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Heavy? You must be crazy

Sporting a belly at 40 seriously increases your chances of getting Alzheimer's later. **p.10**



Look whom John McCain brought to Utah. p.4

Huge bills freak out Questar customers. **p.4**

All-you-can-eat seats for sports fan. **p.14**



SOMETHING TO BUZZ ABOUT

Bartender, Another Hemotoxin Please

A Texas rattlesnake rancher found a new way to make money: Stick a rattler inside a bottle of vodka and market the concoction as an "ancient Asian elixir." But Bayou Bob Popplewell has no liquor license and faces charges.

Popplewell said his intent is not to sell an alcoholic beverage but a healing tonic. He said he uses the cheapest vodka he can find as a preservative for the snakes. The end result is a super sweet mixed drink he compared to cough syrup.

Murder Suspect Not a Flight Risk

A morbidly obese Texas woman who authorities originally thought might have crushed her 2-year-old nephew to death was arraigned in her bedroom Wednesday on a capital murder charge, accused of striking him in the head.

Mayra Lizbeth Rosales, who weighs at least 800 pounds and is bedridden, was photographed and fingerprinted at her La Joya home before being released on a personal recognizance bond, Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said.

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INTERNET

An Educational, and Fruitful, Site

A colorful, new interactive Web site, designed to educate children ages 2 through 8 about the importance of fruits and vegetables, is now operating at www.foodchamps.org.

Once on the site, children can play fruit and vegetable math, test their skills in a matching game and even print out recipes to cook with an adult, such as Banana in a Blanket and Very Veggie Snack Pizza.

They also can print pages to color.



What We've Learned Today • Way to Grow ...

1.

"Take me out to the buffet."

Instead of paying for a ticket and multiple trips to the concession stand, sports fans are snapping up tickets that include all-you-can-eat privileges at the ball game.

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2.

Utah's young work force earns more — but less.

Utah's 6.1 percent growth in per-capita income last year was the seventh-highest nationally — but at \$31,189, the state's average income remains the sixth-lowest.

• Details, p.6

3.

St. George: the second-fastest growing city in U.S.

The metro area, covering Washington County, added 5.1 percent or 5,964 people from July 1, 2006, to last July 1, according to the Census Bureau.

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4.

Questar's new system is blamed for growing bills.

While Questar Gas works out the kinks in its new billing system, many customers are being sent staggeringly high bills.

• Details, p.4

TheWeather

Tonight

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Friday

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Sunday

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Robert Slattery opened his gas bill in November and was told he was \$370.62 past due.

Gas Gaffe Galls Customers

BLINDED BY BIG BILLS • While Questar Gas works out the kinks in its new billing system, many customers are being sent staggeringly high bills.

THE NEW SYSTEM • Radio transmitters on Questar's natural gas meters send signals to laptop computers inside company trucks as they are driven through neighborhoods, detailing the amount of gas used in each home and eliminating the need

for employees to walk to each meter.

WHO'S AFFECTED • About 500 Utah families received a letter stating that the electronic transmitter on their gas meter was faulty, causing it to send the wrong information to Questar. Questar asserts that, on average, each family owes \$1,200 in back gas costs.

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS • Dozens of customers have filed complaints with state utility regulators, ar-

guing that because Questar never bothered to test its equipment for accuracy, the company should be responsible for its own mess and the \$600,000 or so it claims it is owed.

WHAT TO DO • If you have made a complaint with Questar but still are not satisfied, contact the Utah Division of Public Utilities at (801) 530-7622 or (800) 874-0904. A complaint can be filed online at www.publicutilities.utah.gov.

POLITICS

McCain and Romney Pull Into Town

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain made an invitation-only fundraising stop in Salt Lake City today at the Grand America Hotel.

Former presidential contender Mitt Romney will accompany McCain to the \$1,000-a-person event at the Grand America Hotel.

Romney, who dropped out of the race after poor showings in the primaries, received nearly 90 percent of the Utah GOP vote on Feb. 5, while McCain had just 5 percent.

ST. GEORGE

City Area Has No. 2 Growth in the Nation

St. George is the second-fastest growing city in the U.S. The metro area, covering Washington County, added 5.1 percent or 5,964 people from July 1, 2006, to last July 1, according to the Census Bureau.

This year's census numbers reflect the housing and credit crunches' mitigating influences on Sun Belt retiree growth, said University of Utah demographer Pam Perlich. Those factors should slow St. George's growth in coming years.

BANK

Zions Retreats From Federal Student Loans

Zions Bank is joining other big banks in getting out of the federal program to make government-guaranteed student loans, the consequence of subsidy cuts that have made lending to students unprofitable.

The largest Utah-based bank will stop accepting new loan applications through the Federal Family Education Loans program Monday and instead will substitute new programs Zions is developing that will be in place later this spring.

PARK CITY

Staff Shakeup Hits Kimball Art Center

In a single week, Park City's Kimball Art Center has lost its executive director, its public relations director, and a third unnamed staff member in a shake-up that appears to be a prelude to more change: a major capital campaign intended to fund significant renovation of the site. This may include expansion into the adjacent lot and building. Margaret Hunt of the Utah Arts Council characterizes the Kimball as an anchor in the Park City arts community.



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WOLVES

New Kind of Immigrants Enter Utah

The five wolves reportedly sighted last month near the Dutch John airport may be part of a Wyoming pack checking out a new Utah neighborhood. If so, they have a better chance of survival if they settle here.

Beginning Friday, because of a federal decision to take gray wolves off the endangered species list, anyone can kill wolves for any reason across most of Wyoming. Only a small area near Yellowstone National Park will be off-limits.

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ECONOMY

Utah Per-capita Income Is Up

Utah's 6.1 percent growth in per-capita income last year was the seventh-highest nationally — but at \$31,189, the state's average income is the sixth-lowest.

In an annual report, issued by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Utah has traditionally ranked low in per-capita income — total personal income divided by population. In great part, that can be attributed to the state's comparatively youthful population. Nearly one-third of Utah's population is under the age of 18, compared with only one-quarter nationally.



THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A preliminary hearing today was continued until April 25 for a man accused of killing a college hockey coach outside a Sandy restaurant in November. Eugene Christopher Wright, 33, of Salt Lake City, is charged with first-degree felony murder for the Nov. 15 shooting death of 50-year-old Kenneth G. Dolezsar in the parking lot of the Village Inn, 150 W. 10600 South. Attorneys told 3rd District Judge Terry Christiansen that more time was needed to test forensic evidence. Police have said that Wright and Dolezsar were working together on a business deal, but no motive for the slaying has been revealed. Wright is being held at the Salt Lake County jail in lieu of \$2.5 million bail.

The Blotter

A collection of public safety news from The Salt Lake Tribune and wire reports.

ASSAULT • A Salt Lake City woman reportedly broke her arm when her husband drove his car into her during a fight. The 42-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault. Yesterday morning, the couple had an argument and the wife stepped behind her husband's Ford Explorer to prevent him from leaving, according to documents filed with the Salt Lake County jail. The husband backed the Explorer into the woman, knocked her to the ground and drove away, police said. The woman broke her left arm.

SHOOTING • Salt Lake City police are investigating a reported shooting at Sugar House Park early Wednesday. A man told police he drove his car near a pond at the park, 2100 S. 1300 East, and was struck by a bullet in his calf while he spoke on a cell phone to his wife around midnight, Salt Lake City Police Department spokesman Jared Wihongi said in a news release. Police observed an entry wound in the man's upper calf and an exit wound in the lower area. The man told police he was shot by an unknown assailant, the release states.

ARREST • South Salt Lake police arrested a 30-year-old man in connection with a stabbing outside an emissions inspection business late Tuesday. The man got into an argument with a 28-year-old friend outside Anytime Emissions, 2967 South State St., around 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, said Lt. Gary Keller of the South Salt Lake Police Department. The two men argued over the victim's giving the man a ride, when the man pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim once in each arm. The man was booked into the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of aggravated robbery, aggravated assault and vehicle theft.

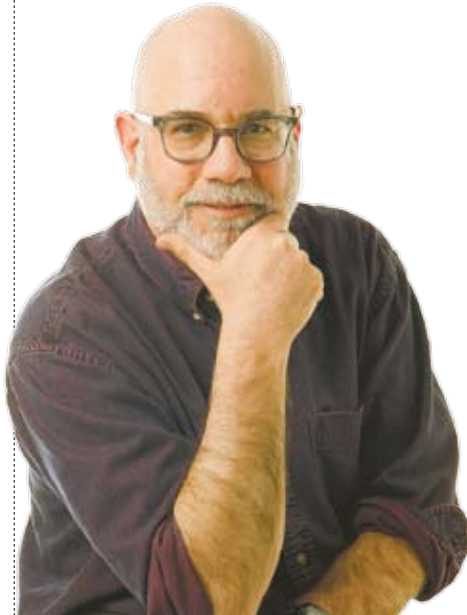
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

• A suspicious package that prompted the evacuation of downtown Salt Lake City's Social Security building yesterday contained raw chicken, police announced today. The package was destroyed.

Ex-fire Captain Faces Web Sex Charges

Investigators say a former South Jordan fire captain downloaded child pornography, creating a fake profile on the Web site MySpace and using it to befriend about 90 underage girls.

Michael Farnsworth, 45, of Riverton, was charged in 3rd District Court this week with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, a second-degree felony. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force says he downloaded child porn onto his personal computer.



Stump Like It's D.C. 2003

Even the most stalwart Republicans — I might go as far as to say everyone with the sense God gave geese — has put light years between themselves and President Bush and his Iraq fiasco. Which might explain why Congressman Chris Cannon makes a belated argument for invading Iraq on his blog:

“It seems that the accepted media talking point that ‘Saddam had no link to Al Qaeda’ has become an axiom akin to ‘tax cuts for the rich.’ What both have in common, however, is the falsity of their underlying premise. As much as saying across the board tax cuts are ‘for the rich,’ saying ‘Saddam had no link to Al Qaeda’ is equally false and disingenuous.”

Did Chris bump his head and wake up thinking it's 2003?

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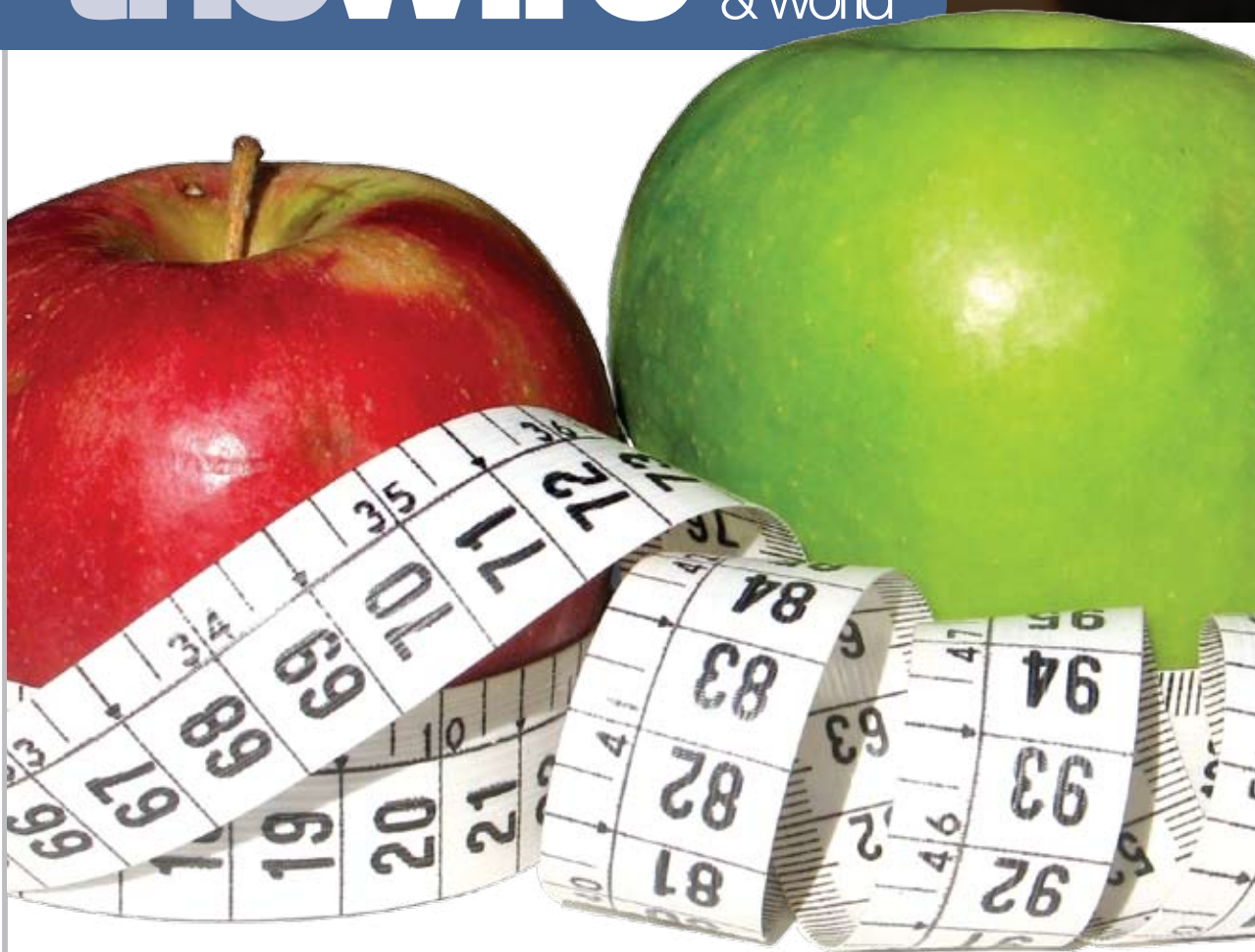


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➤ **Boss, I Cannot Tell a Lie** • With rain forecast for Friday, work took a back seat today to Tokyo's cherry blossoms, in full bloom across the city. Parks drew weekend-like crowds. An annual rite of spring in Japan, "sakura" season is not just about admiring the flowers' beauty — it is also an excuse to party.



TELEVISION

Low-power TV at Risk in Digital Shift

The low-power TV industry is facing a "death sentence" because of a flaw in the government's plan to force broadcasters to shift to digital broadcasting and has asked a federal judge for a reprieve.

The Community Broadcasters Association, which represents owners of small television stations, wants the Federal Communications Commission to ban all digital set-top converter boxes that are not equipped to receive an analog signal, a request that has the potential to halt the Feb. 18, 2009, transition.

HEALTH

Asthma Drug Probed for Suicide Link

The Food and Drug Administration is investigating a possible link between Merck's allergy drug Singulair and suicide.

FDA said it is reviewing reports of mood changes, suicidal behavior and suicide in patients who have taken the drug, Merck's best-selling product last year.

In the past year Merck has updated the drug's labeling four times to include information on tremors, anxiousness, depression and suicidal behavior reported in some patients.

Apple a Day, Dementia at Bay

By MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

Having a big belly in your 40s can boost your risk of getting Alzheimer's disease or other dementia decades later, a new study suggests.

It's not just about your weight. While previous research has found evidence that obesity in middle age raises the chances of developing dementia later, the

new work found a separate risk from storing a lot of fat in the abdomen. Even people who weren't overweight were susceptible.

That abdominal fat, sometimes described as making people apple-shaped rather than pear-shaped, has already been linked to higher risk of developing diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

"Now we can add dementia to that," said study author Rachel Whitmer of the Kaiser Perma-

nente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif.

She and others report the findings in Wednesday's online issue of the journal *Neurology*.

The study involved 6,583 men and women who were ages 40 to 45 when they had checkups between 1964 and 1973. As part of the exam, their belly size was measured by using a caliper to find the distance between their

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MINNESOTA

Looney Tunes Was All a Lie, Killer Learns

A man who ripped the head off a live duck in a Minnesota hotel has been sentenced to the workhouse and community service.

Scott D. Clark apologized Wednesday and says he takes full responsibility for his actions. He pleaded guilty in January to felony animal cruelty.

He was at the Embassy Suites in St. Paul in September when he cornered a duck from the hotel's lobby pool and ripped its head off. Police say he was drunk.

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

Appeal: Death Penalty to Be Reconsidered

A federal appeals court has ordered a new penalty hearing for celebrity death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals says his conviction for the 1981 murder of a Philadelphia police officer should stand. But it says he should get a new sentencing hearing because of flawed jury instructions.

If prosecutors don't want to give him a new death penalty hearing, he would be sentenced automatically to life in prison.



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ITALY

EU to Rome: Clean Up Your Cheese Act

EU officials threatened Rome with a possible Europe-wide ban on mozzarella from Italy's Campania region unless they get more details about production of the cheese, samples of which contained higher-than-permitted levels of dioxins.

None of the tainted cheese had been exported from Italy. Italian authorities have said they have prevented any product at risk from reaching consumers, and guaranteed the safety of mozzarella made at other plants.

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Many Flights Canceled for Inspections

American Airlines and Delta Air Lines canceled dozens of flights today as they continue inspecting wiring bundles on some planes.

American canceled 132 flights. Delta expects about 275 cancellations through early Friday.

The cancellations do not affect any incoming or outgoing Salt Lake City flights, said Delta spokesman Anthony Black. Delta flies the MD-90 aircraft out of its hub at Salt Lake City International Airport, not the MD-88 planes targeted for inspection.

Creator Has Eaten His Last McMuffin

Herb Peterson, who invented the ubiquitous Egg McMuffin as a way to introduce breakfast to McDonald's restaurants, has died. He was 89.

Peterson began his career with McDonald's Corp. as vice president of the company's advertising firm. He wrote McDonald's first national advertising slogan, "Where Quality Starts Fresh Every Day."

Peterson came up with idea for the signature McDonald's breakfast item in 1972.



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Team Rivalry Taken Below the Belt

A man will stand trial on a felony assault charge after a bar confrontation led to a near castration.

Allen Michael Beckett, 54, is accused of tearing the scrotum of Brian Thomas, 35, in June.

Thomas wore a University of Texas shirt into a bar popular with fans of the University of Oklahoma. When he decided to leave and went to pay his tab, Beckett grabbed his testicles.

When patrons tried to split the men, Thomas heard a pop, looked down and saw blood.



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Vendor-side Seating

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks. And some more. And more. A growing trend in all-you-can-eat seating at sports venues is making baseball's summer chorus sound more like "Take Me Out to the Buffet." Dozens of arenas, stadiums and tracks have offered tickets with unlimited snacks. The seats have been a hit with fans, a moneymaker for the venues and a worry for health officials.



PREMIUM PRICE • Instead of paying for a ticket and multiple trips to the concession stand, the ticket includes everything and costs about 50 percent more. Alcohol and desserts are sold separately.

EDIBLE CREDIT • Fans get bargain grub, and the venues are able to charge a premium for foods they already buy cheap in bulk. All-you-can-eat ticket holders get a special wristband that allows unlimited trips to a cash-free concession stand.

CHEAP EATS • Most all-you-can-eat seats cover only the basics: hot dogs, popcorn, soda.

HEALTHY? • Some stadiums have tried to be more health-conscious. The Pittsburgh Pirates offer salad bars. The Oakland Athletics have stands with fruit cups and garden burgers.

CATCHING ON • Nearly half of the 30 major league baseball teams have added the all-inclusive seats. The NHL has nine teams offering the deal; the NBA has six. The idea has not caught on with the NFL, but NASCAR has put it in overdrive, selling the tickets at multiple racetracks.

CONVENIENCE • It might be hard to get your money's worth food-wise, but it saves time waiting in line.



UTAH BLAZE

Game Honors Justin Skaggs' Memory

It has been a little more than nine months since the Utah Blaze's Justin Skaggs died due to a cancerous brain tumor, but the Arena Football League franchise does not want to wait for the one-year mark to honor the popular receiver and linebacker.

The team is calling Saturday night's game against the Georgia Force "Justin Skaggs Celebration Night" because it is the third home game this season and because Skaggs wore No. 3 in his two seasons with the Blaze.

"As a coach, you just wished you had 20 guys like him," coach Danny White said of Skaggs, who died June 15.

Skaggs played in 25 games with the Blaze and made 73 receptions for 856 yards and 17 touchdowns. Defensively, he made 72 1/2 tackles.

SOCCER

Beckham Has No Goodbyes for England

David Beckham has no intention of waving farewell to the English national team after reaching 100 appearances.

The Los Angeles Galaxy star, who reached the milestone Wednesday, maintains the wave he gave when he walked off during England's 1-0 exhibition loss to France was an acknowledgment of the standing ovation that even French fans gave him.

"I don't know where the rumors came from, but they weren't from me," he said.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

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NCAA, UCLA vs. Western
Kentucky, 7:30 p.m., Ch. 2,
1320 AM

NBA

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Portland at Golden State,
8:30 p.m., TNT



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REAL SALT LAKE

'Heart and Intensity'

Last week, the Real Salt Lake teammates helped the U.S. achieve its goal of qualifying for this summer's Beijing Olympics. The Americans defeated Canada 3-0 in the regional semifinals in Nashville, Tenn., to clinch their spot.

"Whenever you represent your country you have to take pride in it and wear it on your sleeve, and that is what all of us did out there on the field," Robbie Findley said. "We played with heart and intensity the entire time."

Findley, Chris Seitz and Nathan Sturgis plan to employ a similar mind-set as RSL begins its Major League Soccer season on Saturday against the Chicago Fire at Rice-Eccles Stadium. The players will try out for the national team again in a few months.

➤ **Real Salt Lake** • Chicago Fire at Utah, Saturday, 4 p.m.



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Creator, Crew Discuss 'X-Files' Sequel, Due in July

The truth about "The X-Files" sequel — some of it, anyway — is now out there. "X-Files" creator Chris Carter, writer Frank Spotnitz and other crew members gathered Wednesday to discuss the TV series — and declassify some information about the upcoming film.

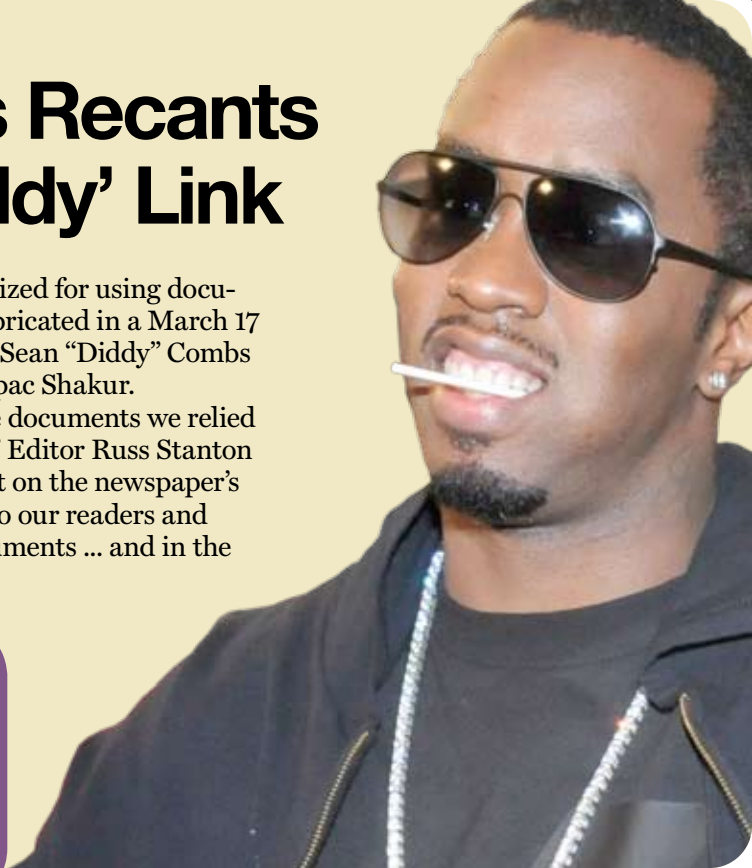
"While this is not a mythology movie, it's true to everything that's come before," Spotnitz said at the William S. Paley Television Festival.

The film is due out July 25.

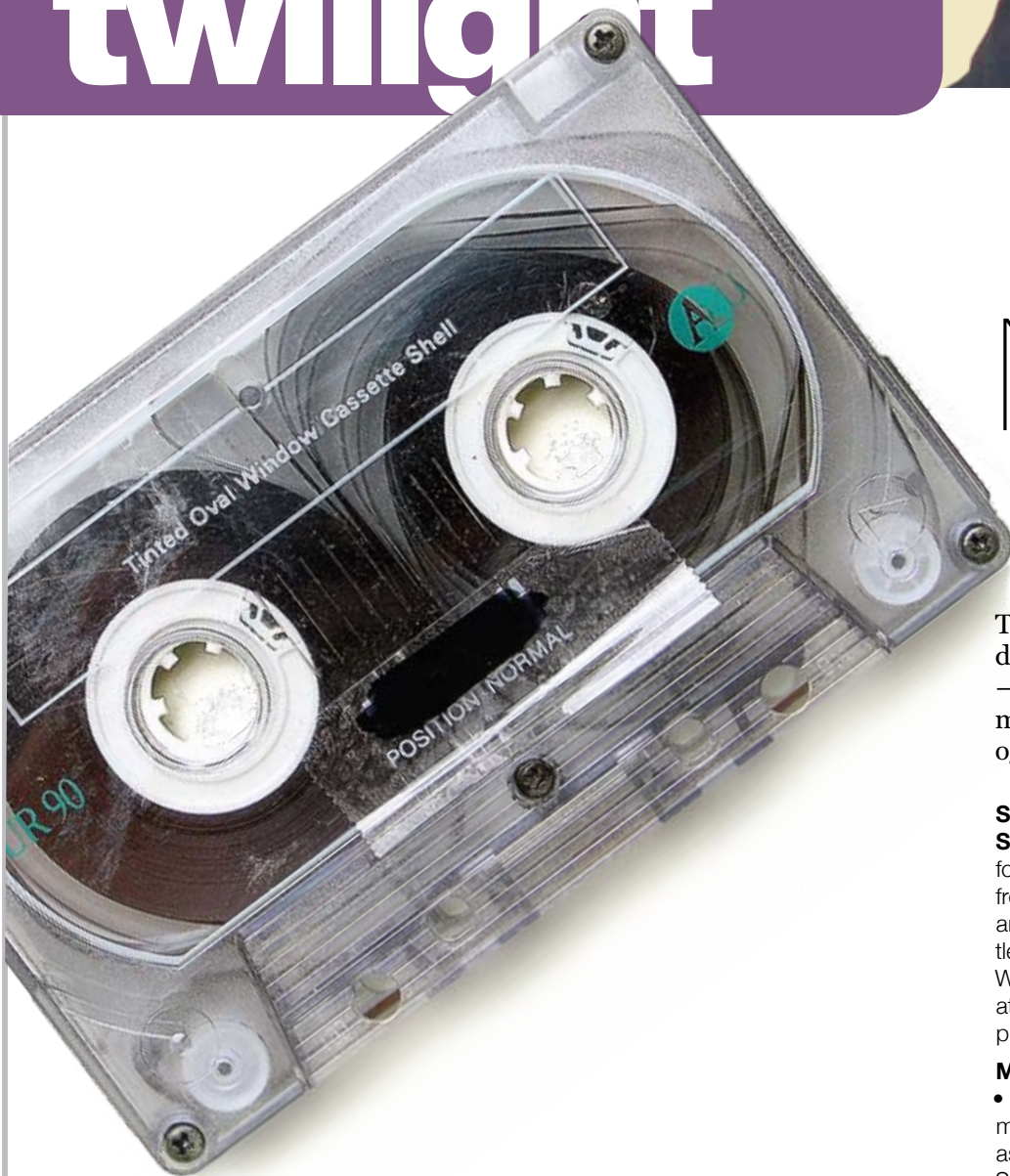
L.A. Times Recants Tupac-'Diddy' Link

The Los Angeles Times apologized for using documents that were apparently fabricated in a March 17 story implicating associates of Sean "Diddy" Combs in a 1994 assault on rapper Tupac Shakur.

"The bottom line is that the documents we relied on should not have been used," Editor Russ Stanton said in a story posted last night on the newspaper's Web site. "We apologize both to our readers and to those referenced in the documents ... and in the story."



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New Ways to Listen

The music industry has been transformed in the last decade. While total album sales continue to plummet — down 15 percent last year from 2006 — music is more ubiquitous than ever, thanks to digital technology. Here's how to get more music in your life.

SIMPLE STREAMING MUSIC • Pandora and Jango, for example, are commercial-free sites that let users enter an artist's name or a song title into the search bar on the Web site. Then the site creates a "radio station" that plays similar types music.

MUSIC SEARCH ENGINES • More listeners are turning to music search engines such as SeeqPod, Songza and SkreemR, all of which are free. They're not the best way to discover new music, but they can help you find a song you

haven't heard in a while. Listening to tracks online is OK; but downloading copyrighted material without the publisher's permission is illegal.

SOCIAL-NETWORKING SITES • A number of music sites are integrating social-networking functions into their sites. Some of the biggest players include imeem, Last.fm, iLike and MyStrands. These sites feature libraries of music and videos. Some songs are only in 30-second snippets; others are full-length recordings.

Kate Voegelé to Perform at In the Venue

Kate Voegelé plays "Mia" on "One Tree Hill," and because Mia is a singer, it's a perfect role.

She just wrapped up a multi-episode arc on the CW show, and the exposure helped: Her record jumped to No. 27 on the Billboard album charts. Her first single, "Only Fooling Myself," has been heard on the show and on Utah top-40 radio.

She plays tonight at 7 p.m. at In the Venue, 579 W. 200 South, Salt Lake City. Tickets are \$10.50 at SmithsTix.



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Portable 'War' Great

Anyone who thinks you can't squeeze a PlayStation 2 game into the PlayStation Portable needs to fire up this amazing new entry in the "God of War" franchise and be wowed.

In the "Chains of Olympus" story, the bulky hero Kratos is again fighting the Greek gods for control of his soul in an action game that virtually has leapt from the bigger PS2. It's a prequel to the first "God of War" with Kratos fighting off more unsavory monsters with button mashing and puzzle-solving as good as the rest of the series.

Graphically, the game is a spitting image of its other versions, and the mechanics are as fluid and intuitive as the PS2 counterparts. The only disappointment is the game's short length, but everything from the bigger games is packed neatly into this on-the-go version, especially its fun factor. Grade: A-

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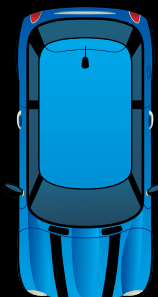
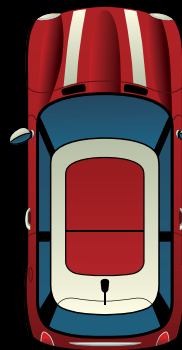
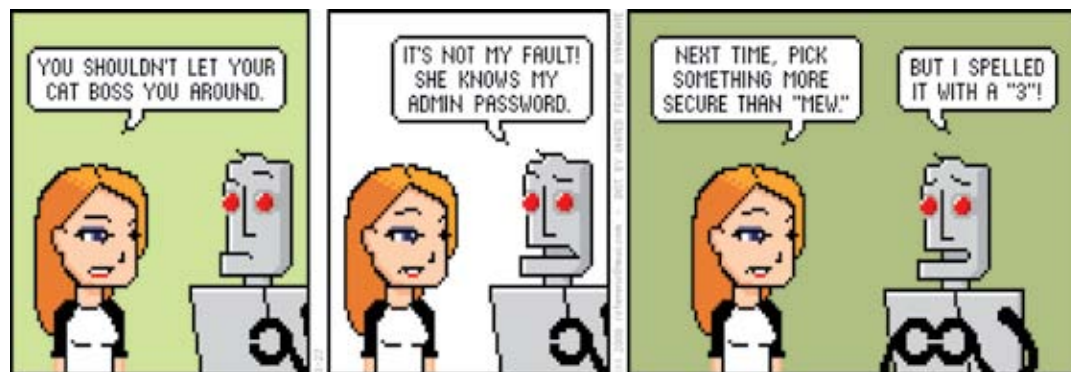
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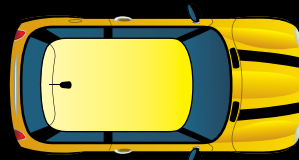


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By R. Stevens



PICK YOUR COLOR



The Stars

Tomorrow's horoscope today.

IF FRIDAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY • You have a friendly, sunny disposition. You're hardworking, reliable and highly independent. You like to do things on your own, and you like to be in charge of what you're doing. It's important for you to seek the right comfort level in life, especially with your ambition. Your year ahead will have some major changes, perhaps as significant as something around 1999.

♈ ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Wonderful opportunities can come to you. Don't act on them. Wait until tomorrow — then act quickly.

♉ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Surprise opportunities to travel or to explore new ideas or avenues in politics or religion are at hand. Keep an open mind.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Unexpected goodies, inheritances, bonuses and favors could surprise you. But take nothing for granted.

♋ CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Friends and partners are completely unpredictable. This is the classic day for a surprise party or some kind of unexpected event or a response from someone else.

♌ LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) This can be a wonderful, fun-loving day at work! No matter how good things look, postpone major decisions until tomorrow.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) This is a wonderful day to play, entertain or slip away on a vacation. Keep things light.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll enjoy family gatherings and hanging out. You also might invite people to your home for educational reasons.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You're thinking like a winner. Others are attracted to your optimism. Even so, postpone major decisions until tomorrow.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're full of wonderful money-making ideas. You also see ways to enrich your real estate situation.

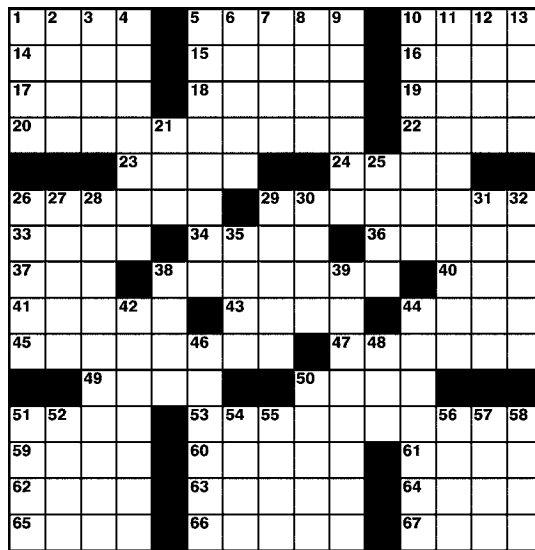
♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
It's easy to be happy. Lucky Jupiter is in your sign bringing unexpected opportunities and good luck, especially.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It's easy to be on excellent terms with everyone because you're so positive and happy. Surprise luck comes your way.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Get out and schmooze. Enjoy good company. It's easy to be original; but don't nail anything down until tomorrow.

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 With 35 Down, South African-born diplomat
- 5 3-D
- 10 Up to it
- 14 Internet diary
- 15 Battery terminal
- 16 December song
- 17 Volcano part
- 18 Ruin
- 19 Hoops maneuver
- 20 Wiltshire attraction
- 22 Henry Ford contemporary
- 23 Butler's last word
- 24 Poet
- 26 Dojo course
- 29 Circumspect
- 33 Sgts., for instance
- 34 Marsh plant
- 36 Before it's needed
- 37 List ender
- 38 Fred and Wilma's kid
- 40 Decline
- 41 ___ shot (fast)
- 43 "Up and ___!"
- 44 Leo's *Aviator* costar
- 45 They live the high life
- 47 Pointed the finger at
- 49 Grad student's challenge
- 50 Not friendly
- 51 Italian wine center
- 53 Beach find
- 59 Odium
- 60 Video-game name
- 61 Fish dish
- 62 Ancestor of Noah
- 63 Fishing craft
- 64 Hot spot
- 65 Grp. in charge
- 66 Yellow cheeses
- 67 On deck
- 13 Antlered animals
- 21 Erode
- 25 Tip-top
- 26 Proposed, perhaps
- 27 Last part of Cats
- 28 Nadir
- 29 Red ink
- 30 Inactive
- 31 Upper class
- 32 Worked at a keyboard
- 35 See 1 Across
- 38 ___-cake
- 39 Typifies
- 42 Most strange
- 44 Asks for help from
- 46 Strasbourg's region
- 48 Card game
- 50 Storage medium
- 51 Throat-clearing sound
- 52 Spilled the beans
- 54 Minimally
- 55 Wendy's dog
- 56 Troubadour topic
- 57 The A in A-Rod
- 58 Housing fee

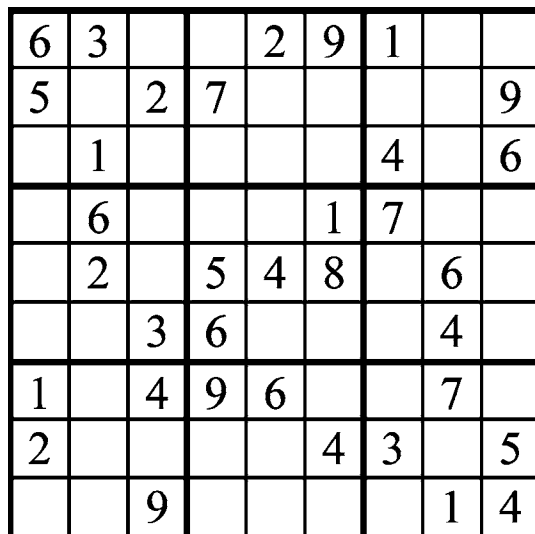
DOWN

- 1 Introductory material
- 2 Smudge
- 3 Pro ___ work
- 4 "Hidden" priorities
- 5 Fine yarn
- 6 Let out, as pigs
- 7 Blessing
- 8 "Got it"
- 9 El subjects
- 10 Pyrenees land
- 11 Part of the Arizona/Nevada border
- 12 Furnish for a time

Sudoku

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Instructions • Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.



Difficulty Level: Bronze

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DANCE

Senior Show Highlights Eclectic Works

The University of Utah modern dance department's graduating seniors will perform their eclectic work at 7:30 tonight at the Hayes Christensen Theatre at the Marriott Center for Dance, 330 S. 1500 East, in Salt Lake City.

The cost is \$10, or \$7 for students and faculty.

For information, call 801-581-7100 or visit www.kingtix.org.



calendar

Thu.

MUSIC

KENNETH COPE • Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, 138 W. Broadway (300 South), Salt Lake City; 7 p.m.; \$15, \$12, \$10, purchase online www.arttix.org; www.kennethcope.com

ALL-STAR ROCK ENSEMBLE • Wasatch Music Coaching Academy; 7 p.m. at the Post Theater at Fort Douglas, 245 S. Fort Douglas Blvd. (Building 636); \$8, \$6 for high school students and younger; 801-560-6437 wasatchacademy@comcast.net

SPEARIT • The Town Lift Plaza, 825 Main St., Park City; 6-7 p.m.; free

SISTER CAROL • Reggae; 21 and older The Star Bar, 268 Main St., Park City; 8 p.m. \$15 at the door

KATE VOEGELE • Pop; In the Venue, 219 S. 600 West, Salt Lake City; 7 p.m. \$10.50; www.smithstix.com

THE WAILERS • Minus Bob Marley, of course; 21 and older The Paladium, 615 N. 400 W., Salt Lake City; 8 p.m. \$25; www.smithstix.com

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ULYSSES • Hog Wallow Pub, 3200 S. Big Cottonwood Canyon Road, Cottonwood Heights

ETC.

POETRY OUT LOUD: STATE FINALS • City Library Auditorium, 210 E. 400 South, Salt Lake City; Thursday 7 p.m.; free

DANCE

SEASONS • Brigham Young University's Living Legends; de Jong

Concert Hall, Brigham Young University, Provo; 7:30 p.m.; \$10, \$7 with a BYU or student ID; 801-422-4322

ABOUT LOVE • Presented by Transfusion Hype Dance Company; Leona Wagner Black Box Theater 138 W. 300 South; March 26-28; 8 p.m.; \$15; \$12 with student ID

SHUT UP & DANCE • Odyssey Dance Theatre's Spring production — check the company's Web site for details on the three different programs and which days they will be performed; Kingsbury Hall, 1395 E. Presidents Circle, Salt Lake City; March 19-29, 8 p.m.; March 22 and 29, 2 p.m.; \$15-\$35; 801-581-7100; www.odysseydance.com

WAUKEENYAN SHOWCASE • Centrum Arena 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City; \$5 adults, \$4 students; www.smithtix.com

THEATER

THE WIZARD OF ODD • Desert Star Theatre, 4861 S. State St., Murray; Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, noon, 3, 7 and 9:30 p.m., through June 7; \$8-\$17.95; 801-266-2600; www.desertstar.biz

NOTES ON A SUNDAY • Studio 115 Theatre, 240 S. 1500 East (1st floor of the Performing Arts Building); through March 30; 7:30 p.m.; \$9, \$5 students; 801-581-7100; not recommended for children under 14

ROMEO AND JULIET • Utah Shakespearean Festival touring production; Grand Theatre, 1575 S. State St., Salt Lake City; Wednesday, Thursday March 26 and 27, 11 a.m.; free; www.bard.org/education/tour.html

ROOFSLIDING • Brigham Young University grad students Pardoe Theatre, Brigham Young University campus, Provo; Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; March 29 matinee 2 p.m.; through April 4; \$14 weeknight and student discounts, \$7 matinee; 801-422-4322; www.performance.byu.edu

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THE HEIRESS • Simmons Pioneer Memorial Theatre, 300 S. 1400 East, Salt Lake City; Monday-Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday 8 p.m.; through March 29; \$21-\$39 (half-price tickets for children Monday and Tuesday); 801-581-6961; www.pioneertheatre.org

SUMMER AND SMOKE • UVSC Black Box Theater, 800 W. University Parkway, Orem; Monday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; through March 29; \$10 general, \$6 for UVSC students, \$8 for other students, UVSC faculty/staff, and seniors; 801-863-8337; www.uvsc.edu/campusconnect/events

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SUDOKU ANSWER

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8	9	3	6	7	2	5	4	1
1	5	4	9	6	3	2	7	8
2	7	6	1	8	4	3	9	5
3	8	9	2	5	7	6	1	4

↳ Continued from p.10 backs and the surface of their upper abdomens. For the study, a distance of about 10 inches or more was considered high.

The researchers checked medical records to see who had developed Alzheimer's or another form of dementia by an average of 36 years later. At that point the participants were ages 73 to 87. There were 1,049 cases.

Analysis found that compared to people in the study with normal body weight and a low belly measurement:

- Participants with normal body weight and high belly measurements were 89 percent more likely to have dementia.

- Overweight people were 82 percent more likely if they had a low belly measurement,

but more than twice as likely if they had a high belly measurement.

- Obese people were 81 percent more likely if they had a low belly measurement, but more than three times as likely if they had a high measurement.

Whitmer said there's no precise way to translate belly measurements into waist circumference. But most people have a sense of whether they have a big belly, she said. And if they do, the new study suggests they should get rid of it, she said.

It's not clear why abdominal fat would promote dementia, but it may pump out substances that harm the brain, she said.

Dr. Jose Luchsinger of the Columbia University Medical Center in New York, who

studies the connection between obesity and Alzheimer's disease but didn't participate in the new work, cautioned that such a study cannot prove abdominal fat promotes dementia.

But the study results are "highly plausible" and "I'm not surprised at all," he said. High insulin levels might help explain them, he said.

Dr. Samuel Gandy, who chairs the medical and scientific advisory council of the Alzheimer's Association, said the results fit in with previous work that indicates a person's characteristics in middle age can affect the risk of dementia in later life.

And it's another example of how traits associated with the risk of developing heart disease are also linked to later dementia, he said.

↳ Online • www.dor.kaiser.org/staff/investigators/whitmer.shtml, www.neurology.org, www.alz.org

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Utah has looked better than the rest of the U.S. when it comes to life expectancy, which Utah demographers attribute to lower rates of tobacco and alcohol use, a small minority population and strong social cohesion.

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