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## BMT, Geneva union sign tentative pact

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A Utah company trying to buy USX Corp.'s Geneva Works has signed a tentative labor contract with the United Steelworkers union, bringing the idled steel plant one step closer to reopening, possibly as early as this summer.

Representatives of the union and Basic Manufacturing and Technologies of Utah announced the labor agreement Friday afternoon just minutes after working out final details.

Terms of the contract were not immediately announced.

USW staff representative David Conlin said details will be made public next week after rank-and-file union members are formally notified of the pact.

A joint statement released by the union

and BMT said: "The agreement represents a good package of wages and benefits for the employees and provides the foundation for reopening the Geneva Works on an economically sound and viable basis."

The agreement is subject to ratification by Geneva workers, who are scheduled to vote on the pact June 20. A meeting of the union rank and file will be held Friday to explain the agreement and answer questions. A summary of the contract will be mailed to each Geneva worker, Conlin said.

He acknowledged that the agreement calls for workers to accept a reduced wage-and-benefit package, but guarantees that USX will pay promised plant shutdown benefits to workers not recalled by BMT.

"We tried to mirror the benefits contained in the USX (labor) agreement," Conlin said. "They're not identical, but they are the same type. We had to take into account that BMT is a new company and consider their ability

to pay. We knew we wouldn't get (the terms) in the USX contract, but we got the provisions that are important to our members. Our membership will benefit."

"It's a good and fair agreement," said BMT Chairman Joseph Cannon. "There was movement from both sides on the different issues. I would characterize the negotiations as hard, but not bitter or acrimonious in any respect."

The pact will lay to rest fears of union workers that they would lose shutdown benefits promised by USX, should BMT purchase Geneva Works. Those benefits include lump-sum cash payments to individual workers and money to fund worker retraining programs.

Conlin said that under the new contract, Geneva employees will have an option to either return to work in the steel mill under BMT or accept shutdown benefits from USX. Workers will be offered the option on the

basis of seniority.

Cannon said he doesn't expect the plant initially to hire all those who want to return to work, but as market conditions allow, more workers will be recalled. Every worker idled by last year's work stoppage will either be recalled to the mill or receive USX shutdown benefits, he said.

The BMT labor agreement will not affect in any way pension benefits that individual workers may have accrued with USX, Cannon said. All workers will receive their USX pensions as specified under the former USX labor agreement. Those workers recalled by BMT, when they retire, will receive pensions from both USX and BMT, he said.

BMT officials hope the new labor contract will end a rumor circulating among some workers, who have charged that BMT is a shell company set up by USX. Through such

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### The first quadruplets born at U. are holding their own

The first quadruplets born at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center are holding their own Friday more than 24 hours after a premature delivery, according to hospital officials.

The two girls and two boys were born about 3 p.m. Thursday to parents who had been through the university's in vitro program, in which the fertilized egg is implanted in the mother, spokesman John Dwan said. Multiple births are more common with in vitro pregnancies, he said.

"It's just a happy story," Dwan said. "They wanted kids, they had the support system for them and they're very happy. So what more can one ask?"

A nursing supervisor said Friday evening that the infants were in stable condition and "holding their own."

Hospital officials are withholding the parents' identities in order to give the family a chance to recuperate. But the entire family will meet Monday with reporters for a "show and tell" session at the hospital's intensive care unit, Dwan said.

The babies were born premature, but Dwan said they are receiving a new treatment to reduce respiratory stress common among newborns.

### Jordanelle contract let

The first construction contract for the \$400 million Jordanelle Dam — for excavation of the dam site — was announced Friday by Interior Secretary Donald Hodel.

The \$15.95 million negotiated excavation contract was awarded to Torno America Inc. of San Francisco.

Jordanelle Dam, being built 6 miles north of Heber by the Bureau of Reclamation, is the key feature of the Central Utah Project's Bonneville Unit and is to store 370,300 acre-feet of water for use in Salt Lake and northern Utah counties.

Officials of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the local CUP sponsor, and the bureau has planned a June 27 groundbreaking ceremony at the dam site.

Work to be done under the initial contract includes excavation of the dam foundation in the Provo River flood plain west of U.S. 40, stripping and excavating both dam abutments, excavating and constructing a river diversion channel, foundation treatment, replacement of excavated material with rockfill and processing and stockpiling rock materials for later use.

Reclamation Commissioner C. Dale Duvall said the initial contract should take 16 months to complete and will create approximately 115 jobs at a total salary of \$4.5 million.

### 3rd desert pump working

LAKESIDE, Box Elder County — The West Desert Pumping Project is finally dumping water full-blast into the western desert, with the last of three huge pumps being switched on.

D. Larry Anderson, director of the Utah Division of Water Resources, announced Friday the pumps "have started a full-time assault on costly flooding problems of the Great Salt Lake."

The first pump was turned on April 10, and the second soon followed. The twin giants operated at a rate of nearly a million gallons per minute during May, and have already pushed more than 150,000 acre-feet of water into the desert west of the Newfoundland Mountains.

The third pump caused some last-minute delays because of alignment problems. But it was tested successfully last week, has been turned on, and is boosting water flow by another 500,000 gallons per minute.

According to the division's Ron Ollis, the pumping station at Hogup Ridge is operating at a rate 10 to 15 percent greater than anticipated. In the first year of round-the-clock pumping, an evaporation pond 2.5 feet deep and 320,000 acres in size is to be created, removing about 13 inches from the lake's level.

### New snag on annexation

The acting chairman of the Salt Lake County Boundary Commission may not be able to help decide whether Draper can annex part of Utah County.

Dale Gardiner, who also is mayor of Riverton, was asked by attorneys from Utah County and Alpine to disqualify himself from hearing the issue Friday because Riverton is selling part of the land in question.

A "loosely worded" section of the sales contract says Riverton will support efforts to annex the land into Draper, Gardiner said.

Although Gardiner did not immediately disqualify himself, the commission postponed hearing the matter until June 25. Meanwhile, the commission will get a legal opinion on Gardiner's status.

Without Gardiner, the commission would not have had a quorum Friday and would not have been able to conduct business.

Utah County has filed a protest with the Boundary Commission challenging the annexation. Arizona-based Estes Co. wants to build a four-season resort straddling the Salt Lake-Utah County line on the south side of Traverse Ridge.

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## GOP legislator wants to put tax rollbacks on ballot this year

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Utah's tax protest movement is polarizing citizens, and some Utah lawmakers want the question of tax rollbacks decided this year — not in 1988.

House Majority Leader Nolan Karras, R-Roy, is formulating a plan to get the protesters' tax-reducing petitions on this November's ballot.

Currently, the tax rollback petitions could only make the November 1988 general election ballot. This November's elections are municipal contests, with only voters in incorporated areas going to the polls.

But Karras said the Legislature, in a special session, could call for a special, statewide election this November. Lawmakers could then put the tax rollback petitions on that ballot. The tax-hike debate would rage this summer and fall and end with the election.

"(The referendum) would clear the air, get this behind us one way or the other, once and for all," Karras said. "I don't know of anyone, for or against the tax increases, who wants to drag this thing out for 1½ years."

Karras plans to discuss the possibility with lawmakers when they meet Wednesday to adjourn their current special session. No action will be taken then — the matter isn't on the formal session call. But Karras wants to air his concerns and discuss what he perceives to be a possible solution.

In January's general legislative session, lawmakers, by two-thirds votes in the House and Senate, raised the state sales tax by a half-cent, the cigarette tax by 11 cents a pack and the gasoline tax by 5 cents a gallon.

They also reformed the state income tax, cutting taxes for low- and middle-income residents and raising the tax for more well-to-do Utahns. The reform is also a tax hike that will bring in an estimated \$50 million more this year.

Gov. Norman H. Bangert, while aware of Karras' ideas, hasn't yet supported the special election alternative. Jon Memmott, Bangert's chief of staff, said there are questions about the legality of such a special election.

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Stephen Nadauld, left, awarded honorary doctorates to Herbert B. Maw, Myrene Brewer and H. Tracy Hall.

## WSC graduates advised to pursue success and keep asking questions

By Chuck Gates  
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OGDEN — Echoing the words of Abraham Lincoln, Weber State College commencement speaker J. Tod Anderson told fellow graduates: "We have studied. We are ready. Our chance will come."

Anderson, president of Associated Students of WSC, joined more than 1,900 other students who received their degrees in the Dee Events Center as part of Weber's 99th annual commencement ceremonies Friday night.

Anderson told his classmates not to sit around and wait for success to come to them. He said the good they've derived from college work has depended on them. Likewise, future successes will also depend on their initiative.

Anderson said college is a place to pursue knowledge for knowledge's sake — an arena for the linking of the worlds of theory and fact and the academic and practical.

"Importantly, and maybe preeminently, college is also a place to develop people of not only knowledge, but wisdom to chart passages over the course confronting us — a path of challenges, terror and complexity.

"Hopefully, we have not simply been willing to be trained, but

have acquired the desire to learn. Hopefully, we have not taken four years of easy classes, for this is too high a price to pay for 40 years of mediocre opportunity and frustration that are the inevitable result of poor preparation.

"Hopefully, we have learned to ask questions. As the old Chinese proverb says: 'He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever,'" Anderson said.

Graduates who have questioned will be prepared for whatever comes their way — whether the issue is funding for education, economic development, the Middle East, terrorism, controlling the Great Salt Lake, nuclear weapons or the Strategic Defense Initiative, he said.

"We will be prepared to make a contribution from the knowledge and wisdom we have gained from our college experience. The real object of education is to give resources that will endure as long as life endures, habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy, and understanding that will make life more dignified and useful."

Anderson called it a privilege to graduate from an institution of Weber State's caliber, whose list of graduates include names

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## Scowcroft tells U. graduates of society's need for service

By Twila Van Leer  
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The world reconstructed after World War II is crumbling. The shape of a new world that will rise from it will depend in large part on the dedication educated people bring to the rebuilding, University of Utah graduates were told Friday.

Brent Scowcroft, a retired Air Force lieutenant general, told graduates they should contribute to a return to "that homely virtue of service."

Scowcroft first received an honorary doctorate of laws, then addressed an audience comprised of the majority of 4,656 people receiving degrees in the 1987 commencement. A total of 3,313 bachelor's degrees, 885 master's degrees and 240 doctoral degrees were conferred, the majority in department convocations scattered around the campus.

Besides Scowcroft, honorary degrees were presented to William Bailey, a distinguished figurative artist, who received an honorary doctorate of humanities; David C. Evans, computer entrepreneur and scientist, doctor of science; and Warren E. Pugh, businessman and former Utah legislator, doctor of laws.

Three faculty members also were honored as Distinguished Teachers. They were Anne Riordan, assistant modern dance professor; Ronald J. Stern, mathematics professor; and Theofilos J. Tsagaris, professor of internal medicine and research associate professor of physiology.

Distinguished Research Awards were presented to Mario R. Capocchi, biology professor; Dr. Sun Wan Kim, pharmaceuticals professor; and Peter J. Stang, chemistry professor.

Evidence of moral decay is easily found in today's society, said Scowcroft, who served as assistant to the president for national security affairs from 1975 to the end of the Ford administration in 1977 and now is associated with a consulting firm, Kissinger Associates.

News about "insider" trading on the stock market, the scandals of supposed religious leaders who prey on the selflessness of others and spying by American military personnel purely for economic gain are examples of social disintegration, he said.

The symptoms reach into the top levels of American government where there are those "who see government as their private fiefdom," Scowcroft said. Dishonesty

at this level invites more restrictive government and inhibits good people from seeking government jobs, he said.

The erosion of ethical values indicates two elements at work: glorification of self and monetary gain as a prime motivator.

Competition is the basis of the free enterprise system, he said, but carried to excess, it defeats the concept of community to the aggrandizement of individuals. When the individual is submerged to the needs of the community, totalitarian government results. A balance must be struck between the individual and the society in which he lives.

"It's time to restore respect for service — the ideal of something above and beyond one's self," Scowcroft said. America's founders, whose work in framing the Constitution is being celebrated this year, believed deeply in the concept of service as a civic virtue. The rights granted under the Constitution were intended to carry a commensurate responsibility — a concept that deserves reconsideration.

Scowcroft said denigration of public service by the media and the public demeans the potential worth

## Lightning-caused fire chars Millard acreage

SCIPPO, Millard County — Summer's first wildfire had raged across 1,400 acres of state, federal and private land by Friday night, but a fire dispatcher said the lightning-caused blaze was getting close to containment.

"It's looking pretty good, if we can just get the wind to cooperate," said dispatcher Eulail Pickering, of the Interagency Fire Center, Richfield.

The fire was officially listed as out of control, but the dispatcher said it was 90 percent contained. She said firefighters estimated containment at 6 p.m. Saturday and hope to have the fire under control by 6 p.m. Monday.

Containment means fire lines surround a blaze. A fire is controlled when it is mostly extinguished.

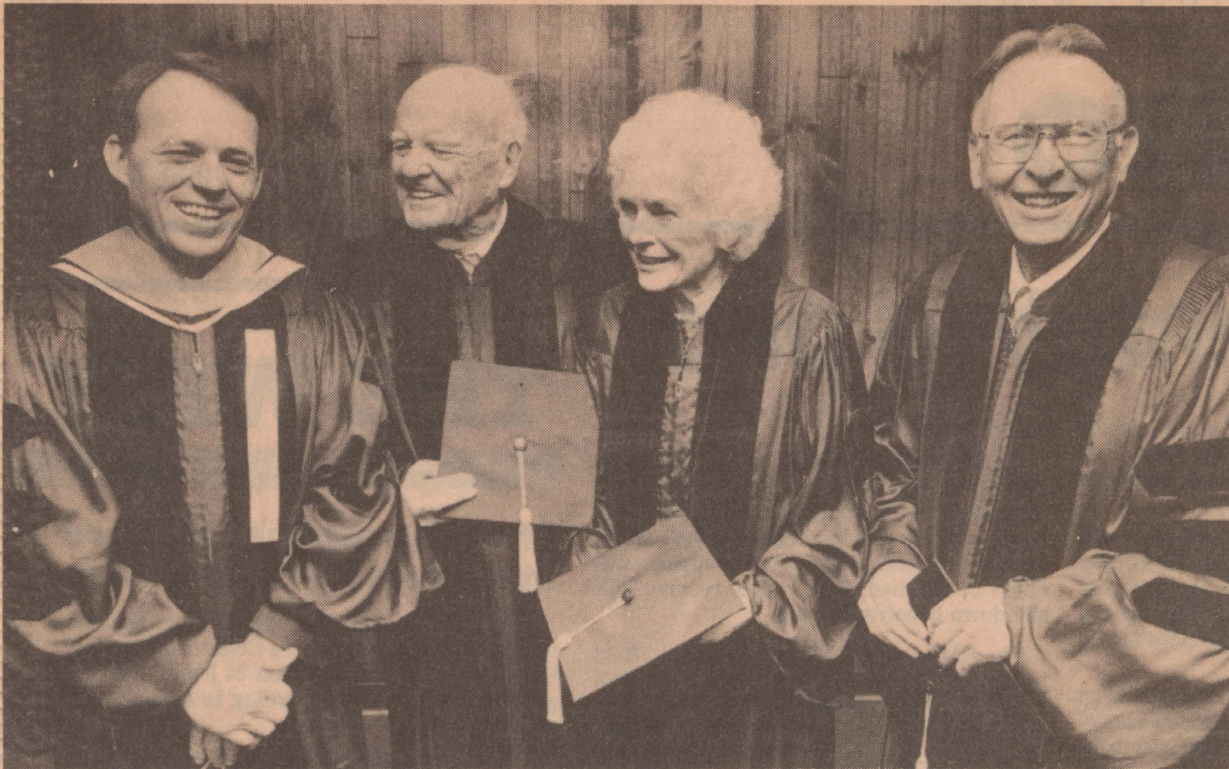
Located about five miles west of Yuba Lake, the fire was burning pinon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass in valleys and on high terrain in Fishlake National Forest, state lands, Bureau of Land Management lands and private property.

Originally, the fire was believed to have been started by lightning on Thursday. However, Pickering said, firefighters now think the fire was a "sleeper."

That means lightning probably started the fire several days ago. It smoldered until flames were fanned by winds and whipped into the wildfire that was discovered Thursday, she said.

Friday, firefighters were hampered in their battle against the fire by 10 to 15 mph winds, Pickering added.

About 20 firefighters from the BLM, Forest Service and state were using four engines to fight the blaze. Early Friday, bulldozers and a Juab County crew also aided in fighting the fire, but they were sent home later in the day as crews neared containment.



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Hall, recognized for producing the first man-made diamond, admonished graduates to be honest with themselves and their fellow men and to teach their children to do the same.

"Honesty in the affairs of men is essential to a nation's survival. America is great because its people are relatively honest.

"If total honest were rated 10 and absolute dishonesty rated zero, I believe our country, on average, would rate above eight. However, we are slipping. If honesty slips below seven,

I think we will be in deep trouble."

Hall said in many nations the bribe is standard practice . . . corruption, favoritism, nepotism, special privilege, cruel punishment, detentions, unlawful procedures and oppression abound. "I do not think that you, the graduating class of 1987, want to live in that kind of country."

Maw, 94, who served as Utah governor between 1941 and 1948 and is still actively practicing law, told graduates to always exercise their minds.

He said all people recognize the importance of eating and exercising their bodies. But the same need applies to the mental and spiritual self.

"Everyone of those entities — the

physical, mental and spiritual — needs daily food to live and function," Maw said. "Just as the body can't live on anything that isn't substantial, neither can the mind and spirit. The body can't live on desserts, and neither can the mind or spirit.

"Never let a day pass by that your mind is not required to study. Reading love stories and adventure novels are nice desserts and are just like ice cream and cake for the body. But just as ice cream and cake cannot sustain the body, love stories and adventure novels can't sustain the mind.

"When you do this your mind is growing, your mind is developing, your mind is getting stronger," Maw said.