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Eastbound I-80 to reopen tonight

I-80 eastbound through Parleys Canyon will remain closed for most of today.

The closure began Saturday evening, and will last until 7 tonight. It is being done so that bridges at Lambs Canyon and East Canyon can be replaced.

Westbound lanes have remained open throughout the weekend. Options for motorists needing to go east include I-84 through Morgan Valley and U.S. 189 through Provo Canyon.

Utah County opens 5 new schools

Five new schools in Utah County are opening with the start of the new school year.

An Alpine District spokeswoman says the district, which has about 60,000 students, has been trying to keep one step ahead of the growing number of students. The district will open a new high school next year.

New schools this year include a high school in Salem and elementary schools in Eagle Mountain, Lakeview and Provo.

UVU fills another vice president post

Another top administrative post has been filled at Utah Valley University.

Mohammed A. El-Saidi, an Egyptian-born statistician, started Friday as the school's vice president of academic administration.

El-Saidi has spent two decades in university teaching, research and administration.

His last job was as department head and assistant dean of assessment at Michigan's Ferris State University.

Meanwhile, UVU legal scholar Jill Jaspersen has been named associate director of the Center for the Study of Ethics.

Singer will auction guitar for charity

Country singer Collin Raye will be performing at the Grand America during the CareSource Charitable Foundation fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit Utahns who are unable to afford end-of-life care.

Raye will perform for about an hour Sept. 5. During the live auction, the guitar he will play will be signed and sold. Other items include paintings from local artists, a NASCAR racing package and a trip to Las Vegas for four.

The event will be from 6 to 11 p.m. The evening will begin with a silent auction. The dinner, program and live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. CareSource hopes to raise \$100,000 from the event. Tickets are \$150 per person. Tables seat 10 people. For ticket information, contact CareSource at 266-7200.

AIDS Coalition organizes fundraiser

"An Evening With Laughter" will be sponsored by the People With AIDS Coalition Utah on Sept. 5 from 7-9 p.m. at the Market Street Grill, 2985 E. 6580 South.

The cost is \$75 per person and proceeds will go toward the self-sustaining organization.

For information, call 484-2205 or go to www.PWACU.org.

Dr. Thomas Metcalf honored for advocacy

Dr. Thomas Metcalf, a Salt Lake pediatrician, has been given the 2008 Child Advocacy Award by the Senior Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Metcalf was picked because of his leadership on issues such as Utah's first car-seat safety legislation, child-abuse prevention, and children's health insurance. The honor, given each year to someone who is actively engaged in advocacy to improve the lives of children, will be presented to him at a national conference in Boston in October.

Education Week to draw thousands to Y.

By Tad Walch
Deseret News

PROVO — The campus would be a ghost town every year at this time, this empty little August week between summer graduation and the buildup that accompanies the week before classes start.

Brigham Young University students have indeed left for the break, but an educational invasion force big enough to fill most of the Marriott Center will take their places for the next five days.

Last year, Campus Education Week drew 21,208 people to classes diverse enough to appeal to more than 2,000 teens, their parents and their parents' parents.

Attendance this year might be depressed by the sluggish economy and high gas prices. Advance registration dipped 6 percent, Education Week director Neil Carlile said.

The drop could be deceiving if Utahns embrace the "staycation" trend. More than half of Education Week participants typically sign up at the door, and most of those live in

If you go:

What: BYU Campus Education Week

Where: All over campus

When: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:25 p.m.

Cost: \$12 to \$66

Registration: Marriott Center and Wilkinson Student Center

Web: educationweek.byu.edu

Utah.

"We know it's a busy week locally with school starting for a lot of families," Carlile said, "but with people not taking long-distance vacations as much, here's a gem in the backyard Utahns can take advantage of."

BYU even offers a "School Days Special" tuition package aimed at Utah parents with school-age children. For \$29, they can attend classes Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Registration for the entire week costs \$66. Traditionally, about 6,000 people attend Monday classes. The number jumps to about 20,000 for the rest of the week. Tuition for the Tuesday-Friday program is \$52. Many other ticket packages are available.

A major change this year is the lack of oncampus couples housing. BYU has demolished Deseret Towers, where 600 beds were available for couples during Education Week, Carlile said. Those couples have been referred to local hotels.

For several years, Education Week planners have tried to lure more men by advertising to couples, something they didn't do this year because of the lack of campus housing. Men accounted for 29 percent of participants last year, up 5 percent from five years ago.

The opposite is true among those who present the nearly 1,000 classes. More than 75 percent are men.

"That's the result of the available pool of presenters," Carlile said. "We're aware of it, and we're always seeking more women presenters."

Attendees don't seem to mind.

More than 90 percent rate their overall experience as good or excellent in online evaluations. The same number rate presenters as good or excellent, Carlile said.

Good news will greet late registrants. The usually popular evening shows on campus have not sold out, Carlile said. In fact, about 40 percent of tickets remain for "Pride & Prejudice: A Musical," a Jenny Oaks Baker concert and "With Mine Own Hand," a musical account of Nephi.

Tickets to evening performances can be purchased at www.byuarts.com or by phone at (801) 422-4322.

Even if attendance is down, Education Week will remain unique in American higher education.

"I'm not aware of any other university that has nearly this large an attendance at a continuing education program or a school that would open the whole campus to such a program," Carlile said. "I'm not aware of anything like it at any other campus in the United States."

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Jonathan Contreras, 9, of Salt Lake tells a joke alongside Daisy the clown at Utah's funniest kids contest Saturday at Valley Fair Mall.

Kids clown around at circus tryouts

By Jennifer Francis
Deseret News

The "Greatest Show on Earth" staked a tent in Valley Fair Mall in search of Utah's funniest kids.

"It looked like a circus," said Caralina Gonzalez, an 8-year-old contestant.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus turned the mall's center court on Saturday into a mini-circus with a tent and a floor ring in its signature color, red. An assortment of helium balloons, including circus animals and

white-face clowns, trailed up the tent's front posts.

The ringmaster welcomed a small, cheering crowd of parents and children in a baritone voice. Daisy, the Goodwill Ambassador clown, had her hand cupped above her brow and exaggeratedly swayed side to side in search of Utah's funniest kids.

Daisy's search ended with 10 children dressed in fun, cartoonish hats. The young contenders, collective and cool from the waist up, were expending pent-up excitement through their fidgety

knees.

Each of the children rattled a joke such as a classic "knock, knock," with each punch line followed by high-fives from Daisy.

Three of the contestants advanced to the finals, which will be Sept. 8 at the Utah State Fair. All contestants received a free ticket to the circus.

Finalist Elizabeth Failner, 9, did an Ewok impression that played well with the audience.

The other finalists were Alyssa Mauchley, 11, and Sid-

ney Brinton, 3.

Brinton, an orphan adopted this past June, came late to the event but won the hearts of the judges when he played his ukulele.

"He loves to wiggle," said his mom, Jennifer Brinton. "He's a natural at working the crowd and getting people to be a part of the fun."

Seven more contests will be held around the state. The winner of the finals will be a guest clown at the circus when it comes to town later this year.

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generate a 20-year strategic plan for state schools.

"I look forward to working with the Utah State Legislature," Sederburg said. "The task is to get legislators and the governor into thinking in terms of higher education as an investment, as a key element to the economic success of the state as opposed to an expense."

Sederburg, 60, takes his place over the Board of Regents after many years of experience in education and public policy. Since 2003, he has been serving as president of UVU in Orem, where he recently led the transition to university status, offering more options for its growing numbers of students.

Before his hiring in Utah, Sederburg was a Michigan state senator and taught and lectured at various colleges throughout Michigan and served as president of Ferris State University in Big Rapids from 1994 to 2003.

With 15 years of experience as a college president, Sederburg said he "knows a lot of the issues and knows what the presidents are going through and what institutional change is all



William A. Sederburg

about," which he expects will help him in his current position.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education and political science from Minnesota State University Mankato, and master's and doctorate degrees in political science and public administration from

Michigan State University. He was also founding chairman of the Midwest Higher Education Commission.

"He comes with a lot of experience in higher education," said Interim Commissioner of Higher Education Dave Buhler. "He brings a lot to the table."

Buhler has occupied the position since former Commissioner Rich Kendall resigned from the office in 2007. Buhler has tackled tough budgetary issues as well as successfully promoted the new Regent's Scholarship, which advocates a more difficult study regimen in high school.

"I'm discouraged that we're not seeing more who are interested in college," Buhler said. "For the first time in histo-

Previous commissioners of higher education in Utah

Richard E. Kendall, 2003-2007
Cecelia H. Foxley, 1993-2003
William Rolfe Kerr, 1985-1993
Arvo Van Alstyne, 1981-1985
T.H. Bell, 1976-1981
G. Homer Durham, 1969-1976

ry, our younger age groups are less educated than their parents, and that is not a good trend to follow." He will continue working as the associate commissioner for public affairs and hopes to continue contributing to the system now that he has had "the great opportunity to become familiar with all the functions of it."

Sederburg said he will try his best to be "fair" and "equitable" to each of the colleges and universities, forecasting no major changes at least for his first week.

On his way out the door at UVU, Sederburg was able to accomplish a few last-minute wishes, including authorization for a new running track at the Orem campus.

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Ogden is climbing in recreation rankings

Magazine hails 50 'adventure towns'

By Lynn Arave
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OGDEN — Once Utah's second-largest city, Ogden slipped into a long-term slump after railroad travel declined in the 1960s.

However, in recent years Ogden has strived to be more of a recreational area, and now that effort seems to be paying off big time with national recognition.

Weber County's largest city gained yet another outdoor honor on Aug. 12 when the September issue of National Geographic Adventure magazine listed Ogden as one of the nation's 50 "next-generation adventure towns."

Of the 50 U.S. towns included in the "Where to Live and Play Now" article, Ogden was also highlighted as one of the authors' "top 12 picks."

National Geographic magazine writers Sarah Tuff and Greg Melville said they "selected 50 innovative towns that aren't just prime relocation spots right now but smart choices for the future."

A photograph of Ogden in the magazine shows rock wall climbing. It also mentions the 40-foot-high Ninth Street crag as a popular local climbing spot and the rustic Alaskan Inn in Ogden Canyon as a great place to stay overnight.

The article said Ogden is the "Disneyland for adrenalized adults."

"It is very gratifying to have so many members of the national media recognize Ogden's focus on adventure recreation," Mayor Matthew Godfrey said. "Having two of the largest outdoor magazines (Outside and National Geographic Adventure) in the world recognize us in this way has surpassed our expectations."

In July, Outdoor Magazine ranked Ogden third behind Washington, D.C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., as the top best re-invented cities in America.

The city's been in the spotlight not just for outdoor or recreational rankings. Ogden was also one of two Utah cities ranked on Forbes' list of the "Best Places for Business and Careers" last March. Ogden placed 23rd. Provo was 11th.

To view the complete list of ranked cities by National Geographic Adventure, go to adventure.nationalgeographic.com.

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