Johnson had not yet paid a fine. He was driving drunk when he was pulled over by Tooele City Police.

Chief Dan Johnson was removed from his post as city's top cop.

The ruling stemmed from an October 2010 incident in which Johnson, who had been with the department for 18 months, was involved in a two-vehicle crash. Johnson was cited for failing to stop.

In an interview in March, Johnson expressed particular frustration in regards to the length of his punishment and the漫长 ones given to other officers who committed similar offenses.

The circumstances of the case and Johnson's plea paved the way for much of the discussion among the POST council members. "Johnson's words do not do him justice," said a former graduate student in the health department.

Grantsville police chief forced from job after hunting incident

According to the study, 20 percent of employees in the workplace in Tooele County use some form of tobacco. That's higher than the state average of 16 percent.

"It's been shown that it helps their brain breaks or energizers," said Myron Bateman, health department director.

"The program is a new philosophy," said Bateman. "It implements brain breaks or energizers throughout the day to keep the kids' minds off other machines," she said. "When we're bringing community groups here to have a healthier workplace, it's not only about smoking, but also about the needs of the community were when it came to health instead of just working."
Guest Opinion

Hagel couldn’t be the commander-in-chief

SANTA FE DEERFIELD, N.J. — Sen. Chuck Hagel is reportedly under serious consideration for secretary of defense. A Hagel administration could add considerable weight to the current foreign-policy team already led by Secretary of State John Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan Rice.

At the core of his foreign policy is a war is a historic mistake, don’t vote for him. If he’s not a moral, intellectual and psychological coward, he probably said it because he’s a war hero. The only reason he would have said something like that is to distract from the fact that he backed Israel less.

There is a lot to be said for Hagel, but his character would have failed him when it counted. ‘It was something he did not feel comfortable doing,’ his old friend and Senate colleague, Democrat Chuck Hagel, said.

Apparent the secret is that such a man has ‘no moral’ (just as ‘kiss-ass’), and lairs (just as ‘told a lie’). ‘It (his “gas gun” story) left every serious foreign policy scholar with the sobering possibility that our nation will never have enough.) 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Do you like to paint, draw, sculpt or make crafts? Attend our community art classes to learn a skill or perfect your technique. For more information, contact the Tooele County Arts Council at (801) 651-2557.

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Libraries
Tooele City Library
Free computer classes:
- Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Join us for computer classes to improve your skills.

Schools
Open constituent
North Tooele Elementary School will be accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling, please contact the school at (801) 657-4411.

Tooele County School District
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St. Margaret’s
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Charity
CASA volunteers
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Food pantry
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Haven. Had the site been cut off early, it might have been a much different situation, said Bruce Gegg, Tooele County commissioner, who was present to announce the cuts. Commissioners expressed the same sentiments about the site’s future. "We’ve got that great record, and, of course, it’s been a real focus, through closure, because when you start going through closure, accidents do happen," she said. "Everybody, including em- ployees and management, understands the dammaging—and decon- structing, in many cases — of the equipment used for the destruction of the chemical weapons. Some storage facili- ties will still be held behind, future use by the Tooele Army Depot, and some office space is likely to go there, too." Closure operations are going on now at the destruc- tion of the last chemical agent at the site, Gegg said, "and all of that is just going as smoothly as possible, as we can." The more than 1,300-man weeklong operation of DCD and USRS, for- merly known as EG&G, has been Letters...
Chamber fires executive director

The Tooele County Chamber of Commerce’s executive board voted to fire Debbie Winn, the chamber’s well-known executive director, from a job she held for seven years. The vote, which took place in September, was unexpected, and the reasons behind it have not been explained.

“Debbie Winn is no longer an employee of the chamber,” said Lisa Christiansen, the chair of the board of directors of the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce, said in September. “We appreciate all that she did while she was here at the chamber.”

Winn started at the chamber as executive director in September 2005 after working in advertising sales for the Tooele Transcript-Bulletin. During her tenure, the chamber launched several new programs, including a visitors bureau, a Toastmasters Club, the Commerce Together campaign and Bright Friday, a marketing effort to promote local holiday shopping.

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Stallions win Region 11 football crown

by Richard Briggs

The Stansbury High School football team got its best performance on the gridiron since its state title in 1986. The Stallions faced off against Del Rio in the state playoffs on Nov. 26, and overcame the 1-0 Dragons with a 50-28 victory to advance to the state championships.

Stansbury easily moved on to the quarterfinals, but it needed just one more escape act in the state playoffs just to get the chance to be considered as one of the top competitors in the state. The Stallions did it, and now they are one of the top teams in the state.

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The Stallions were one of the top teams in the state last year, finishing the season with a 9-1 record. They went on to win the 4A championship.

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Stansbury wins American Legion title

by Mark Watson

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Stansbury Manager Roy Clingham, after the final victory, “We were down 11-3 in that second game and told our players that we needed to take away every single point at a time, and we did that. I thought two wins from Tooele were a joke. I think it showed that Tooele County can play baseball.”

Stansbury finished the season with a 22-2 record after won up to two games in the Western Region in Fairfield, Calif. Stansbury lost to the state champions from California and the state champions from Texas.

Stansbury’s true test in the state tournament was to lose with wins against Westlake, West Jordan, Weber and Tooele twice.

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Triva Test Answer

Q There is a show on cable that my husband and I really love called "Paramount Pinball." Can you tell us if/when it will return?

A: Beginning Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9 p.m/8c on The Travel Channel.

Try Squares by Linda Thistle

Without rotating the small squares on the right, try to arrange them into the pattern shown in the diagram at the left so that the number next to each large triangle equals the sum of the three numbers in that triangle.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two answer numbers. The answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been treated. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for the E in GET, you get MESTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE

Trivia Test Answers

1. Clarence Cobbdy
2. Death toll
3. 6th of May
4. 7th of June
5. Inauguration
6. William Jefferson
7. Lincoln
8. Civil Rights
9. Abraham
10. 1865

Even Exchange

1. Lumberjacks 2. Red blood cell
3. Canvass or Pls 4. Courtroom event
5. First of May 6. Study recess
7. Basecamp 8. Shirt part
9. Swastika 10. Make eyes at

Try Squares

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2 6 10
1 5 9

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Planning a kid-friendly New Year’s Eve

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The 12 passengers inside the coach smiled, and as the vehicle rose and people clinked glasses, the door to the coach opened, and one by one the strangers stepped out. They carried luggage and packages, gifts for everyone in town, and soon word spread that they had appeared.

"Who are they?" people asked. "And what are these strangers bringing to our world?"

They streamed out of those houses to see these passengers.

The sentry at the gate was the town's scribe. "Good morning!" for just at that moment the clock struck midnight. It was a new day. It was a new year.

To his surprise, he saw an old man appear at the town gate.

"I see you have just 28 days — though every fourth time.

shall lead the dance, but quickly. I don't have a lot of celebrations. He carried with him a great cask. "I am a merchant who brings your accounts with me. Each month one stranger will open his package, may drive away," he said. "We shall keep these 12 and what other gifts lay ahead one month at a time!"

Here she stood with the cask, the day she would bring everyone to celebrate.

Next came her protector, her younger brother, Sir July, who was young and svelte and dressed in green trousers and a straw hat. He carried no luggage. "That I do," said January, and just then the second stranger climbed from the coach. He was an artist and wore a smock of beautiful color and hoes and chisels and scythes, and the sentry called to others to help at that moment.

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"Sometimes I must be in good humor," April said, "and sometimes in bad. I can laugh and cry. I carry my summer wardrobe in this box. I would be too cold to wear summer clothes now."

"So you would," the sentry sighed, somewhat over-weighted by all these strangers appearing at once. For then he noticed a lady stepping out of the coach. She wore a summer dress, pretty pink shoes, and her hair was adorned with ornaments and fragrant with thyme.

The sentry saw as he handed him her passport, and he collected himself and said, "Welcome to our town. Miss May!"

"To your health," Miss May said, "and bless you!"

The sentry smiled, for she was very pretty, she began to sing softly to herself and everyone sighed, for she had a beautiful voice, like the birds they recalled hearing — it seemed so long ago now.

"Oh, but just you wait," March whispered in the sentry's ear, and he pointed at the coach, where a delicate, young female body was just stepping out.

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lated by her team and coaches after scoring a winning run against Tooele. 
Hiroshi Aoyama (right) crashes in the Attitude turns during the second and final 
Superbike World Championship races at Miller Motorsports Park. Wholesale 
Electric purchasing agent and salesperson RD Huffaker (below center) makes 
cotton candy at the ninth-annual Taste of Tooele event.

Chase Sherman (above left) gets flipped off of his bull after the buzzer sounds at the Bit & Spur 
rodeo. Settlement Canyon fourth 
grader Oakley Allen (above) sits under her desk with fellow class-
mates during the Great Utah 
Shake Out. Matthew Arbshay 
(left) talks about leaving Iran in 
the 1980s at Central School 
in Tooele. Bit & Spur Junior 
Princess Audry Alder (below left) 
rides down the Tooele City Fourth 
of July parade route.