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LONDON — A mineral recently discovered in Serbia has the same composition as kryptonite — the fictional substance that robs Superman of his powers — the British Museum said Tuesday.

While the material is not a perfect match, its chemical breakdown is strikingly similar.

A drill core of the unusual mineral was unearthed in Serbia by the mining group Rio Tinto PLC, which turned it over to mineral expert Chris Stanley at the Natural History Museum for analysis.

"Towards the end of my research I searched the Web using the mineral's chemical formula, sodium lithium boron silicate hydroxide, and was amazed to discover that same scientific name written on a case of rock containing kryptonite stolen by Lex Luthor from a museum in the film 'Superman Returns,'" Stanley said.

The material is white, powdery and not radioactive — unlike the glowing green crystals usually depicted in the Superman comics. It will be formally named Jadarite when it is described in the European Journal of Mineralogy later this year.

Approximately 30 to 40 new minerals are discovered each year, the museum said, although usually only in the form of a few grains only visible under the microscope.

— The Associated Press

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# Land snafu looms large

## Box Elder braces for fallout from illegal subdividing

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BRIGHAM CITY — Of the 250 letters sent to the owners of illegally subdivided land in the west desert of Box Elder County, about 50 percent have responded, county officials said Tuesday.

"The response has been favorable," said Stephen Hadfield, Box Elder County Attorney. "Most people understand what we're trying to explain, although they didn't understand what they were getting into. They feel bad they have purchased the property and want to know what they can do to resolve it."

With still more than 3,000 letters to

be sent, all of which will go out this week, Hadfield, County Planner Kevin Hamilton and Recorder/Clerk LuAnn Adams are bracing themselves for the onslaught.

"It's going to be horrendous," Adams said.

The three have already had a difficult time performing their regular



duties while addressing the concerns from the original 250 letters. They met with the county commissioners on Tuesday to explain their plan of attack and request permission to hire a couple of temporary employees to answer the

phone. The request was granted.

In an effort to make the situation easier to understand, some language

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION = PAPERWORK



MATTHEW HATFIELD/Standard-Examiner

Above, Zachery Bates washes his hands after a special needs math class at Municipal Elementary School in Roy on Friday. Below, a special education student works on a math problem.

## School districts are hoping lawmakers will lighten the load and let them teach

BY LYNZE WARDLE

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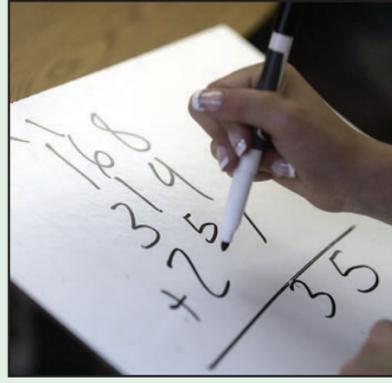
For special education teachers like Crescent Miles, dealing with stacks of paperwork is an additional strain on an already demanding job.

The Municipal Elementary School educator supervises 25 children with special needs. In addition to teaching her class, Miles must track their progress, meet the requirements of each student's Individual Education Plan and ensure that the classroom is following a list of state and federal requirements.

"All of that adds up," she said. Teachers and administrators are hoping this year their workload will lighten.

The Utah State Office of Education is in the process of approving the 2004 version of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The federal law governs how states and public agencies provide special education and related services to 6.5 million children. It is put through a series of federal and state reauthorizations every seven years.

In the past, Utah has added extra regulations to the federal law, said Nan Gray, State Director of Special



Education. At the request of teachers and administrators, Gray said, the USOE's department of Special Education Services hopes to simplify the law this year.

For example, a regulation that forced teachers to document what was tried in a child's regular education classroom before they were moved to special ed has been

See PAPER/5A

**High school variances**

The board, as part of the High School Boundary Study, directed that for SY07/08 only, high schools may accept up to 2 percent of projected enrollments. Cross-leveling occurs if after the 2 percent limit is reached there are applications which can be granted without affecting either school.

High Schools	Variance limit *	Applications	Initially approved	Cross leveled	Disapproved
Bountiful	25	62	25	0	37
Clearfield	32	44	32	12	0
Davis	47	40	40	0	0
Layton	31	34	31	0	3
Northridge	39	27	27	0	0
Syracuse	19	96	19	12	65
Viewmont	33	21	21	0	0
Woods Cross	27	18	18	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>105</b>

\* Rounded up  
Source: Davis School District

## High school transfer requests soar

BY LYNZE WARDLE  
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KAYSVILLE — The Davis School District has seen a 50 percent increase in recent high school transfer requests.

For the 2007-2008 school year, 342 students requested permission to switch high schools. In 2006-2007, just 214 students asked for a high school variance.

Some of this year's increase in variance requests can be attributed to a change in high school boundaries, said

Chase Rogers, the district's director of planning. In 2006, the boundaries of all seven district high schools were shifted to make room for the August 2007 opening of Syracuse High.

"We expected the (variance) increase," Rogers said. Requests may have also gone up, he said, because the district temporarily changed its rules to allow for more student transfers.

For the 2007-2008 school year only, high schools can accept up to a 2 percent increase in new students. In the

past, the district allowed high school principals to accept only a 1.5 percent increase in the student body.

District board of education members approved the change last year in an effort to accommodate more families who were unhappy with new high school boundary lines.

The board has not discussed approving the 2 percent variance increase for the 2008-09 school year, Rogers said.

Syracuse High School and Bountiful High School

See TRANSFERS/8A

## Ogden's uphill ice climb

### Low working to plant his ice tower downtown

BY BRYCE PETERSEN JR.

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OGDEN — The resurrection of Holographic Ice Tower, which has been laying dormant in a west Ogden parking lot for two years, seems about to begin.

The location is still being determined. The money is still being raised. But the tower's proponents are sounding more optimistic than ever that the only refrigerated ice tower in the world could be standing, frozen, in Ogden by

next winter's first cold snap.

"I'm going to go out on a limb and say it will be (ready this winter)," said Jeff Lowe, who designed the tower in the mid 1990s for the ESPN X Games and has been orchestrating its revival.

John Patterson, chief administrative officer for Ogden, went one step further.

"It will go up this year," Patterson said.

Ogden Climbing Parks has already been approved for \$200,000 in RAMP tax money, half the estimated \$400,000 it will take to upgrade and reconstruct the 65-foot tower. Lowe and Patterson said the group is applying for other grants to cover the last \$200,000.

The rebuilt tower will feature improved insulation and cooling systems that will make

See ICE/8A



VIDEO: Striving to make artificial-ice climbing an Ogden reality

### Ruth Oyler Jensen

COLLINSTON - Ruth Oyler Jensen, 99, was reunited with her heavenly family, Sunday, April 22, 2007.

She was born September 27, 1907 in East Garland to John Orrin Oyler and Victoria Louise Larson. She married Mark Peter Jensen September 27, 1928 in the Logan LDS Temple. They were happily married for 62 years. They had one daughter, MarJean Anderson and one son, Mark Hyrum Jensen.



She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, always concerned about her family's happiness. She loved raising beautiful begonias, quilting, crocheting, and was an excellent cook. Christmas was always special with her hand dipped chocolates. She loved life and had a great sense of humor. She loved her friends and neighbors.

She was a member of the Beaver Dam LDS Ward, and served in various stake and ward organizations.

Surviving are, daughter-in-law, Gail (Lowell) Archibald, son-in-law, Ralph (Faye) Anderson, six grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and sister-in-law, Frieda Oyler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, children, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Beaver Ward LDS Church, 16025 North Beaver Dam Road, Beaver Dam, Utah. Friends may call Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. at Rogers and Taylor Funeral Home, 111 North 100 East, Tremonton and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Friday at the church prior to services. Interment will be in the Deweyville Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their thanks and deep appreciation to Alliance and IHC Hospice, Dr. Edward Redd, Dr. Chad Merrill, Autumn Living and Terrace Grove for the exceptional care they provided.

On-line condolences may be expressed at [www.rogersandtaylor.com](http://www.rogersandtaylor.com)

### Daisy (Bobbi) L. Colvin

CLEARFIELD - Daisy (Bobbi) L. Colvin, beloved mom, sister, grandma, great grandma and friend passed away April 22, 2007 at her home from prolonged illness with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.



She was born January 11, 1947 in Farmersville, Ohio to Ellwood and Helen Miller. She married Harold Williams when she was young and had six children with him. She later was common law married to O'Brien Colvin in Oklahoma for 16 years. He passed away and she later moved out to Utah in 1986 and married Robert Colvin whom she loved very much. He was the love of her life. He passed away in 1997. She later found work at the D.I. and then her last seven years of life she worked at the Salvation Army where everyone who came across her loved her. She was well respected.

Her last five months with us she cherished her grandchildren. They were the ones that kept her spirits up.

Daisy is survived by her children, Dawn (Nathan) Kennedy, Jesse (Danielle) Colvin, Robert (Amy) Colvin, Tori Searle, Bonnie May, Tina, Penny, and Missy. Sisters, Edith Hall, Leda Steed, Linda Colwell, and Vicki Woodward, and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband O'Brien Colvin, husband, Robert Colvin, brother, Everett Miller, sister, Juanita Gayhart, son, Eddie Williams, and daughter-in-law Peggy Ellen Dula Colvin.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Syracuse 5th Ward, 700 South 1475 West from 6 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family at any Goldenwest Credit Union in Daisy's name.

Services are under the direction of Myers Mortuary of Layton. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.myers-mortuary.com](http://www.myers-mortuary.com)

### Brandon James Andersen

June 10, 1972  
April 21, 2007

#### Gone Fishing

Brandon was born in Ogden, Utah to Ken and Lynda Andersen. He grew up in Plain City and graduated from Weber High. He was a free spirit who loved fishing, hunting, camping, and riding ATV's. All who knew him enjoyed his friendly attitude, his sense of humor, and his laugh.



He leaves behind his parents of Plain City, his son, Colton, of Farmington; his sisters, Shantel (Rhett) Chatelain of North Ogden and Carly (Darin) Palmer of Farr West; his grandmother, Gladys Russell, of Ogden and grandfather, Warren Andersen, of Layton; his aunts and uncles, Betty and Larry Austin, of Ogden; Pixie and Mark Fotou of Layton, Donna and Kelly Anderson, of Layton; Dean and Lanae Russell of St. George.

He also leaves behind his fianc, Niki Loving, their daughters, Shelly, Catie, and Cheryl and Niki's mother, Linda Loving, all of Keams.

There are also many cousins, nieces and nephews who will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, James Russell, and his grandmother, Joyce Andersen.

Brandon, our hearts are broken and left empty, but we are comforted in knowing you are in a better place and that we will be with you again. We love you.

A gathering of friends and relatives will be held at Leavitt's Mortuary- 836 36th Street Ogden, Utah, Friday April 27, 2007 from 6-8 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Colton Andersen education fund at America First Credit Union.

Send condolences to the family at [www.leavittsmortuary.com](http://www.leavittsmortuary.com)

### David M. Watson



David M. Watson 62, passed away April 23, 2007, after a courageous battle with Leukemia at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family.

He was born May 5, 1944 in Newton Falls, OH to Mosella Dickey and Hiram T. Watson. He joined the Air Force August 1963 and was stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

He married Janie Weaver July 28th, 1984. He retired from the Air Force as a Tech Sargent in 1984 and retired from Hill Air Force Base on January 31, 2007. He enjoyed fishing, gambling and family parties.

He is survived by his wife Janie, brother Keith, mother Mosella Dickey, son Duane (Kim) Watson, daughter Pamela (Rodney) Pope, granddaughter Katrina Gentry, Abbigayle Watson, Stepchildren Dee (Sharla) Weaver, Teri Gavin, step grandchildren Jennifer, Dallas, Denver, Ashley, Brian, Amber, Candace, Cearsti, Corbin, Cambree, Hanna, great-grandchildren, Taton, Emma, Edna and Aaliyah.

He is preceded in death by his Father, Sister Devona, Father-in-law Jess and Sister-in-law Michele.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2007 at Leavitt's Mortuary 836 36th Street, Ogden, Family and friends may call Thursday, April 26th from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the mortuary.

Interment at Roy City Cemetery  
Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leavittsmortuary.com](http://www.leavittsmortuary.com)

## Land

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in the letter will be slightly revised and will refer owners to a county Web site, [www.boxeldercounty.org/codeviolations.html](http://www.boxeldercounty.org/codeviolations.html).

"We're concerned about the next round," Hadfield said. "It will be taxing on the recorder's office."

Once the letters are sent and owners have had 10 days to reply, the county is expected to go after those who have been subdividing the 160-acre plots illegally.

"The reason for the letters was to solicit support from the owners ... to mobilize an alliance," said Commissioner Clark Davis. "(Then) we need to go after the developers."

Hamilton agreed. "With the first 250 letters we were able to identify the bumps we have in the road. This way we can get all of the notices sent out and hopefully stop the problem from going any further," Hamilton said.

"Then we can start working toward going after those who have done the subdividing."

Hamilton estimates he has spent more than 60 percent of his day answering the phone and responding to concerns. One property owner said he bought land because he was misled by the Internet advertisement, which boasted of the land's scenic landscapes, indicating it was near endless orchards of peach trees, beautiful Grouse Creek and the Lucin airport.

In reality, the majority of the illegally subdivided land is about 30 miles south of Grouse Creek and six miles from the nearest road. There is no cell phone service.

"Grouse Creek is beautiful, but go south (to where the land really is) and it is much different," said Jay Hardy, commission chairman.

Justin Barto, of Ogden, regrets his purchase of a small parcel in the remote area.

Barto paid about \$1,000 to a lady named "Linda" on eBay for 5 acres in 2004 while stationed in Afghanistan with the military. A friend from

Germany bought the adjacent piece. They weren't exactly sure where the land was, but that was OK, it was a great deal at the time, he said.

But when Barto returned home and "went to stake his claim," the reality of the situation was revealed. He found the plat map and discovered the property was "very desolate" and "had no accessibility."

"Not exactly the smartest thing I've ever done. 'Buyer beware' is the right headline in this case. Quarter-acre lots? That's ridiculous," Barto said. "Everything is landlocked. I have no idea what to do with the property. It sucks."

Barto said he received his letter from the county and is contemplating making a visit in person to talk with officials.

He would like to do something with the property, but the biggest problem is there is no way to get to the land.

"If the county could carve out some roads or a path, then people could at least get to their land," Barto said.

## Paper

From 1A

discarded.

The change was made to lighten teachers' paperwork load, she said, and allow practices to be brought in line with new research.

The state published a first draft of the changed special education rules, and opened it up for a 60-day public comment period.

Many teachers and administrators, however, want still more regulations lifted.

"We consider all of those opinions, and we're sensitive to the paperwork (special education teachers deal with) and their other responsibilities," Gray said.

Many hope language that specifies how students with behavioral problems are treated will be removed. Having that language in a state rule makes it hard for educators to adjust their teaching methods, said Dr. Ann Miller;

Weber School District's Special Education Director.

"Once it is in the rule, they can be tied to it for 10 years," she said.

Miller said she hopes to see methods of teaching students with behavioral problems put into a guideline format, rather than a rule. It would give teachers more freedom, she said, to change their techniques as research on treating behavioral disorders improves.

Morgan School District has sent a letter to the state expressing its concerns on state special education regulations.

District Superintendent Ron Wolff said he was alerted to the issue in a recent meeting with other Utah superintendents. Special education is already one of the most highly regulated aspects of public education, he said.

"When an individual state elects to pose even more regulations, it becomes a concern," he said. "In some cases, it may actually detract from a district's effort to provide (an education for a student.)"

Davis School District special education director Ellen Stantus said that while officials there have given feedback to the state, the district is not overly concerned about this IDEA reauthorization.

"We're giving feedback, just like we do as part of any new rule-making process," Stantus said.

Gray said her office is in the process of sorting through all the comments they've received, and are "reading and documenting each and every piece."

The recommendations will then be revised and presented to the state Board of Education this summer for approval. The public will have another chance to give input at that time, she said.

Gray said she welcomes public input on the issue because it means that people care about special education.

"It's extensive, and we feel that is a very good thing," she said of the e-mails and letters that have flooded her office. "It is passionate, and we feel that is also a very good thing."

### Robert S. (Bob) Shiffer

LAYTON Robert (Bob) Shiffer, 80, passed away on Monday, April 23, 2007 at his home.

He was born on October 26, 1926 to Anna M. Bryan in Bainbridge, PA. He was later adopted by his step-father Paul Shiffer in Elizabethtown, PA. He married Arlene (Till) Ebersole on November 30, 1947 in The Church of God, Elizabethtown, PA.



Bob loved life and lived it to the fullest. He spent time in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He

worked at Olmsted AFB in Middletown, PA and then retired from Hill AFB, Utah, December 1981. Bob was a true sports enthusiast enjoying baseball, softball, football, golfing, fishing, square dancing and camping.

His first love, after his wife and family was his Masonic Fraternity. He was a lifetime member and past Master of Gateway Lodge No. 29 in Clearfield, Utah.

He believed in Masonary, not only as a fraternal organization, but as a way of life. He was also an active member of The Clearfield Community Church in Clearfield, Utah and truly enjoyed serving his God and his Church.

Surviving are his wife Arlene Shiffer, daughter Beth Ann Kasey, son Bryan R. (Jill) Shiffer, grandchildren, Kimberly, Heather, Alisha, Jacque and two great-grandsons, Samuel and Morgan and numerous cousins.

Bob is being cremated and a memorial service will be conducted by his Masonic Lodge brothers at the Clearfield Community Church, 200 So. 500 E., Clearfield, Utah on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers family suggest donations to the Shiner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Funeral directors, Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 No. Fairfield Road.

E-mail condolences to the family at [www.lindquistmortuary.com](http://www.lindquistmortuary.com)

### Della Whitman

Mary Della Roberts Whitman, 94, passed peacefully April 23, 2007 at the Sun Shine Terrace in Logan.

She was the daughter of Raymond and Effie May (Webb) Roberts. She was born December 2, 1912 in Lehi, Utah. She received her education there.



She had four siblings, Leo, American Fork, Nedra (Ball) deceased, a twin brother Tom, Rigby, Idaho, and Lucille (Miller) deceased, Lehi.

As a girl she was active in the LDS Church, school plays, opera, and was a cheerleader in high school.

On August 16, 1935, Della and Jay Whitman, her high school sweetheart, were married in the Logan Temple. They made their home in Richmond, Utah, where they lived for the past 72 years. Jay passed away July 8, 1979 at Richmond.

They have five children, Janet (Gordon May), Richmond, Ann (Eugene Smith) Tremonton, and triplets, Ronald (Sharon), Layton, Robert (Shirley), Richmond, and Raymond who died shortly after birth.

Della has 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, all of whom she loved dearly.

She loved to read, knit, crochet, quilt, sew, do crafts and needle point, fish, and camping. She had a green thumb and kept flowers and a nice garden.

She served in the PTA while her children were growing up, she held various callings in the LDS church during her life time, and loved going to the temple as long as she was able.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Friday, April 27, 2007 at the Richmond 2nd Ward Chapel, 150 South 100 East, Richmond, Utah. Friends and family may call Thursday evening at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday morning prior to services from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Condolences may be extended to the family online at [www.nelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfuneralhome.com)

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