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Tougher driver card law rolls in

Immigration » New legislation goes into effect Friday requiring fingerprints and fees from undocumented immigrants seeking a permit.

By **DAVID MONTERO**
The Salt Lake Tribune

Utah's latest version of its driving privilege card takes effect Friday — one that expands background checks on undocumented immigrants in a compromise that saved the program from being dumped

entirely.

The 6-year-old program allows cardholders to drive legally in Utah without having to prove legal residency and is based on the premise that the permit allows these drivers to obtain auto insurance.

Nanette Rolfe, director of public safety, said the new

application and renewal process targets only those convicted of felonies or with outstanding warrants by requiring applicants to be fingerprinted and bring photo identification to obtain a driving privilege card.

"If they're an individual that is upholding the law, there should be no reason the fingerprints should be shared with anyone unless there is a felony or outstanding warrant," Rolfe

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An undocumented resident, who asked not to be identified, waits to apply for a driving privilege card.

Changes to Utah's driving privilege card

Renewals and new applicants under the law will now be required to get fingerprinted and have their photos taken. Data on an applicant with a felony will be sent to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; information on an individual with an outstanding warrant will be forwarded to local police.

Coalition aims to better help veterans find work

Military » Returning soldiers often have trouble getting a job.

By **KRISTEN MOULTON**
The Salt Lake Tribune

Paul Diamond, just back from a year's stint in Iraq with the Utah National Guard, knows it won't be easy to find a steady job.

So he's kicking into gear as he did in 2009 when he returned from Afghanistan to find his real-estate acquisitions job gone and the country mired in recession.

That time, he strung together odd jobs, worked as a Christmas-season bagger at Costco and sold bracelets he makes

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Job help for vets

The Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition is set to launch at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Utah Capitol rotunda. Government and industry representatives will sign a charter promising to work together to make it easier for vets to get jobs.



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Will Dems' map cost Matheson?

UTAH » A proposed redistricting map that would give Utah Democrats exactly what they want — a Salt Lake County "doughnut hole" district — could make re-election for U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson more difficult, says Republican leader. › B1

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR » DROWNING

Chilly waters claim another life



STEVE GRIFFIN | *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Students, family and friends gather at Wasatch High School in Heber for a vigil for 17-year-old Kalem Franco, who drowned Wednesday in Deer Creek Reservoir.

Heber teen is 10th to die in a cold Utah waterway since April.

By **ERIN ALBERTY** and **CIMARON NEUGEBAUER**
The Salt Lake Tribune

Deer Creek Reservoir » From the shore of Deer Creek Reservoir, the island

does not look very far away.

But the deceptive swim was too long and too cold for 17-year-old Kalem Franco. The Heber teen drowned Wednesday, just feet from a life preserver, while trying to swim 100 yards to the island.

Kalem was swimming with two teenage relatives about 11 a.m. during a

family get-together, when he "cramped up and began screaming for help," said Wasatch County Sheriff Todd Bonner. Kalem had swam more than halfway across the channel and was about 25 yards from the island, Bonner said.

A man and his son were riding a jet ski nearby and threw a flotation device to

Kalem, Bonner said. But Kalem could not reach it. He slipped under the water and never resurfaced.

Kalem's friends and classmates assembled at Wasatch High School around 10 p.m. Wednesday for an impromptu memorial service.

Leno Franco, Kalem's father, thanked the couple of

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Also: Cold water threat remains for holiday weekend

While the threat of major damage from the melting snowpack decreases, the danger of fast-moving, cold water will continue through the holiday weekend. › B5

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LDS decree wouldn't preclude Prop 8 push

Religion » Neutrality policy covers partisan, but not moral, issues.

By **TONY SEMERAD**
The Salt Lake Tribune

When the LDS Church declared political involvement off-limits for its senior leaders earlier this week, the policy decree covered only partisan campaigns and did not

extend to matters the church deems to have "significant community or moral consequences."

That means Mormon leaders could take an active role in another Proposition 8-type campaign.

After initially declining to clarify that point, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said in a subsequent statement that the newly

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First lady scheduled to visit Beehive State

NATION » First lady Michelle Obama, making her first visit to Utah since a 2008 campaign stop, is expected to headline a Democratic fundraiser in July. › A6

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out of parachute cord at craft fairs and street booths.

"I either lose my home and my family goes hungry or I work," said Diamond, 40, of Orem, who submitted one résumé this week and hopes to line up full-time work by September, when his leave pay runs out.

Diamond knows from experience what younger veterans are just learning: You can't expect a job on a silver platter.

As Chuck Rackham, a Vietnam vet who recently flew to Fort Lewis, Wash., to meet with Diamond and other members of the 141st Military Intelligence unit, puts it: "Just because you served your country doesn't mean you are entitled to a job."

"Employers may thank you for their service," said Rackham, "But they want to know what you can do for them."

Rackham is retired after 26 years with the Utah National Guard and now works for a military contractor called Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces. It works with employers nationwide to match vets with jobs.

He spent several hours with members of the 141st during the week they spent at Fort Lewis en route home from Iraq in early June.

Of the 175 returning unit members, 97 said they had no jobs waiting, Rackham said. He met with 67 of them, teaching them how to write résumés in English rather than acronym-laced Army lingo, how to interview and how to research companies and government jobs.

Rackham is one of a host of government and business representatives set to gather Thursday morning at the Utah Capitol to launch a new coalition aimed at coordinating the myriad programs connecting veterans with jobs.

Terry Schow, executive director of Utah's Department of Veteran Affairs, said growing awareness of the troubles that jobless vets face — low self-esteem, strained relationships, depression, even suicide — has prompted a lot of good-hearted people and agencies to try to help.

Unfortunately, there is little coordination and the overall effort is diluted.

"They were all out knocking on doors of employers saying 'We would like you to hire vets,'" said Bart Davis, chairman of the Utah chapter of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, who suggested the new coalition. "But employers were saying 'We want to help you guys, but who's in charge? We



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Adam D'Agostini, a Utah National Guardsman, is still looking for a permanent job.

can't be all things to all people.'

The coalition, he said, is "so we won't be tripping over each other."

Said Schow: "The worst we will do is increase awareness of the employment dilemma of these young returning troops."

Returning veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are, indeed, having a tough time finding work, particularly the youngest ones.

Nearly one-third of veterans ages 18 to 24 — 31.9 percent — were unemployed last month, up from 14.1 percent in May 2010, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nonveterans in that same age group saw unemployment drop slightly from 17.3 percent to 16.3 percent in the same year.

For veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars of all ages, the jobless rate rose from 10.6 percent in May 2010 to 12.1 percent last month, while the jobless rate for nonveterans dropped from 9.2 percent to 8.7 percent.

Even those new to the military who have not yet deployed are finding it tough.

Adam D'Agostini has a bachelor's degree in political science and spent three months at the Army's Officer Candidate School last winter.

But the Utah National Guardsman — he joined 18 months ago — still can't land a permanent job to replace the \$9-per-hour job as a phlebotomist he had before quitting to go to the Army school in Alabama.

"I even started applying at Walmart, Sam's Club and Costco" says D'Agostini, 28, of Pleasant Grove. "I filled out probably 40 applications. I didn't get any calls."

For a time, D'Agostini earned money by assisting at veterans' funerals. Now, he has a temporary stint with the Utah National Guard. In the meantime, he remains on the hunt.

"I thought I would be qualified for quite a few jobs."

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Utahn Dia Frampton finishes a close second on 'The Voice'

By SCOTT D. PIERCE
The Salt Lake Tribune

Dia Frampton's hopes of winning on the NBC show "The Voice" fell just short Wednesday. The Utah singer-songwriter finished a close second to Javier Colon, with just a 2 percent difference in votes cast by viewers.

Frampton was all smiles when the results were announced, immediately embracing a tearful Colon.

"I wasn't even sure I wanted to do this, but it's been

amazing," said the 23-year-old St. George woman, who credited her coach, Blake Shelton, for her success on the show.

"I definitely think I wouldn't be where I am today if I would've gotten another coach," Frampton said. "Blake's taught me to believe in myself."

On Wednesday's finale, Frampton sang a duet with Miranda Lambert, the country music star who is also Shelton's wife. Lambert herself was a contestant on a TV

vocal competition, finishing third on "Nashville Star" in 2003 — and she went on to win a slew of country music awards and a Grammy.

Frampton, her sister, Meg, and their band Meg and Dia have been recording and performing since 2004. In the space of two months, Dia has achieved the kind of exposure the band couldn't get in years.

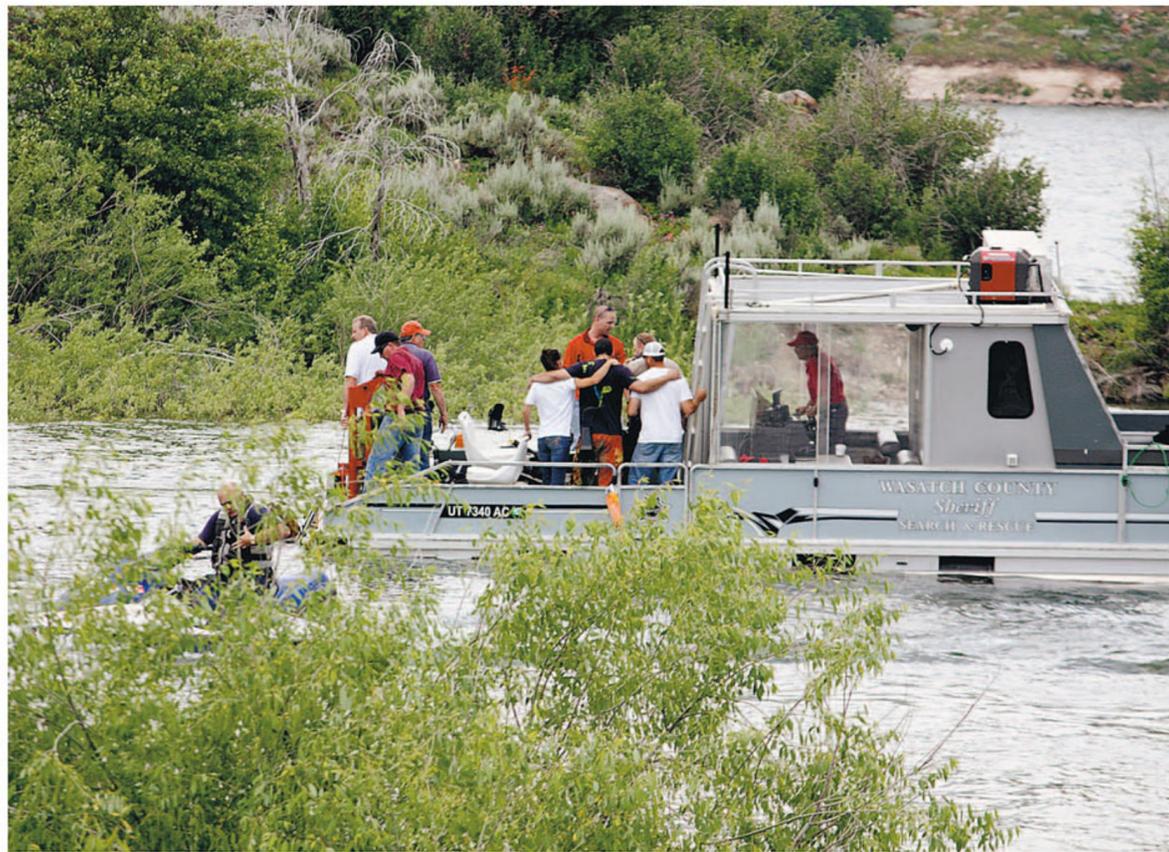
"We've played bars in Texas, and it's a lot different," Frampton said with a laugh. "I can't believe this is happening."

She's hit No. 1 on iTunes

more than once, including her song "Inventing Shadows," which was released Tuesday. (Ironically, Colon's song was No. 2 on iTunes.)

Colon claimed the \$100,000 and a recording contract that went with his win, but Frampton didn't go home empty-handed. Not only have her songs topped the iTunes charts, but she and other top eight contestants are headed out on tour.

(Only six cities have been announced at this point, none of them in Utah.)



Courtesy photo

Wasatch County search-and-rescue crews work Wednesday to locate 17-year-old Kalem Franco's body in the Deer Creek Reservoir.

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hundred students and parents who turned up late Wednesday.

He told them that Kalem was a "true Wasp," remarking on the school's mascot. Franco said his son loved Heber and all his fellow students. "You guys set a great example for him," Franco said.

Kalem was one of 13 children in the family; he was the third oldest boy, Franco said.

Forrest Cone, a junior at Wasatch, called Franco a "foul weather friend."

"It seemed like whenever

things got harder, he was there," Cone said.

The mourners closed with a school cheer: "All for one. One for all. All for Wasatch!"

With mountain runoff from late spring snowfall, the reservoir is unseasonably cold — just over 55 degrees, Bonner said.

"That's a very cold temperature," Bonner said. "Your body will start to cramp up."

None of the boys was wearing a personal flotation device, Bonner said.

"I understand when you're swimming, it probably gets in the way," Bonner said. "But it could save a life."

Utah's chilly, swollen

waterways have claimed 10 lives since April. Near the scene of Kalem's drowning, waders and swimmers of all ages buckled into life vests. Pleasant Grove's 13-year-old Ashlynn Miner said she swims without a vest "only in pools and when people are watching."

The danger of swimming in cold, mountain water is that the chill doesn't set in "until you're out there," said Mindy Holm, of Eagle Mountain. Holm said her children, Makenna, 12, and Dyllen, 11, are required to use vests in the reservoir no matter how old they are or how well they swim.

"You jump in, and you don't think it's too cold ... or too far," she said. "You wouldn't know until it's too late."

Divers used an underwater camera to find Kalem's body about two hours after he went below the surface, Bonner said.

Of the 10 drownings in Utah's lakes and rivers, eight of the victims have been children. The most recent death was that of a 2-year-old boy who fell into the Virgin River during a family camping trip.

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announced policy addressed only partisan political campaigning and did not change the faith's long-standing approach to involvement in some social issues and initiatives, such as the same-sex marriage ban in California or the stand-off about immigration in Utah.

The church policy, issued June 16 by the church's governing First Presidency, said top, full-time leaders and their spouses should not participate in political campaigns, including fundraising, donating or endorsing candidates.

Part-time LDS leaders — including area seventies, stake presidents and bishops — are allowed to take part in partisan political campaigns, but they must do so as individuals and not as church officials.

The church's policy bars such part-time church officials from partisan fundraising or campaigning that focuses on members of congregations they oversee, but again, not on key social issues.

Issued in a political season with two Mormon Republicans — Mitt Romney and Jon

Huntsman — making White House bids, the policy statement was portrayed by church officials as a reiteration of political neutrality.

Several political observers said the policy was likely prompted by inquiries from church members in light of the Romney and Huntsman presidential bids, as well as the headline-grabbing 2008 Prop 8 referendum and recent immigration legislation that has split Mormons and Utah Republicans.

"There has been division within the largest bloc of voters in the state of Utah, namely those who self-identify as LDS," said Tim Chambless, a University of Utah political scientist. "There are people seeking guidance from the epicenter."

Quin Monson, a political scientist at LDS Church-owned Brigham Young University, said the statement also may reflect "an abundance of caution" by the Utah-based faith in protecting its tax-exempt, nonprofit status by staying out of partisan politics.

The newly issued church policy left questions Monday about whether the new limits pertained to church leaders weighing in on ballot issues.

LDS statement on political participation

"General authorities and general officers of the church and their spouses and other ecclesiastical leaders serving full time should not personally participate in political campaigns, including promoting candidates, fundraising, speaking in behalf of or otherwise endorsing candidates and making financial contributions.

"Since they are not full-time officers of the church, area seventies, stake presidents and bishops are free to contribute, serve on campaign committees and otherwise support candidates of their choice with the understanding they:

- » Are acting solely as individual citizens in the democratic process and that they do not imply, or allow others to infer, that their actions or support in any way represent the church.
- » Will not use church stationery, church-generated address lists or email systems or church buildings for political promotional purposes.
- » Will not engage in fundraising or other types of campaigning focused on fellow church members under their ecclesiastical supervision."

Follow-up statement from church spokesman Scott Trotter

"The First Presidency letter ... made it clear that the matter being addressed was party political campaigning at the start of a new political season. ...

"The church does reserve the right as an institution to address, in a nonpartisan way, issues that it believes have significant community or moral consequences or that directly affect the interests of the church."

The statement carried the title "Political Party Participation of Presiding Church

Officers," but made no reference in the text to "party" or "partisan" politics.

Any ambiguity ended late Tuesday with a short follow-up statement in response to questions from *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Church spokesman Scott Trotter said the new statement dealt only with partisan politics. He noted that the distinction between partisan and social issues was in keeping with a wider statement in place for more than four years, available on the church's website, lds.org.

That policy states that the LDS Church "does reserve the right as an institution to address, in a nonpartisan way, issues that it believes have significant community or moral consequences or that directly affect the interests of the church."

That position was cited by the church amid its hefty and coordinated support for the same-sex marriage ban on California's 2008 ballot. The measure received financial and logistical backing from senior LDS leaders and individual members, who were urged from the pulpit to donate money and time toward its passage.

Brandie Balken, executive director with Equality Utah, a Salt Lake City-based

gay-rights group, called the church's new statement "a step in the right direction" if it meant bishops and stake presidents would be called upon to clearly distinguish between their personal views and official church positions.

"It is important for private citizens to be engaged and involved in the political process," Balken said. "But it is equally important for them to clarify what role they are acting in."

More recently, the LDS Church labeled its moderating stance on the Utah Legislature's immigration debate as a reflection of a "bedrock moral issue" rather than a political one. The Mormon role in passage of the HB116 guest-worker law, which has deeply divided GOP delegates, highlights how blurred the line between morality and politics can become.

"Partisan consequences can lead to an imbalance," Monson said. "You have a church taking stances on moral issues, and they don't want to be so one-sided, but they can't control the platforms of the Democratic and the Republican parties."

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