County attorney’s office beefing up

by Suzanne Ashe

The county attorney’s office will be beefing up its legal staff next year in a year of coping with increasing growth—and crime—in Tooele County.

Tooele County Attorney Doug Hogan plans to fill a long-vacant position and bring on two additional attorneys next year. He said his office has been a bit behind the curve in keeping up with growth in the county, and is looking to catch up.

“There are see that things should have been happening all along,” Hogan said. “There’s continued growth in the county. Every time the highway patrol adds a new cop, every time the sheriff’s department and justice added new people, this office kept playing catch-up. Hogan said.”

The consolidation of misuse of funds in Tooele County has been planned for years, said a county attorney’s spokesperson to Hogan. “We’re past due in making sure that these offices are in line,” he said.

Hogan said. “These are things that should have been taken care of a long time ago.”

He said Tooele County Attorney Gary Searle moved over from public defense in the county attorney’s office last year to take on a new position with the Department of Corrections. There has not been a new addition to the county attorney’s office since Doug County Attorney Gary Seale moved over from public defense to prosecution more than 10 years ago.

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American Fork woman not the only Mary Christmas

By Jordan Robertson

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas.

That’s what former Colorado Governor Bill Owens told The Denver Post.

He borrowed a phrase from his wife, former First Lady Mary Owens, who is the author of a book called “Christmas at the Governor’s Mansion.”

“Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas,” Owens said in a statement.

Eckardt Sherburne, a freelancer covering the story, said the phrase is common in the area.

“People are always saying it,” Sherburne said.

In fact, the phrase has been in use for many years.

The first known use of the phrase was in 1883, according to the Dictionary of American English.

It was used by the first lady of the United States, Mary Todd Lincoln, in a letter to her sister.

“Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas,” she wrote.

The phrase has since been used by many others, including former President George W. Bush.

“Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas,” he said in 2003.

The phrase has also been used in the entertainment industry.

In the movie “Home Alone,” one of the characters says, “Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas.”

The phrase is also used in popular culture.

For example, in the holiday song “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town,” the singer says, “Merry Christmas to you, Mary Christmas.”

The phrase is still in use today, and is a popular way to wish someone a happy holiday.

But some people are concerned about the correctness of the phrase.

“It’s not correct,” said David Hunsaker, a linguist at the University of Utah.

“Mary Christmas is a proper noun,” he said.

“I think it’s a bit of a mix-up.”

But others say the phrase is okay.

“I think it’s fine,” said Sherburne.

“I’ve heard it a million times.”

The phrase is still in use, and will likely continue to be used in the future.

“I think it’s a fun phrase,” said Eckardt Sherburne.

“I like it.”
The Tooele City Council approved the distribution of $225,000 in organizations promoting the arts that were recommended by the Arts Council.

The Arts Council received 30 applications for more than $40,000 to support by the grant application deadline in November.

Toni Sherwood, secretary for the Arts Council, said they identiﬁed the 30 applications down to seven.

“Many didn’t meet our minimum qualifications, so we narrowed the rest of them and weighted out the beneﬁts — how would this beneﬁt the community and how many people would it impact,” she said. “Then, based on that, we made a recommendation to the City Council on how we would spend the money.”

Organizations wanting funds had to be nonprofit, their activities would play a major impact on the community and how many people would it impact. “I want to look back on the work they’ve done and feel like I had a signiﬁcant role in how the community changed and grew,” he said. “I hope to build a strong community here and beneﬁt the residents by bringing them a great capacity of information. I currently plan to help this position until I retire, which I expect will be in 10 years, so I want to give Tooele County not only the last 10 years, but hopefully the best 10 years of my career.”

Looking at long-term projects, Loveless said he is excited for construction of the Mid Valley Highway, which will be a new alternative for motorists wanting to reach southern Tooele County more quickly from UT-50. He said the new route will bypass Tooele and help alleviate trafﬁc on the city’s Main Street, as well as provide better all-around trafﬁc ﬂow for the valley of the valley.

“The new route, which has four different options as of now, will easily connect to places like the Tooele Industrial Depot and Miller Motorsports Park, and travelers will be able to avoid having to go through Tooele trafﬁc,” Loveless said. “I will also encourage development in the mid-section of the valley, and alleviate the trafﬁc load coming off of the Lake Point exit on UT-50.”

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The Leigh Pratt Aquatic Center has produced many champions over its 51 years, but this time the winner is the pool itself.

The Leigh Pratt Aquatic Center is named best indoor family pool.

OBITUARIES

Shelley Neil Stagg

Shelley Neil Stagg was born on Feb. 16, 1948, in Vermont, to John Dowell Stagg and Edith LaVerne O竹tt. He was reunited with his parents on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 5:12 p.m., at the age of 59. He peacefully passed away at his home in Tooele, surrounded by his family. Neil is survived by his wife of 34 years, Marilyn; his children, Aaron (Audra), Vellyn (Jim) Miller, Rachel (Steve Smith), Eli (Michelle) Anderson, and nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Tony Dowell and Bert Stagg.

Neil was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was active in student government and junior court in high school. As an LDS missionary, he served in the Pacific Northwest missions. Neil and his family were married Dec. 21, 1973. They were sealed in the Provo BYU Temple and lived for many years in Tooele. Neil was employed by the LDS Church as a semi-truck driver for merchandise services. They had two passions in life. His first was to serve diligently in his many church callings, and his second was to live here and plan on staying here. "I've always planned to work for the City, he told a fellow worker. "It's the perfect way to say, thank you."

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Wanda Marie Nielsen Bevan

1921 - 2007

Wanda Marie Nielsen Bevan died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in her sleep, at home in Provo. She was 86 years old. Wanda was born in Logan on Nov. 12, 1921, to Jennie Marie (Hansen) and Sylvester Nielsen. The family moved to Tooele when she was three, where she graduated from Tooele High School.

Wanda was the older of seven children. She had three brothers, Grant, Dean and three sisters, Janis (Bergsund), Evelyn (Chandler) and Gail (He) Roberts. Her sister, Janis, preceded her in death.

Wanda married Rulon Alexander Bevan of Tooele, in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept. 6, 1943. They made their home in Tooele until 1948 where they had two sons, Wayne Rulon Bevan and Warren Alexander Bevan. Wanda and her family then moved to Sacramento, Calif., where they lived for 15 years.

Wanda’s husband’s work then moved the family to Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and California. Wanda was widowed in 1982.

In 1998 she moved to Provo. Wanda is the mother of two, grandmother of 21 children. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m., at the Edgemont 14th Ward Chapel, 450 N. 1400 E. Drive in Provo. Friends and family are welcome to call and visit at the church on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Logan City Community Center.

Wanda had a deep abiding faith in her Savior Jesus Christ and a testimony of the restored gospel. She was a quiet person who served regularly. She was faithful to the end. "Wanda lived a good and faithful servant."

Wanda was one of the nominees for the head swim coach at Tooele High School for 13 years, pro-
duced several competitive state champions.

The design of the Pratt facility combines natural and arti-
cultural light with bright colors and high ceilings to create a warm and open feeling. The facility includes three pools, a 25-yard, eight-lane competi-
tion and lap pool with seating for 500 spectators, a leisure pool and a toddler pool. The leisure pool includes zero-
depth entry, a cafe-like child’s water play features, a lazy river and an outdoor sun deck.

The pool offers swim instruction, diving, lifesaving, water aerobics, water therapy, competitive swimming, mas-
ters swimming, water pol-
scula and adaptive aquatics. The facilities also have a private room, conference room, family changing rooms, and an outdoor playground. A new splash pad, now available for one and

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ications. The magazine sent a judge to Tooele to see the facility and the judges’ in-

Wanda’s memorial service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27, prior to the funeral service from 9 to 10:45 a.m., at Tooele LDS Stake, 252 S. 200 East. The funeral will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Interlom of the Tooele Cemetery. We would like to thank everyone who has sup-

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This facility (the Pratt Aquatic Center) appears to have made the art of com-
muning state-of-the-art times and fun,” read one comment from judges.

The center opened in 2001 and replaced the Tooele Memorial Pool, which closed from its open-
ing in 1950 until 1976. Pratt also served as a teacher and coach from 1950 until his death at age 93 in 1984. He was

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A.STUDENT'S VIEW

School dances just aren't what they used to be

Alyssa Roberts

I t seems high school school dances have evolved over the years, but in the ways they've evolved, we've lost what they've devolved. Thanks to our school year, we have had Homecoming and MORP dances. Next on our schedule will be the senior prom, to follow the Graduation Day, followed by Junior Prom. That doesn't seem like a full-dance card to me, especially if you compare it with the number of dances held at the school in days gone by. But my real complaint is that dances just aren't what they used to be. Junior Prom is a dance in April that the junior class annually cancels a homecoming dance. However, on the night of the canceled junior dance, there is this. This is an opportunity for all the seniors to partake of prom by coming and seeing the kids announced and escorted, and then watch them perform a "homecoming dance." Those concerts are comprised of the senior and the junior boy that she asked, who is not necessarily her prom date. I liked the idea of showing off my dress to the world, it was fun to learn the dance at all of the evening's parties, and I was fortunate enough to have been asked to prom by a senior prom prospect partner. But watching some of my friends leave their prom dates and go to their promenade partners once we got to the school was an awkward. I can't imagine it from the boy's perspective, either. They must have been thinking, "I just spent a lot of money on her, only to come to the dance and watch her dance with a different guy." Why does the girl say "why can't the couples who come to prom just be announced?" You never understand them. Why do girls stick to promenade partners before their sophomore year is even over? Some have tried to explain this phenomenon — uncommonly however. Living in Stansbury Park with my deep roots in Graniteville, I may never understand it. Despite perhaps the last question, once one girl asks a promenade partner, it triggers all the rest. After attending a few girls' promenade dances of my own, I have come to have more of a respect for a guy taking me out on a date. It's stressful planning an evening, figuring out who is going to drive, actually asking someone, and making sure that everyone has fun. Another problem: When we finally do have a dance, no one dances. Why bother paying all that money to go to a dance when you won't dance? It's no more fun to be in a room full of people dancing around than it is to be a full of people just standing in a line for pictures. Dances and other social occasions are where we make lasting memories. They help define who we are and make our high school experience. Why, then, are we not embracing these opportunities and fixing the flaws to make these years full of as much fun as possible? Alyssa Roberts is a senior at Graniteville High School.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
NORTH TOOELE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

The North Tooele County Fire District is proposing to increase its property tax rate.

• If the proposed budget is approved this would be an increase of 185.24%, above the North Tooele County Fire District property tax budgeted revenue for the prior year.

• The North Tooele County Fire tax on a $166,000.00 residence would increase from $29.31 to $73.01 which is $43.70 per year.

• The North Tooele County Fire tax on a $166,000.00 business would increase from $52.29 to $132.74 which is $79.46 per year.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase.

PUBLIC HEARING
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D irector Tim Hill has been criticized for making the film as fine as cute chipmunks on the 1980s animated television series or even as pur- ports to any of the creators from Bagasarian Sr. But now par- ents will have to endure an animated-meets-live-action rodent comedy that might make their voices sound like chipmunks. The best part about "Alvin and the Chipmunks" is that it isn't as bad as it could have been. It isn't a great movie by any means, but the chip- munks are highly entertaining. The acting, on the other hand, is atrocious. Jason Lee, who plays Dave Seville, is upstaged in every scene by the chipmunks. Even the stand-up comedian Dave Cross isn't remotely as good as the Chipettes, "Simon" and Theodore.

"Alvin and the Chipmunks" tries too hard to be cool, where it may have more success being cute. I watched the "Alvin and the Chipmunks" TV show as a child and absolutely loved the little guys because they were adorable. One of my family's Christmas traditions is watching the best of "The Ed Sullivan Show" Christmas specials, which include Bagasarian as Dave Seville and the Chipmunks singing "The Chipmunk Song" during a sketch.

The song is the basic premise behind the movie, and used as a way to get people thinking it's a Christmas movie, which it really isn't. The good aspect of "Alvin and the Chipmunks" is it will keep children entertained for an hour and a half. The other songs the chipmunks sing are upbeat and fun, but that can't hold a film together.

In "Alvin and the Chipmunks," Mr. (voiced by Dustin Long) is the mischievous leader of the group with Simon (voiced by Matthew Gray Gubler) as the smart one and Theodore (voiced by Jaret Craig) as the lovable, yet chubby chipmunk. They live together in a tree in the forest gathering acorns and nuts for winter when they are chopped down and sent to the Jett Records building as their Christmas tree. Dave Seville is a struggling music producer who takes in a group of chipmunks wreak havoc, but eventually make peace with Dave through their singing. Despite their messiness and the fact that they may have strung gold, he writes "The Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late)" and pitches it to Ian (Cross), an executive with Jett Records. Although ner- vous at first, Alvin and the Chipmunks realize their star singing potential.

After "The Christmas Song" becomes a success, the chipmunks record "Witch Doctor" and remake a variety of other popular songs. But the stardom is getting to their heads with Ian wanting to make as much money off of them as possible. Dave hopes to reach them before they succumb to this mind-boggling success. Although "Alvin and the Chipmunks" has all the makings of a good film — fun critters, good music, well-known characters — it isn't great. Fortunately, it isn't bad either. Children's film ex- piration will fall in love with Alvin, Simon and Theodore, while adults will reminisce about the memories of watching them on television.

The terrible acting cannot be overlooked. Lee seems as if he is stuck between Earl from "My Name Is Earl" and Underdog from "Underdog." I usually enjoy watching him in films, but every time he came on screen in this one, I cringed. If you can ignore Lee, you might actually like "Alvin and the Chipmunks."
The Tooele High School softball program has more to be proud of than their four championship seasons in the last five years. THS seniors Lauren Folta and Kelsey Mendenhall have both signed with the Dixie State Rebels softball team extending a tradition of Lady Bulldogs players going on to community college.

Mendenhall, an infielder, is a member of the 2005 3A All- Tournament Team and 3A All-State Second Team. She was named to the 3A All-State First Team in 2006 and 2007.

“Kelsey can play anywhere,” Pitt said. “She’s a very good clutch hitter and good leader and can end off the line. I think right off the bat as a fresh man (2006) she’s going to add a lot of leadership. She knows how to win and what to do to get there.”

Folta, a pitcher, was named the 2007 3A All-State Most Valuable Player and helped lead the team to winning their second 3A state softball title since 2005. She was named the Wendy’s High School Hitterman winner for THS and participated in the Triple Crown World Series All-Star Game.

“Kelsey is the same way as Kelsey, except she can pitch,” Pitt said. “She has a desire to learn and know the game. It probably has to do with as much as they play. From 1600 go on.”

Britainy Gonzales, also a senior and softball player, is close to signing with North Idaho College.

“Utah puts a lot of athletes in the college leagues and I believe Tooele ranks up there with other schools, especially in the last couple of years.”

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Junior jazz league starts up competition program

by Missy Thompson

Every winter Tooele County kids ranging in age from 8 to 18 line up as part of the Junior Jazz basketball league. The junior jazz league is one that has become part of school culture where children get to play basketball at a beginning stage and work their way up.

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Westminster (left) tries to maneuver around Jacob Colovich (right) Tuesday at the State 4A tournament at the Park Aquatic Center. The swim meet was the first-ever hosted by GHS. This jump-started my fast-track career in journalism. Specifically, two people in the sports world inspired me to become a writer and an athlete. My dad was a sports reporter and photographer. The other was Hot Rod Hundley. Through this evolution of childhood ambition, my love for journalism stayed strong. However, I started my initial days with aspirations of sports. At a young age, I was enthralled with the writing world to include different areas of journalism. Instead of focusing on sports, I’ve honed my skills on being an arts and entertainment writer.

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Sports

Small Grantsville team hosts first-ever swim meet, competes with larger schools

By Missy Thompson

The state-wide program is comprised of Jason Mair, Brett Miller, Craig Estes, and Matt Memmott (left) who served as the Junior Jazz league director. The other individual is one whom I have never met, but feel as if I have known him most of my life. My dad helped get the wheels turning and the Junior Jazz league was established within the writing world to include different areas of journalism. Instead of focusing on sports, I’ve honed my skills on being an arts and entertainment writer.

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to our Special Friends

Christmas is our favorite time of year because it gives us a special opportunity to connect with friends and acquaintances old and new — and to tell you how much we appreciate you.

Happy Holidays, everyone!
Happy Holidays
& Thank
It is cold outside. Chestnuts may not be roasting on an open fire, but all the trimmings of Christmas are in place tonight. It is time to take a break even if only for a few minutes to sit back, relax and maybe enjoy sipping a special drink — either hot or cold. You may like it so much you’ll decide to leave one for Santa.

If you are still trying to Tab A into Slot B, and don’t have time to stop for that tonight, you may find some of the drinks below to be just the ticket for tomorrow’s festivities. You probably have some of the ingredients on hand. Hot chocolate is a perennial favorite. Make it a bit more special by putting a drop or two of vanilla extract into the drink. Or make your favorite hot chocolate and serve in mugs with a peppermint stick for stirring. The combination of mint and chocolate is often a big hit.

**Hot Fruit Punch**
- 1 6-ounce can frozen orange juice
- 1 6-ounce can frozen limeade
- 1 cup sugar
- 10 cups water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Mix all above together and heat.

**Hot Chocolate Mix**
- 1 pound hot chocolate mix
- 13 cups instant dry milk
- 11 ounces nondairy creamer

Mix 1/4 cup of the above to 1 cup hot water.

**Three Fruit Slush**
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups mashed bananas
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar and water and boil together about 3 minutes. Cool. Mash bananas; add to fruit juices and sugar syrup. Pour into pans for freezing. Stir occasionally. Remove from pan to beat with an egg beater.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing you an abundance of good fortune and glad tidings at this festive time of year. We enjoyed every minute of serving you and hope you’ll be back again, soon! 11 North Main • Tooele • 882-6208

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Gift giving tips to help ease tax burdens

A s the holiday season and the close of the year quickly approach, you may be planning to give gifts to family members and charities. You can be generous to your own children, too, by giving those gifts in a way that maximizes your tax benefits. Here are some tips for tax-wise giving.

Giving to family and friends

Gifts to family and friends may be subject to federal tax rules (and perhaps state tax rules), and gift to grandchildren may also be subject to generation-skipping transfer tax (GSTT). However, gifts to spouses are gift tax free.

Currently, you can give tax free up to $12,200 per donee per year ($24,400 if filed jointly) with no federal gift tax owed. Gifts over that amount are subject to federal gift tax at 20% (52 million lifetime GSTT exemption).

If you fund a 529 plan for your child or grandchild, you can contribute up to five years’ worth of gifts at once — $65,000 per child or $120,000 if you and your spouse make the gift.

You can make unlimited tax-free gifts if you directly pay medical bills or college tuition on behalf of a recipient.

Giving to charity

Donations to charity are completely gift tax free and are also generally deductible for income tax purposes, subject to the usual limitations. However:

• Only donations to “qualified” organizations are tax deductible.

• In-kind donations — such as mortgage lenders, might experience some rough patches. Also, the subprime situation could lead to a potential slowdown in overall consumer spending. Why? Because if lending standards loosen, people may find it more difficult to tap home equity loans and lines of credit. And if consumer spending does show signs of recovery, it should help reduce the effects of any potential subprime loan defaults in the near future. (And if you're like most people, you can hardly go a day without seeing a subprime loan ad on TV.)

The private is a 2003 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is a graduate of Idaho State University. He has been helping clients with income and retirement income planning for more than 14 years. His office is on Salt Lake City, however, he regularly works in Tooele and Washington County.

Gifts that are closely related in the same year to create a larger deduction and opportunity to itemize.

• Grouping donations will allow you to itemize charitable contributions that may result from frequent giving.

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MILITARY NEWS

William T. Stone

Army National Guard Pfc. William T. Stone has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Armed Forces tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical weapons, bayonet training, drill and ceremony, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, first

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**Tuesday**

**What's on TV?**

7 p.m. on **CBS**

*NCIS*

Someone is taking his love of literature away for the night. A body is found lurking in a bookshop's stacks. The victim turns out to be an author's son, and it seems the cascade of corpses is being triggered on a book tour. So, the team's investigation is focused on the writer. One of the head honchos of the writing event falls dead. The second victim of the night was the victim's father, a famous scholar. The team is still on the case, but their investigation is focused on the writing event and the father's relationship with his son. They are also trying to figure out the motive behind the murders.

**6 p.m. on **ABC**

*Bones*

Bones (or Booth, in case you are in the dark) meets a new lover. Nick (Peter Krause) seeks input from an airplane crash survivor for his next murder case. The victim was a man who had a history of accidents and crashes. In this episode's title, refer to "The Lions" in this episode's title refer to the victim's spiritual side, and the victim's family secret, and Cohen plays the role of the spirit guide. The victim was a man who had a history of accidents and crashes. In this episode's title, refer to "The Lions" in this episode's title refer to the victim's spiritual side, and the victim's family secret, and Cohen plays the role of the spirit guide.

**6 p.m. on **FOX**

*Animal Cops Houston*

Judge Young

Montel Williams

Paid Program

Varied Programs

**6 p.m. on **NICK**

*Newsroom*

Varied Programs

Lilo & Stitch

Varied Programs

**6 p.m. on **TBS**

*7th Heaven*

Varied Programs

That '70s Show

Reba

The Cosby Show

Temptation

Judge Judy

Friends

King of Queens

Yes, Dear

El Show de Don Cheto

Bold, Beautiful

**2:30 p.m. on **TBS**

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{0} :50 "Delicatessen"

Survivorman

Mind, Body

'American Originals: Levi's, Legend

Cold Case

"Rio Bravo"

TOON

"The Incredibles"

Home Improve.

iCarly

That '70s Show

King of Queens

Dr. Phil

(:05) Family Guy

News

Late Late Show

7:30

"Shadowboxer"

NFL Live

On the Record-Van Susteren

Anderson Cooper 360

Star Trek: Voyager

UFC Unleashed

Life With Derek

(:15) "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"

Zack & Cody

Phil of the Future

Fresh Prince

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Home Improve.

Drake & Josh

"Alien vs. Predator"

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"Hellboy"

Gossip Girl

Scrubs

NBA Basketball

Utah Jazz Tonight

(:05) Family Guy

"Christmas With the Kranks"

My Three Sons

BBC World News

Normandie: A Legendary Liner

Sex and the City

Family Guy

Programa Pagado

El Show de Lagrimita y Costel

Estudio 2

Late Night

Criminal Minds

News

11:30

11:00

(:15) "Basic Instinct 2"

"The Sixth Sense"

Dirty Jobs

Final Score

Hannity & Colmes

Deal or No Deal

Out in the Open

Mad Men

UFC: All Access

MANswers

Hannah Montana

Home Videos

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Grim Adventures

America's Funniest Home Videos

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The Insider

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Admission to the Education Center is $30 per semester. Adults currently enrolled in classes are from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Tooele County Health Building, 151 N. Main St. State law requires students to attend all sessions of class. All students must go to a hunting license agent/vendor and purchase a Hunter Education voucher for $10 and bring it to the first day of class. For more information call Gene at 482-3745 or email gabeburnab@gmail.com.
Drinks

Combine ingredients and serve.

Christmas Punch
3 cups crushed pineapple
2 cups grapefruit juice
1 quart orange juice
1 cup lemon juice
5 cups pineapple juice
1 whole cinnamon stick
1 teaspoon vanilla
Sugar or honey to taste
Combine rinsed, juiced, cinnamon
stick, cloves and sweetener. Bring to a simmer in a large pot. Strain and serve hot.
Makes 32 4-ounce servings.

Raspberry Punch
2 cups raspberry sherbet
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1 large can Hawaiian punch
1 can pineapple juice
12 ounces frozen orange juice
Combine and serve immediately.

Christmas with Memories
Christmas Day is almost here with loved ones we hold close in our hearts far and near. I see ... be forgot. We hold them spiritually within us in our loving, gentle spot.

Merry Christmas. Love Jerry and his family.

Fruit Punch
12 ounces frozen orange juice
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Happy Holidays from the Beehive Telephone Companies

Thanks Tooele Valley for a great 2007. We look forward to serving you in 2008.

Hammer Time

While visiting friends last weekend, I was asked, “Shall we fill the house with cold air entering through your bathrooms exhaust vent?”

As we discussed the issue, I was able to answer several probing questions that would give me a better idea to what options would be available.

First, I was told that the exhaust vents in their basement were the original units that were installed at the time the home was constructed, which was in about 1985. This was important to know because this 20-year-old exhaust vent housing typically did not have a reverse air door installed. This is precisely what manufactured air is working to be backed into the home through the vent housing and freezing out friends during the cold winter months.

Second, determine if the exhaust vent housing is capable of having an after-market component door installed on the existing unit. It may be possible to install this door unit from the bathroom side of the vent housing. If not, access would most likely be possible to the attic area. Some vent door assemblies are designed to be installed with a certain airflow direction. If the door is installed in reverse, the door will remain closed during operation of the fan.

Third, determine if the entire fan compartment may need to be replaced. It would be wise to determine the overall condition of the unit and evaluate if replacement would be more cost effective than repair.

Finally, I feel it’s worth our while to talk about current code for any who are in the process of construction of a basement bathroom or remodeling process. Ventilation code requires that if there is not a vent installed in a bathroom, that an exhaust vent is required. In addition, this exhaust vent must extend to the exterior of the house or to a soffit or roof vent opening for proper air escape. Many times, I find the vent ending in the ceiling area just feet away from the house unit. This is a ventilation code issue.

If you would like to submit a home remodeling or home improvement questions to be addressed in this column, please e-mail them to Joel Jones at joljonesmetamorph.com.

Joel Jones
GUEST COLUMNIST

Know code before remodeling

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We'd like to put all the festivities on hold to wish a very, merry and joyous Christmas to Tooele Valley for a great 2007. We look forward to serving you in 2008.

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Season's Greetings

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Plus lots of great gifts and wonderful food, to put you in the festive mood.
And when at last the holidays through... May our warm wishes remain with you!

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2007 Transcript-Bulletin writing contest winners

by Sarah Miley
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Congratulations to the hardworking students of this year’s holiday writing contest. Winners received $25 in gift certificates this year. Marty Myers of Tooele won the grand prize for his adult nonfiction story “My Christmas Tale.” He writes that even though the journey to find joy during the Christmas season was tough, there were first place winners in eight different categories. There were no submissions for the teen nonfiction category.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

My Christmas Tale

In Marty Myers

Sometimes it is hard for me to get joyous around the holiday season. There have been some memorable, and some not so memorable holidays seasons in my 53 plus years. Christmas in Germany, nursing breakdown in Montana, Kenya in 1973, and holiday seasons with friends and family here at home. But I will never forget the Christmas of 1961. I was days away from my 8th birthday the afternoon of Dec. 7. I can remember it like it was yesterday. My father worked at TAD, we lived at Edgemont, and the snow was falling hard. My uncle Ken, then a Tooele City police officer, walked in with a strange look on his face. He was discussing something with my mother. In a flurry, we had a neighbor to look after myself and three brothers, and out the door they went. I knew something was terribly wrong.

My mother returned the next afternoon, and sat me down to tell me that my father had passed away. Because of the time— the sudden loss of her husband and breadwinner— my mother was going through a terrible wrong.

I was too young to understand all of the things that my mother was going through at the time— the sudden loss of her husband and breadwinner— a free man to plan, and four boys to raise by herself. Merry Christmas to her.

My father was buried on a gray day that December. Family and friends came around, and helped out, but one act of kindness that someone did that season still will be indelibly etched in my mind forever.

I was kind of press at Edgemont address said it all. There weren’t many presents under the tree that year. A couple of days before Christmas, Santa and his wife appeared. This friend of my father knew of some lay-aways at the old Westmin. An aunt that my father had made to pressed sons with Christmas. They went down, retrieved and delivered the gifts. I received a Western Flyers bicycle with a basket, the gift that remains my favorite of all time.

When the holiday season arrives, when I get mad that my dad was taken away from me, I look upon that day long ago to remember the meaning of Christmas. Santas come in all shapes, sizes, sounds, smells and feelings. At Christmastime, which chronicles one girl’s journey to find the spirit of Christmas.

• Sandy Groves of Grantsville, won the 12 and under poetry contest with her piece entitled “Winter,” which talks about the sights, sounds, smells and feelings of winter.

• Katrina Cote of Granadell, won first place in the adult nonfiction category with her story “Finding Christmas Spirit,” which chronicles one girl’s journey to find the spirit of Christmas.

• Sandy Groves of Grantsville, won the 12 and under poetry contest with her poem entitled “The Holidays,” which shows how Christmas isn’t just about presents, but about spending time with loved ones.

• Karina Fonger of Tooele, won the teen fiction contest with her story “The Christmas Fairy,” about a girl who gets her Christmas wish.

• Kim Allen of Granadell, won the 12 and under poetry contest with her poem entitled “Winter,” which talks about the sights, sounds, smells and feelings of winter.

• Christmas Andrews of Tooele, won the 12 and under fiction contest. Her story tells about how even small things can make a big difference for those in need.

• Audrey Houston of Tooele, won first place in the 12 and under fiction contest for her story “The Christmas Star,” which is about helping others during the holiday season.

The grand prize winner will receive $75 worth of gift certificates to American Burger. First prize winners will each receive $45 worth of gift certificates to American Burger. Pizzas can be picked up from the Transcript-Bulletin office during office hours.

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Happy birthday to my younger brother

by Amberly Crowford

TOOELE — Ryan Nicholas Crowford was the person who created my very first Christmas memory. I never saw him and he never laid eyes on me. He never said a word, and he never took Christmas of 1982 the way my mother does, or even corrected Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, if she managed to take Christmas of 1982 the way my mother would, 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The Christmas Fairy

by Katrina Fonger
TOOELE

AnnaBell was flying around up in the sky, making sure all was right. It is just happened to be the most important night: Christmas Eve. She had always helped Santa out all year long, doing things he needed her to do, but the whole month of December was their busiest. She listened well, for she was looking for unhappy kids or kids who would not get to bed. You see, if the kids didn’t go to bed, Santa wouldn’t be able to deliver presents which was around up in the sky, searching the little kids slept. She dipped fun with this job, watching as the kids didn’t even notice. She listened to the conversation. The next morning when Mackenzie woke up, she burst into happy tears. "Mackenzie, "I would really like my necklace back. I don’t know where it is, but I need it. It means everything to me. It was the last thing my mommy gave me before she went up with her to hush. She watched the little girl as she slowly climbed out of bed and to her knees on the floor. "Dear heavenly father," said Mackenzie. "I guess all I’m really asking is if you will bring me my mom’s necklace back to me." Mackenzie climbed back into bed and fell fast asleep.

The Holidays

by Hayly Mander
TOOELE

As we rejoice the wonder and splendor of this special season, we feel fortunate to enjoy the goodwill and friendship of people like you, and wish you and your family all the best year.

Merry Christmas!
**FICTION**

**The Christmas Star**

by Aubrey Houston

I was in my house on Christmas Eve setting up the decorations. I could not put the star on. Everybody said “I am too busy.”

It was Christmas night and I saw Santa. I was still trying to put the star on. When Santa saw me. He helped me put the star on. I went to bed. I loved that night.

**NONFICTION**

I can make a difference

by Christina Andrews

I can make a difference by giving Christmas to a family in need. This year I’m going to help a family. I’ve had the same experience as this family.

One year my dad was unemployed and needed help for Christmas. Our neighbors helped us out without being asked.

This year I’m going to do the same thing. I’m going to make sure that a family can get their wants and needs. My sister plans on getting Christmas stockings, a Christmas tree, Christmas lights and so much more. This is all for one family that lost everything.

One year, one of my teachers read a book about a family who lost their mother and their father hated Christmas because of what happened to his wife. The young girl had won a Christmas tree and her father told her to get rid of it. She decided to decorate it. Her father was furious now. That night her father began thinking about it. By morning the little girl took the tree to a family that needed it more and said it was from Santa. Her father woke up and told his daughter he was going to help decorate the tree with her. Surprised, she told her father what happened.

This story tells that even when you’re in need you can still help a little. That’s what we’re doing this year. A small budget for two big families.

**POETRY**

**Winter**

by Sierra Allen

I hear...

The gentle sound of falling snow

That faint sound of a stream nearby

The wings of geese flying South

Mother Nature’s lullaby

I smell...

The spicy scent of newly cut pine

The fresh, crisp morning air

The wonderful scent of a silent hillside

I feel...

The icy wind upon my cheeks

The feathery brush of wings

The biting teeth of Jack Frost

To be here until spring.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE**

by Aubrey Houston

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Greetings to you this Christmas, with sincere wishes for a joyous time. Thanks for your continued patronage.

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To You!
Wishing you all the things bright and beautiful this holiday season. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to seeing you soon.

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Expressing Our Best!
Wishing you and yours a truly spectacular holiday season filled with good times shared with loving friends and family.

12 & UNDER WINNERS

**The Christmas Star**

by Aubrey Houston

I was in my house on Christmas Eve setting up the decorations. I could not put the star on. Everybody said “I am too busy.”

It was Christmas night and I saw Santa. I was still trying to put the star on, when Santa saw me. He helped me put the star on. I went to bed. I loved that night.
A Christmas tradition continues

by Mary Ann Benson Johnson

"You took us in a child is born..." Its roar alone would silence out our mouths and noses. We were bundled up as best we could — heavy coats, thick scarves, knit hats, boots and winter gloves. The scarves covered our eyes and noses. We — Mom, Russell and I — were going to the hill behind the barn to somehow build a fire and sing Christmas carols. It had been my dad’s tradition.

we had done our best under the harsh circumstances. We had remembered dad’s tradition. The president of the United States had asked for unity through this Christmas celebration for my family and to all mankind. There was and is at the center of all Christmas celebrations. I feel connected to everyone simply by being in the same lit room and the open door. As children, my dad told us that Christmas is when animals are given presents. Our tradition of the lit old kitchen and the open door.

My Christmas list each year is filled “must-haves.” These must-haves are not a list of things I want or need. Instead, they are the memories, projects, activities and experiences. At the top of the list is building a fire and the driving force behind the rest of the items is a “sense of connection.” For example, one item on my list is “claim chowder for Christmas Eve.” Claim chowder reminds me of my connection to extended family through my Swedish heritage and a Swedish Christmas Eve tradition over the last generations. Karin has turned thisclaim chowder into a special tradition as a family with Swedish heritage

Each Christmas, as I review past years and make new lists of “must-haves.” I realize that Christmas celebration for my family and society as a whole are designed to establish and strengthen our sense of connection to each other. I believe these invisible threads that bind us as families, as neighbors, as communities, as societies and as human beings are the meaning behind the term “Christmas spirit.” The first time that I remember feeling this Christmas spirit, or a genuine connection to those beyond my family and friends, happened on Christmas Eve in 1980. I was a young teenager living in a world where many of the people that most of us didn’t know were spending their holiday as hostages. The president of the United States had asked for unity through this Christmas celebration for my family and to all mankind. There was and is at the center of all Christmas celebrations. I feel connected to everyone simply by being in the same lit room and the open door.
We'd like to say, "thanks" at this time so bright, for the past ten years and hope to continue for another ten.

Throughout the years, we have enjoyed being part of Tooele County. I would like to thank our customers for their support and patronage. It often goes unsaid, but you are the best staff one could ask for!

As Christmas grows near we're all aglow, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Not pictured: Curt Westphal, Tiffany Rakes, Jeskalyn Holmes

Front L-R: Anna Curry, Marcella Aragon, Melissa Taylor, Alynn Lloyd

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Tate Mortuary

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HONORABLE MENTION ADULT NONFICTION

Four Birthday Nickels

By Michelle Depp

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n December of my thirteenth year, I lived with my parents and my older sister in Madden, Calif., near Yosemite National Forest. Our house was a small, three-bedroom, on the edge of a new housing development. At the time, my parents and my sister lived with me in the house. We were concerned about the space and the quality of life, so we decided to move to the city. I have now lived in the city for over ten years and have continued to live there.

HวMy father’s solution was to hang the tree from the ceiling! First, he scored a large h" loop in the tree, my father made a loop and threaded it through the tree. Then he put the looped end of the rope through the top of the tree. The tree was now hanging freely, with the top of the tree near the ceiling, and about 1 1/2 feet of space between the bottom of the tree and the living room floor. For the finishing touch, he tied several large jingle bells with some ribbon to the very bottom of the tree. They hung low enough so that the bells would jangle whenever the cat was trying to get to the tree. Due to the fact we lived in a small place, the jingle bells could be heard in every part of the house and some of them would come to get the cat away from the tree.

The system worked well, however, the cat became fascinated with the tree, so we had to get the tree in place. The cat would be found at various times of the day playing with the tree, for example, eating the silver, and bells, and was for the rest of the Christmas season. The cat would be found at various times of the day playing with the tree, for example, eating the silver, and bells, and was for the rest of the Christmas season. The cat would be found at various times of the day playing with the tree, for example, eating the silver, and bells, and was for the rest of the Christmas season.
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Christmas 1955
by Jeanne Jackson

I have not allowed another Christmas to surmount the Christmas of 1955. I wish that I could forget it, but I remember it vividly. Many Christmases have turned to mere memory, some that have been much more happy and joyful, but unfortunately this one is the one that will never fade from my remembrance.

...told me about in the storybooks said.

itself. My family was the perfect picture of the times. There were snowpacked and slick roads and intoxicating merriment could lift the mood and make that evening into one that must hug and kiss our momma and daddy and all the survivors, never to be forgotten. The Christmas of 1955 has been etched in the minds of its survivors, never to be forgotten.

The gathering of friends came from the cold of the night to in from the cold of the night to the peace of the Savior Jesus Christ forever.

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To send big thanks to each and every one of you!

Happy Holidays

Wells Fargo

Bonnie Daley, and to my grandparents, Leo and Bonnie Daley, and to my grand- parents, Don Bodkins, and Ed and Harris Daley.

HOMER, BULLETIN

Season’s Greetings

As the snow falls to the ground, We’d like to spread good cheer all around Since Christmas can’t be far behind Thanks for your neverending support.

So here’s to a season that’s one-of-a-kind!

Happy Holidays

There’s no better time than now to express our gratitude to each of our customers, along with our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

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Family Tire & Service

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Happy

Holidays

Season’s Greetings

As I hear laughter, music, and
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s some as he saw his mother pull out of the snow-covered drive-
way to their clunker, Nick Langford launched himself from the
coach and opened the cupboard under the breakfast bar, where he'd
seen his mother take out recipes before.

Yikes. If he pulled one thing out, she was bound to
start an avalanche. For all
thing out, he was bound to

His mother took out recipes
breakfast bar, where he'd seen
the cupboard under the
couch and opened

Nick cooked for himself after
school. One could only fit
mac and cheese so many
ways, but hey; it was food.
His mother worked two jobs
every week day and didn't get
home till late.

Nick would risk the avalanche.
He had to go forward with Operation Fruitcake
— to find and obliterate his
mother's fruitcake recipe.

Every Christmas since the
year dad never came home,
Alana Langford made fru-
tcake for the neighbors. Nick
couldn't think of anything
weirder this year than to be
almost 17 and have to deliv-
er fruitcake, except maybe
Christmas caroling. He had
heard all the fruitcake jokes
so please let's not start.

An hour later, so far, no
luck. Then Nick stared at an
index card.

Jiffy Baking Mix Fruitcake.
Finally! For a moment, he
had a range of conscience,
but he decided he would be
doing mankind a favor. He

He tossed the card in the
wood stove and watched the recipe
catch fire and burn.

When a frantic knock came
to the door, he almost burned
himself shutting the stove
door quickly.

It was their neighbor,
Martha Cunningham. Past
Nick's mother asked Mrs.
Cunningham to please unload
all the ingredients for the
fruitcake into the house, then
Nick drove her to the ER. Five
hours later, they returned to
front door for his mother, he

The snowy ground looks so pretty
In the country, town or city;
Joy and promise fill the air
In the country, town or city;

Peace on Earth
Goodwill Towards Men

May your stocking
be stuffed with lots
of treats and your
heart be filled with
joy and contentment
this Christmas.

We know we're
overflowing with
thankfulness for
people like you!

And many thanks to you, our
customers and friends, for all the good-
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We look forward to doing business
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Stansbury Health Center wishes you a Happy Holiday

and a Healthy New Year
From all of your friends at TFCU, have a wonderful holiday season!