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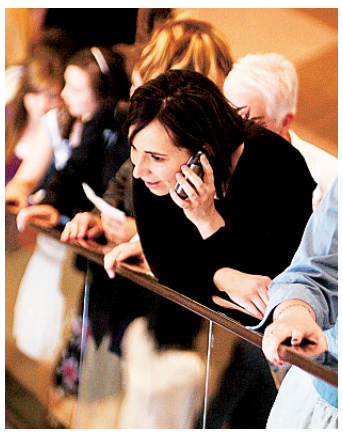

FILE | *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Heidi Abraham, of Provo, talks on her cell phone before the LDS General Young Women's meeting in March. A new report shows that more people are dropping landlines.

More in U.S. are ditching landlines

Technology » The recession spurs more to go wireless.

By ALAN FRAM
The Associated Press

Washington, D.C. » In a high-tech shift accelerated by the recession, the number of U.S. households opting for only cell phones has for the first time surpassed those that just have traditional landlines.

It is the freshest evidence of the growing appeal of wireless phones.

Twenty percent of households had only cell phones during the last half of 2008, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey released Wednesday.

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Cell phones only: Utah 2nd in nation

Oklahoma tops the nation in the percentage of households with cell phones only, according to a March report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than a quarter of households, 26.2 percent, in Oklahoma had only wireless and no landline phones in 2007. Utah was second at 25.5 percent.

POLLEN » A stuffy nose, watery eyes and a pounding headache. These days, you may suspect H1N1 swine flu. But what's making you miserable is more likely seasonal allergies — specifically tree pollen, and if you're like most sufferers, the worst will come later this month when grass pollen peaks. While it's no fun to be itchy and sneezy, this spring has been relatively mild, allergist Duane Harris says. "People always say 'It's been a horrible season for me.' But statistically it's been a typical year, maybe even subdued because of the weather." – *Kathy Stephenson*

GOT ALLERGIES? THE WORST IS YET TO COME

Pollen count For May 6

Mulberry	
Cedar	
Sycamore	
Maple	
Oak	
Birch	
Cottonwood	
Grass	
Mold	

Source: Intermountain Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Pollen season Weather influences count

The pollen count is typically low when it is rainy and damp and high during extended warm, dry periods. The count also goes up when it is windy.

Trees
Mid-February to late May
Worst offender » The Utah juniper, usually referred to as cedar

Grass
Mid-May to mid-July
Worst offender » All types, from rye to Kentucky bluegrass. For 60 percent of people with allergies, grass season is the worst time of the year.

Weeds
Mid-August to late October
Worst offender » Sagebrush

How-to Minimize allergy symptoms

Avoidance » To reduce contact with pollens, keep the windows closed at night or avoid opening at all.
Filtered air » If possible, use central air conditioning instead of a swamp cooler.
Take precautions » After working in the yard, change clothes and shower immediately after entering your home.
Medications » Try over-the-counter allergy medications. If symptoms persist, visit your physician or an allergist.

Source: Allergist Duane Harris, Intermountain Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Online Daily pollen count updates

Allergen levels are posted daily at the Intermountain Allergy & Asthma Clinic Web site.
› intermountainallergy.com/pollen.html

Riders to rebel against BLM ban

Grand Staircase » Hundreds plan protest ride at national monument.

By PATTY HENETZ
The Salt Lake Tribune

Hundreds of anti-government rebels in Jeeps and all-terrain vehicles plan to take a protest ride Saturday up an off-limits riverbed in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The southern Utah rally offers more evidence that the Bureau of Land Management's leniency toward illegal off-road recreationists on the monument may be blowing up in federal faces.

For years, off-roaders have been driving up the Paria River. Now they're angry because of reports that the BLM plans to enforce a ban on off-highway vehicles in the canyon.

The route, which winds through the Paria-Hackberry wilderness study area (WSA) and a river the BLM says boasts wild and scenic qualities,

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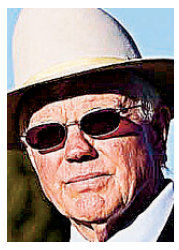
Rene Berkhoudt » Monument manager



Mark Habbeshaw » Kane County commissioner

FLU » BACK TO CLASS

AL HARTMANN | *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Physics teacher Kelly Wedding, right, shows her class an experiment measuring centrifugal force Wednesday at Park City High School. The school reopened Wednesday after a flu scare forced it to close last week. **› B5**

ALSO » MEXICO BACK TO WORK › A8

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Today » Partly cloudy and slightly cooler. **› B10**

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POLITICS » WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chaffetz fights gay-marriage move

By THOMAS BURR
The Salt Lake Tribune

Washington » Utah's newest member of Congress, Rep. Jason Chaffetz, is leading the charge in Congress to overturn the District of Columbia's move to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Chaffetz, who is the ranking Republican on the House subcommittee that oversees the district, says he is in discussions with House minority leaders on which of several options they will use to try to thwart the sanction of same-sex marriage within the nation's capital.

"I'm in a favor of recognizing marriage as a union between a man and a woman," Chaffetz said. "I'm not in favor of trying to

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Rep. Jason Chaffetz » On oversight panel

Chaffetz: No Guantanamo prisoners in Utah

If the Guantanamo Bay prison facility is closed, Rep. Jason Chaffetz says he will not volunteer Utah for a replacement site. **› A4**

Pakistan launches attack against Taliban

World » Pakistan launched attacks against Taliban militants Wednesday in the Swat Valley, where thousands have taken hold of the region. Also Wednesday, President Barack Obama met with the leaders of Pakistan and Afghanistan and urged them to fight militants. **› A8**