

NEWSBEAT

Audition workshop set in Farmington

FARMINGTON — A free audition workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Nov. 20 for those who are interested in auditioning for the upcoming youth theater production of *Throughly Modern Millie*, Jr.

The auditions will be held Jan. 6 and Jan. 8 — but the director, Joe Forinash, would like to give the kids a chance to come and work on their audition skills and to meet him to help them feel more comfortable when they are auditioning.

Those interested may come the morning of Nov. 20, or those who have any questions or need more information may contact Sarah at 801-451-0953.

Open house today at animal shelter

OGDEN — Weber County will mark the official grand opening of the Weber County animal shelter with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

The team of Sanders Associates Architects and Wadman Corporation completed the remodel/ addition to the existing animal shelter near the Golden Spike Fairgrounds' northern entrance. The additional space will allow the shelter to facilitate the greater Weber County community.

Tours will be provided as well as light refreshments.

For more information, call the animal shelter at 801-399-8244.

Resident seeks lower sales tax

RIVERDALE — Resident Courtney Dayton asked the council to consider lowering sales tax because many shoppers are making big-ticket purchases in Clinton, where sales tax is lower. He said he saved \$100 on a lawn mower by purchasing it in Clinton.

City Administrator Larry Hansen told the Standard-Examiner that sales tax in Clinton is 6.5 percent, and 7.05 percent in Riverdale, owing to an extra 0.25 percent Weber County Transportation tax, 0.10 percent Recreation, Arts, Museums and Parks tax and 0.20 percent Riverdale City tax implemented to offset lost revenue when the Legislature redistributed the city's sales tax to other cities.

He said a \$500 lawn mower would only cost an extra \$2.75 in Riverdale. Other council members agreed that the extra sales tax in Riverdale has a minimal impact to shoppers but a major revenue impact to the city.

DAILY PICK

• **WSU Symphonic Band**, Thomas Root leads the band through a show with patriotic songs, symphonic numbers and more, 7:30 p.m., Browning Center's Austad Auditorium, Weber State University, 3848 Harrison Blvd., Ogden. \$5, \$4/students, seniors and those with military ID. WSU box office.

• **Reel Big Fish vs. The Aquabats**, it's Fish against Bats as Southern California ska bands duke it out musically, 6:30 p.m., In the Venue, 219 S. 600 West, Salt Lake City. \$22.50. Smith's Tix.

• **Yo Gabba Gabba! Live!** "There a Party in My City" brings music, singing and dancing with your favorite characters from the popular children's television series, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Maverik Center, 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive, West Valley City. \$36. Ticketmaster.

— Standard-Examiner staff

COMING WEDNESDAY

Local girls get help building positive self-esteem.

Walker sentenced to prison

Man's criminal history includes protective order violations, plus drug, lewdness and theft charges

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FARMINGTON — Despite a defense attorney's claims that a presentence report was "sloppy and biased," a judge sentenced a man to prison Monday.

Richard Raymond Walker, 39, was sentenced to serve up to five years in Utah State

Prison for four different third-degree felonies in four different cases that spanned over a year.

Judge John R. Morris also sentenced Walker to serve one year in Davis County Jail for class A misdemeanor lewdness involving a child.

Morris said during Monday's sentencing hearing in 2nd District Court that all five sentences can be served con-



Walker

currently. "You'll make it, Richard," a woman shouted in court at Walker as he was led back into the holding cell. A number of family members and friends were in the court and were visibly upset about the prison sentences.

Morris said he also was concerned with some of the items in the report done by Adult Probation and Parole,

but it did not alter his sentence.

He also said he was concerned with reports from prosecutors that friends and family of Walker's had contacted the victim in the lewdness case, but Morris did not blame Walker for the contacts.

"I expect letters from family and friends, but when family and friends or anyone else interferes with witnesses or victims, frankly those are criminal actions," Morris said.

Walker had been charged in eight felony cases since 2007 in 2nd District Court in

Farmington. Three of those cases had been dismissed. Walker pleaded guilty Aug. 12 to reduced charges in the other five cases.

Walker's guilty plea to reduced charges of lewdness involving a child came about because the victim told prosecutors she did not want to be the reason Walker ended up in prison. He was originally charged with two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, first-degree felonies.

Walker's attorney, Todd Utzinger, said he had a number of concerns with the pre-

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Faith in New York City



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Members of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers start off their meeting in Ogden on Monday. The featured speaker was David L. Buckner, an Ogden native and current president of the New York, New York Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who spoke to the group about the church in New York City.

Ogden native shares experiences as LDS stake leader in NYC

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OGDEN — The foresight of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints leaders who purchased ground in the middle of Lincoln Square in New York City in 1967 at a time when the area was gang territory was a testimony offered Monday by Ogden native David L. Buckner.

Buckner spoke at a meeting of the Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers at Comfort Suites Inn.

Buckner now serves as stake president of the New York, N.Y., stake of the LDS Church.

"It's become a prime centerpiece for the church," he said, noting that it is located right next to such attractions as the Metropolitan Opera, New York

Philharmonic Orchestra and Juilliard School of Music.

The stake president said he's come to see the influence of having the building that now serves as the church's only meeting house and temple combined — known as the Manhattan New York Temple — located where it is.

Because of that location, Buckner said, the building can be used often for community events as well as church activities.

"We get phone calls asking us to use the building for catering for filming across the street," he said. And organizers of a huge community celebration in the square, Winter's Eve, annually turn to the space for staging.

"The building becomes the hub of what takes place there," Buckner said.

And he said last year at a "Come and See Sunday" the stake sponsored there, 731 nonmembers attended for a

meeting.

He said late church President Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated the building as "a piece of Zion in the midst of Babylon."

Buckner also shared a story of three native Ogden men who were at the heart of efforts for the New York Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to recover from the devastating effects of Sept. 11, 2001.

He said he served as a ward bishop at the time, while Brent Belnap served as stake president and Gary Crittenden served as the area authority there.

He described the efforts to account for all the church members and serve them as best as possible as challenging but organized. He also told of some positive outcomes amid the devastation.

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Rivera required to wear hood in court

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FARMINGTON — Ramon Luis Rivera appeared in court Monday with his head covered with netting-type material and his hands shackled behind his back.

The protections were ordered because Rivera previously had spat in his attorney's face while preparing for court. Defense attorney Mark Arrington withdrew from the case after Rivera spat in his face before a hearing Oct. 18.

Rivera, 25, appeared before Judge John R. Morris on Monday in 2nd District Court in Farmington. His new attorney, Michael S. Edwards, asked for a four-day trial, which was set for Jan. 18-21.

Rivera is charged with first-degree felony attempted aggravated murder, first-degree felony aggravated robbery and third-degree felony possession of a firearm by a restricted person. Those charges stem from a robbery in which a man was shot in his driveway in Clearfield on Aug. 29, 2009.

Edwards said he believes the case can be resolved before the trial begins. Rivera's brothers, Michael Rivera and Daniel Rivera, also are charged in the Clearfield case.

Davis County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bob Yeaman said the covering over the head is used only after an inmate spits in someone's face.

"We use it to protect others," Yeaman said.

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Rivera

Dreams of soldiers everywhere in an old letter by my dad

Veterans Day started as Armistice Day to celebrate the end of World War I. They had to change the name when "The War to End All War" spawned more wars. Now instead of celebrating the end to war, we celebrate the men and women who fight in wars that never seem to stop. I love veterans, but I wish we weren't producing so many of them.

Our current wars don't end because not enough of us are involved. A couple hundred-thousand volunteers and their families fight and die while the rest of us are told to go shopping. That's unfair and makes war too easy.

During World War II the nation struggled with food and gasoline rationing, war taxes, metal drives, victory gardens and the ever-present reality of sons and husbands at war.

Those sons and husbands were civilians at heart. They joined for the duration, but yearned for the moment they could take up the plow, get back to the factory, start families. One of those was my dad.



Charles Trentelman

Wasatch Rambler

Cpl. Elmer Trentelman, U.S. Army Air Corps, served in the medical branch at Buckley Field near Denver. He met mom at a USO dance and was smitten. Soldiers could mail letters for free, so for more than a year, every day Dad was stuck on base, Mom was courted by mail. Every letter was handwritten, too. All but one.

On Aug. 14, 1945, Japan surrendered and World War II ended. Dad had waited a long time for that moment so — maybe his hand was shaking — he used a typewriter.

He was a man in love finally able to get on with life. That, not victory, is what he wrote about.

Dad wrote this 65 years ago for Mom. It applied to the whole nation then, and applies to the few doing the fighting now.

Every soldier has a life they want to live. They can't until the war ends. The rest of us, out shopping, might forget that, but the soldiers never do: "Darling, "Here it is, the Day we have been waiting for all this time and here I am stuck out on the post with no chance to come in and at least give you one kiss by way of celebration. Such is life.

"It's a great day however. It's like finding the key to a treasure chest — a treasure consisting of a chance to live a normal life once more — to be free of military regimentation and rules and regulations — to be able to do what we like and to earn what we can.

"And even more than that, it is a chance to marry you and build a home around you — to taste the pleasure of such a life without having to be concerned about being shipped out to some remote spot or to have

to worry about existing on a meager income.

"And if we have troubles, at least they will be troubles we can do something about rather than troubles caused by the adamant rules of the Army.

"And that is all I want Darling — a chance to live again and to make my own decisions.

"I wish I could see you tonight. I don't so much want to celebrate as I would like to just be with you and to contemplate our life to come — together. I also feel like offering up a prayer of thanks for the things that are past and the things to come.

"Good night my Darling. I still love you as tenderly as ever — more so, if that is possible.

"Love "Elmer" Mom and Dad got married three months later.

Wasatch Rambler is the opinion of Charles Trentelman. You can call him at 801-625-4232 or e-mail ctrentelman@standard.net. He also blogs at www.standard.net.

UTAH BRIEFS

Layton man arrested on suspicion of rape

ROY — A 21-year-old Layton man was arrested after police say he raped a 19-year-old woman at a Roy park.

Tommy Douangmala was booked Friday into Weber County Jail on suspicion of rape, a first-degree felony.

Roy Police Chief Greg Whinham said the incident occurred Sept. 30, and the case was under investigation until Douangmala was arrested at his home Friday.

Douangmala and the victim, both Layton residents, went to a mutual friend's home in Roy to hang out on Sept. 30, Whinham said. Later, the two went to a nearby park.

"The suspect had a big case of beer," Whinham said. "They were going to drink that in the park. They consumed large amounts of alcohol, and the suspect forced the victim and raped her in a severe manner."

After the incident, the victim called police in Layton. The case was transferred to Roy once it was known that the incident had occurred in that city.

Whinham said the two knew each other, but had never been romantically involved.

An arrest was made Friday after evidence was found at the park, along with other evidence and statements to police.

Police: Homeowner shot suspect, age 19

KEARNS — Police say a Utah homeowner shot and killed a would-be burglar trying to break a sliding glass door with a screwdriver.

Unified Police Lt. Don Hutson says 19-year-old Kyle Stuart Poulton was found dead outside the home in Kearns early Monday.

Hutson says the homeowner reported firing once through the sliding glass door with a pistol after being awakened about 3 a.m. Police found the body of the teen about 50 yards away. He had been shot in the chest.

Hutson says the results of a police investigation will be turned over to prosecutors to determine whether the resident was within his rights in the shooting.

Hutson says there were two small children in the home, and it was clear that somebody was trying to break in.

South Salt Lake fire called suspicious

SOUTH SALT LAKE — South Salt Lake's fire chief says a weekend blaze at a sign shop in a commercial center has been labeled suspicious.

Firefighters responded a little before 9 a.m. Sunday to the business center near 600 West and Billinis Road. Four adjacent businesses received smoke and water damage while firefighters doused flames.

Fire Chief Steve Foote said no one was in the sign shop when the fire started.

— Standard-Examiner staff and The Associated Press

Rivera

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Rivera's hands were cuffed behind him so he would not grab the hood and take it off, Yeaman said.

Rivera was convicted Oct. 6 in U.S. District Court on three counts of robbery, each of which carries up to 20 years in prison; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, which carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years in prison; possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, which also carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years; plus three counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. The last three counts carry mandatory minimum sentences.

Rivera will be sentenced to serve seven years for the first count and 25 years on each of the remaining two counts. The federal convictions were in connection with robberies that occurred in Layton, Clinton and Sunset in August 2009.

Strike force confiscates \$45,000 worth of meth

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OGDEN — A large quantity of methamphetamine headed from Los Angeles to the streets in Weber County for distribution never made it to the intended recipients.

Officers from Weber-Morgan Narcotics Strike Force arrested three men early Friday morning and confiscated 1.5 pounds of meth.

"We conducted about a monthlong investigation into a drug-trafficking organi-

zation that would transport large quantities of methamphetamine from the Southern California area up to Northern Utah and also into Wyoming," said Sgt. Troy Burnett. "We obtained information that they were going to be transporting a large quantity of methamphetamine to the Weber County area for sale, and we interdicted that through surveillance and other means."

Luis Villegas-Ortiz, 26, from Los Angeles, Rafael Villegas Salcedo, 26, from Rock Springs, Wyo., and Jose Ville-

gas-Ortiz, 29, also from Rock Springs, were booked into Weber County Jail around 5 a.m. Friday and subsequently charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Officers arrested the three in the parking lot near 2100 S. 1100 West, just north of Holiday Inn Express.

Burnett said Salcedo and Jose Villegas-Ortiz were in the same vehicle and drove from Rock Springs to meet Luis Villegas-Ortiz, who drove from Los Angeles with the drugs and was going to

pass them off to the other two to sell in the area.

Burnett estimated the drugs were worth \$45,000, and said that all three suspects admitted to him that they were in the United States illegally and were from Michoacan, Mexico.

"This is another example that there's no way that you're going to effectively address the drug problem in Northern Utah without addressing the illegal immigration problem," Burnett said. "From a drug-enforcement officer standpoint, they go hand in hand."

Walker

From 1B

sentence report prepared by Adult Probation and Parole.

One of those concerns was the mistaken use of the criminal history of another person with a similar name to determine what type of sentence Walker should receive.

Utzing said his client has been drug-free and crime-free for about five years, but there was no mention of that in the report.

Walker's criminal history includes convictions for third-degree felony theft in 1993. Walker had straightened up his life around 2000 and stayed employed, even though he had been laid off several times, Utzing said.

Walker's next arrest happened in 2008 after a woman reported to Layton police that in 2001 when she was 13 years old, Walker had fondled her on two separate occasions when she spent the night at his house visiting a friend.

"The defendant was a one-man crime spree until we got him into custody," said Deputy Davis County Attorney Richard Larsen.

Walker's last arrest was in April of this year when he was charged with distribution of methamphetamine. That charge was reduced to attempted distribution, a third-degree felony, in exchange for a guilty plea.

The majority of Walker's arrests centered around violating a protective order filed against him. That protective order was dismissed in July, but Walker still pleaded guilty to two counts of violating a protective order.

New York

From 1B

"People were singing songs of religion in a city that's not particularly religious," he said.

In the weeks that followed, members scrambled to find jobs for 33 people in three weeks following the stock market crash and 100 people overall during that time.

"We recognized it's about the coming together," he said.

He described the New York stake as unique. It consists of 5,000 members, 14 units and four languages and is considering adding two more official languages, he said.

"When we announce a hymn in stake conference, we announce it in Spanish, Chinese, English and American Sign Language," he said.

And although Buckner is an accomplished man outside of his church calling, he said he recognizes that if he did not live in New York City he would not serve in the capacity he does in any other place in the world.

At 47, he said, there is only one high counselor and one bishop older than he is in his stake. He said one bishop is 25 years old, and three high priests who are younger than 25 are in other stake callings.

He said President Dieter F. Uchtdorf's message in October 2008 of "lifting where you stand" resonates with mem-



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bers there. Buckner's resume includes serving as president of Bottom Line Training and Consulting Inc., a firm specializing in executive management development and business training.

He also has been a keynote speaker and trainer at business conferences and conventions throughout North and South America.

An adjunct faculty member at Columbia University, he is the author of "Permission To Think," a book in which he analyzes the factors that have led to the current economic crisis. He is a featured economic analyst on the Fox Business Network.

Buckner is the son of LaMar Buckner, who served as president of the Ogden temple from 1987-90. He also is a former member of the Utah State Board of Regents.

Christmas

Craft Festival

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Weber State Union Building Ballrooms

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Sell Your Crafts and Gifts and Make Extra Money for the Holidays!

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<p>NOON</p>	<p>Fabulous Fakes & Neighbor Gifts: Easy Candy Making & Gift Giving Ideas Carol Earl</p>
<p>1:00 PM</p>	<p>Spruce Up Your Home For The Holidays: Quick Tips For Holiday Decorating Leslie Liechty, Leslie Liechty Interior Design</p>
<p>2:00 PM</p>	<p>Christmas Cookies Taryn Wood, Wilton Method Instructor for Robert's Crafts, Clinton</p>
<p>3:00 PM</p>	

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