



## In brief

### 1000 W. to be closed at 900 S. beginning tonight

The Utah Department of Transportation will close 1000 West in Logan beginning tonight at 900 South.

The closures run from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. tonight and Thursday night.

This closure is necessary to facilitate utility work on the 1000 West project, according to a prepared statement by the Utah Department of Transportation. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through construction zones.

During this closure, traffic will be detoured around the closure point via 1000 South for northbound traffic and 600 South for southbound traffic.

For more information on the 1000 West project, visit [www.udot.utah.gov/tenth-west](http://www.udot.utah.gov/tenth-west) or call 888-427-8585.

### USU students receive science, math honors

Three Utah State University students are 2011 Goldwater Scholars, and one Aggie received honorable mention in a national competition that recognizes outstanding undergraduate achievements in science and mathematics.

Linsey Johnson, Brooke Siler and Brian Tracy are recipients of the award, which is administered by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, and Karen Nielson received honorable mention.

USU's 2011 honorees, who represent the university's College of Science and College of Engineering, are members of the USU Honors Program and actively involved in undergraduate research. All also volunteer their time to community outreach in science education.

## Correction

### Wrong statement in landslide story

Tuesday's story about the 2009 landslide lawsuit incorrectly stated that the \$175,000 paid by Logan city was the smallest share of the settlement. Instead, Utah State University and Utah Department of Transportation paid the smallest amounts. The majority was paid by Northern Irrigation Company.

# Health insurance options clarified

By Charles Geraci  
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With portions of last year's health care reform now in effect, Logan Regional Hospital wants the public to understand some key changes.

Hospital representatives Tuesday shared some ways in which the Affordable Care Act — passed by Congress in March 2010 — has modified the health care landscape.

"We are not in any way endorsing the Affordable Care Act itself as good or bad," said Debbie Ostrander, the hospital's spokeswoman. "We just want to make sure community residents, especially young adults, understand their current options."

There are some key changes for those obtaining health insurance through their employer.

"There are a significant number of people, particularly young adults, who may not be aware of

these new options that are now available to them," Ostrander said.

For instance, young adults are now allowed to stay on their parent's insurance plan until they turn age 26, even if they are married or not financially dependent on their parents. Before the new health law, young adults could remain on their parent's plan until 26, but only provided they were single and financially dependent on

their parents.

Previously, coverage for children added to a parent's plan could be denied due to pre-existing conditions. Now, children younger than 19 added to a parent's plan cannot be denied coverage as a result of pre-existing conditions. However, children ages 19 to 25 can be denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

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# Supporting their troops



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From left, John Worley, chief executive officer at Cache Valley Specialty Hospital, Roger Olson, director of ancillary services, Nathan Carrico, scrub tech, Ibrahim "Abe" Farah, hyperbaric safety director, and retired Army Col. Morty Jenkins look over awards given to the hospital from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve on Tuesday. Cache Valley Specialty Hospital was recognized for being accommodating to deployed staff members.

## Hospital honored for backing deployed staff

By Matthew K. Jensen  
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U.S. Department of Defense officials Tuesday recognized the Cache Valley Specialty Hospital for showing exceptional support to its active military personnel.

Retired Army Col. Morty Jenkins presented hospital CEO John Worley and ancillary services director Roger Olson with the Patriot Award — an accolade that honors employers and supervisors for supporting mobilized or in-training employees.

Jenkins represents the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve program, or ESGR, which works to distinguish military-friendly organizations.

"The employers that are willing to step up and support these people, the Department of Defense truly honors and thanks them kindly," said Jenkins. "These people in the military bring a special set of unique skills to a hospital environment."

Army Reserve Technical Sgt. Ibrahim Farah, who works as the hospital's hyperbaric and wound care safety director, nominated his employer for the recognition. Farah has been deployed three times since he started at the North Logan health care facility in early 2008.

"It's overwhelming how much support I've received from the

hospital," he said. "In the first year I was gone for five months, second year I was gone for four months; this year, I was gone for 90 days. I've always had a job, I've never had any complaints about me going too far or leaving for too long."

Farah works as a flight medic and most recently was stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. He said he flew in more than a dozen missions to medevac more than 400 soldiers and patients from locations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nathan and Jacqueline Carrico of Logan also attended Tuesday morning's event. The two work together at the hospital as surgical technicians and are

both part of the Army Reserve's 934th Forward Surgical Team. Nate Carrico recently returned to Cache Valley after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

When he came home, his job was waiting for him.

Carrico said his co-workers helped pitch in while he was overseas.

"Being a reservist is not as easy as one weekend a month and one week a year," added Farah. "And the hospital has been good to work with us on that."

Jenkins said the award is dedicated to everyone who works at the hospital and those who lend a hand when staff numbers dwindle.

## Agendas

✓ The Wellsville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. at the city offices, 75 E. Main St. Agenda items include:

- Conducting a public hearing to receive public input and consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission, then consider for possible approval a code amendment to amend 10-11-8-A of the code to allow fences, hedges, shrubs, and walls in the front yard setback requirement, not to exceed 42 inches in height.
- Hearing from County Sheriff Lynn Nelson, who will discuss services provided to the city included in the annual contract.
- Discussing subdivision requirements with Brad White.
- Discussing appointment to the Planning Commission to replace Jaye Colling.
- Discussing the possibility of planting additional trees in the cemetery.
- Considering a resolution setting a cap on the amount the city will pay in the future for current city employees' medical and dental premiums at the current rates now being paid by the city.
- Discussing continued infiltration into the sewer system due to the amount of moisture received since Dec. 19th.
- Discussing potential hydroelectric projects.

✓ The North Logan City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the North Logan Library at 475 E. 2500 North. Agenda items include:

- Discussing request to reauthorize and extend the one-64th percent sales tax dedicated to the Bridgerland Ice Arena Committee for the Eccles Ice Center. The tax was initially established for the 2002 Olympics.
- Discussing approval of appointment to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission.
- Discussing request from contractor for an

# USU narrows search for cabinet position

By Kevin Opsahl  
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Utah State University officials say they are close to narrowing down the final crop of candidates for a new cabinet position within the administration.

Sydney Peterson, USU chief of staff, said USU will invite three to four candidates vying for the vice president for research and dean of the School of Graduate Studies position for on-campus interviews before the end of the semester. The search committee narrowed it to a dozen candidates nationwide and conducted video conferences with them. Reference checks still need to be completed.

"I know it's going to be pretty tight," Peterson told the Faculty Senate of the approaching end of the search.

There will be an "open forum" with those candidates so faculty members can ask questions. The timing of those events is to be announced, Peterson said.

The person in the new position will be responsible for overseeing research at all levels of the university and the more than 130 graduate degree programs offered at USU and respective faculty and students. The new official would

report directly to USU President Stan Albrecht.

The national search came about after Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Studies Byron Burnham announced his retirement from USU effective in July. With this vacancy, Albrecht said the university decided to merge the dean of graduate studies with the duties of the vice president for research.

Also stepping down is Vice President for Research Brent Miller in July for a sabbatical leave. He will return as a member of the department of family, consumer and human development. During his tenure as research VP, Miller saw a record \$187 million in sponsored program awards and a record number of patents for the school in fiscal year 2010.

The search committee for the new administrative position includes Noelle E. Cockett, dean of the College of Agriculture and vice president of Extension, and Niel S. Holt, director of the Space Dynamics Laboratory and vice president of the USU Research Foundation.

The position for the vice president for research and dean of the School of Graduate Studies was announced at the end of last year.

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