

DUI's serious penalties

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Whether you are picked up for DUI, DWI, OWI, all of them are the same, defined as the act of operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol or any other intoxicating substance. Those who drink and drive in Utah risk being

charged with two crimes: 1) driving while under the influence and 2) driving while over the limit, meaning, with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08% or more. Though they sound similar, these are two different charges designed to make sure intoxicated drivers were merely impaired by drugs or alcohol, and whether or not their BAC was above the legal limit. Current Utah legislation is under way to lower the BAC to 0.05%, the nation's lowest.

You are charged with either a felony or misdemeanor. The **misdemeanor** conviction requires county jail time of less than a year. The majority of DUI cases are considered misdemeanors. In addition to jail sentences, courts can impose high fines. These range from \$500 to as much as \$2,000.



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A **felony** is serious, it requires jail time in a state penitentiary for a year or more, and in extreme cases, the death penalty. Where a death occurs or serious injury, or when it happens multiple times, it is a felony. Jail sentences of several years are not uncommon. The driver may face a separate civil lawsuit if accident victims sue for property damages or bodily injuries. The driver's insurance company may cancel the insurance policy or drastically increase the rates. With companies declining to hire felons, it is important to know what you are charged with.

Under a DUI, your license is immediately confiscated for 29 days. If instructions are not followed, the license is suspended indefinitely. How long it's suspended will depend on your age, number of prior

arrests, and your blood alcohol content (BAC). For **drivers under 21**, the penalties are more severe. Your license is suspended for any measurable amount of alcohol in your blood (Not-a-Drop law). The latter requires a chemical test. To refuse the test, is inviting more penalties. In Utah, drinking

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before the age of 21 is a separate crime. All of these penalties may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the court, depending on your previous record and circumstances of your arrest.

DUI conviction penalties:

- Jail time
- Community service
- A series of fines plus court costs
- The suspension of your driver license
- Treatment for alcohol or drug abuse, whether you have a problem or not
- Impounded vehicle fees
- Ignition Interlock device and fees

As with any criminal charge, a person charged with driving while intoxicated is presumed innocent until proven guilty. All evidence is considered, and any aggravating circumstances count, such as the presence of an open bottle of liquor in the car, and the defendant's cooperation with the police. Some states take further steps to make sure the person, particularly a repeat offender, doesn't get back on the road. The state may confiscate the car or cancel its registration. Or the state may require an ignition interlock device to be attached to the offender's



car. This device requires the driver to blow into a small handheld alcohol sensor. If the person's BAC is above a preset level, the car will not start.

Compilation, Ted Nagata

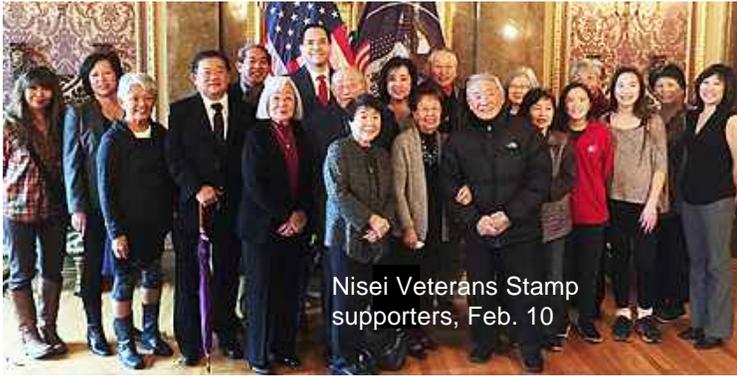
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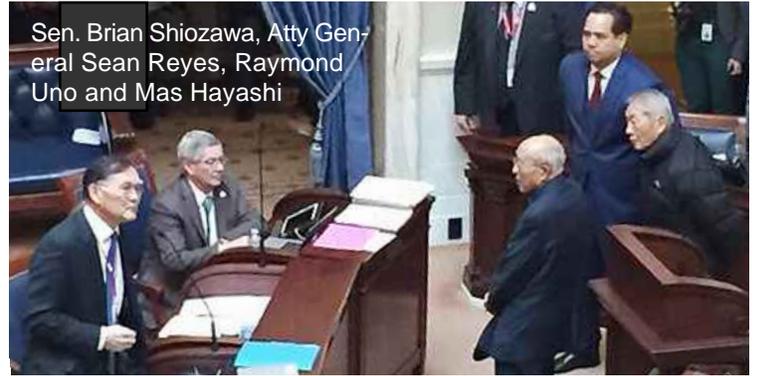
Despite Utah support led by Senator Jani Iwamoto, and bipartisan support in Washington DC, the Postmaster General has not approved the stamp. Work continues.



Sen. Jani Iwamoto



Nisei Veterans Stamp supporters, Feb. 10



Sen. Brian Shiozawa, Atty General Sean Reyes, Raymond Uno and Mas Hayashi

Nikkei Senior Center lunch

Held Feb. 4 at the Japanese Church of Christ, outstanding entertainment from their Taiko group.



Tres Tomodachi

Led by Keaton Yoshinaga, Koji Nagata-Brown, Ethan Hirabayashi. The boys made all the ingredients for sauces and jams with ongoing sales, for a humanitarian trip to Peru.

<http://www.youthlinc.org/sevice-year/peru/>



Keaton, Koji, Ethan

Youth risk behaviors

YRBS, Wikipedia, CDC

All US schools play a critical role in promoting the well being of our youth. Each school day provides



an opportunity for 50 million students to learn about behaviors controlling their futures. Choices are established during childhood and persist into adulthood. ■ New results

from the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) show that **cigarette smoking** among high school students dropped to 11%, the lowest level in 25

years. The use of e-cigarettes has increased to 24%. A case can be made, the process involves going from a lethal cigarette to a safer one.

■ Drug abuse: The most abused drug is **alcohol**

and is most dangerous when behind the wheel. Some 40% of youth have tried it, with many indulging in binge drinking. Parental use plays a big part. **Marijuana** is next, 26% have tried it. More students



smoke pot than cigarettes. 44% of student know of a seller. The danger is leading to more powerful drug use. **Other drugs**, amphetamines,

adderall, oxycontin, and others - about a half of students have used at least one. All drugs, including alcohol, will affect the brain: in memory, impaired learning, and slowed thinking. ■ Progress has been made in reducing **physical fighting**. The percentage of students who had been in a physical fight at least once during the past year, decreased from 42% to 23%. However, students who had not gone to school because of safety concerns is still too high. ■ Survey findings indicate the number of teens who **texted or e-mailed** while driving ranged from 26% to 63% nationwide. ■ The report shows mixed results regarding youth **sexual behaviors**. While teens are having less sex, from 38% in 1991

In Utah, Feb 25, 1 pm, SL Library (2nd E 4th S)

Day of Remembrance

Each year in February, western cities hold ceremonies in remembrance of the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. This year brings the JA and Muslim communities together on current political parallels. Panel will include CA Congressman Mike Honda, Dr. Abdullah Bin Hamid Ali, Dr. Salman Masud, the ACLU's Ms. Leah Farrell. Moderated by Jennifer Napier-Pearce, editor of the SL Tribune. It's free on **Feb. 25**, SL Public Library at 1pm.



to 30% in 2015, condom use has declined. The US has the highest teen birthrate in the industrialized world. Our youth have 9.8 million cases of STDs per year. ■ The 2015 report showed changes in **obesity** and sedentary behaviors. The number of students using a computer 3+ hours a day for non-school use, nearly doubled from 22% in 2003 to 42% in 2015. ■ There was a significant decline in students **drinking soda** 1+ cans per day from 27% to 20%. ■ Numerous high school students engaged in risk behaviors that increase their **likelihood of death**: 30% rode with a drinking driver; 17% carried a weapon; 45% themselves had alcohol; and 22% used marijuana while driving. In the past year 8.5% had attempted suicide. ■ **Low income families**: 59% of African American and Hispanic



were in low-income households. Some Asians and whites come from deprived households. 30% of youth

had parents without a steady income and 21% were from food-insecure families. Youth, between ages 10 and 19, make up 12% of the US population at 42 million.

The high cost of dying

CBS, 60 Minutes

100% of all Americans will eventually die. This is no great surprise, but the huge amount of money spent at the end of people's lives will

surprise you. Last year, Medicare paid \$50 billion for doctor and hospital bills during the last days of patients' lives. Incredulously, up to 30% of these costs may have had no meaningful impact.

What used to be a non-issue has become a politically explosive one, a problem that threatens to bankrupt America - out of control health care costs.

Marcia Klish is either being saved by medical technology or being prevented from dying a natural death. She is 71 years old and suffering from the complications of colon surgery. She has been unconscious in the intensive care unit for the better part of a week. The cost is \$10,000 per day, some patients remain here for weeks or even months. This is not the way most people would want to spend their last days of life, but it has become the pattern in which many Americans die. Medicine has become so good at keeping the terminally ill alive that the process of dying has become unnecessarily prolonged.

These costs are paid by Medicare or insurance. There are incentives that affect the cost and care patients receive. Among them: the fact that most doctors get paid based on the number of patients they see, and most hospitals get paid for the number of patients they admit. Up to 30% of hospital stays in the United States are unnecessary. And once someone is admitted to the hospital, they're likely to be seen by a dozen or more specialists who will conduct all kinds of tests, whether they're needed or not.

Dorothy Glas was a former nurse who had signed a living will expressing her wishes that no extraordinary measures be taken to keep her alive. But that didn't stop a legion of doctors



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of liver and heart disease. When the medical records were reviewed, it was discovered that she was visited by 25 specialists, each of whom billed Medicare separately. An independent physician said this case was fairly typical.

By law, Medicare cannot reject any treatment based upon cost. It will pay \$55,000 for patients with advanced breast cancer to receive the chemo-therapy drug Avastin, even though it extends life only an average of 45 days. It will pay \$40,000 for a 93-year-old man with terminal cancer to get a surgically implanted defibrillator if he happens to have heart problems as well.

If you're running a hospital, you have to keep that hospital full of paying patients to make ends



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meet, in order to pay off your bonds and meet your payroll. So, the more MRI machines you have, the more people are going to get MRI tests.

The best care may well be

staying home and let nature take its course. In almost every business, cost conscious customers try to help keep prices down. But not with health care. That's because the customers who are receiving the care aren't paying the bill. We have a system where everybody wants as much as they can get in crisis time, and they aren't fully aware of the high medical costs involved.

643,000 Americans declare bankruptcy due to medical bills each year. In other industrialized countries having national health coverage, medical bankruptcies are non-existent.

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Suicide statistics

CDC, Wikipedia

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24, and results in approximately 4,600 US lives lost per year. 81% of the deaths were males and 19% were females. A nationwide survey of US high school students found



16% of students had seriously considered suicide. In the US population, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death across all ages. 42,773 people killed themselves in 2014. Utah is ranked 7th in number of 2014 suicide deaths. Over 494,169 people with self-inflicted injuries were treated in US emergency rooms. More than 1 million people reported making a suicide attempt in the past year. Suicides cost an estimated \$51 billion in combined medical and work loss costs. The average suicide cost is \$1,164,499, most due to work loss. Globally, suicides resulted in 842,000 deaths in 2013.

Warning signs include:

- prior suicide attempts
- family history of mental disorder or substance abuse
- family history of suicide
- family violence
- physical or sexual abuse
- incarceration
- chronic physical illness
- keeping firearms in the home.

Suicide rates have been found to be greater in households with firearms.

Risk factors include:

- talking or thinking about death
- losing interest in things one used to care about
- comments about being hopeless, helpless, or worthless
- taking death risks such as fast driving
- putting affairs in order, tying up loose ends, changing a will
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irritability, trouble sleeping and eating • death of a family member.

Suicide is most common among those over the age of 70, however, in other countries those aged between 15 and 30 are at highest risk. There is a link between suicide and serious disease such as cancer. The diagnosis of cancer approximately doubles the risk of suicide. People with more than one diseased condition increases the risk even more. When these warning signs appear, connecting the person to supportive services is critical. The number is 1-800 273-8255 national or 801 587-3000 local.

Between 12 and 24 percent of pathological



gamblers attempt suicide. The rate of suicide among their spouses is three times greater than that of the general population. Most people are under the influence of alcohol when they die. Countries with higher alcohol use and greater number of alcohol facilities generally have higher rates of suicide.

In the US, most suicides involve the use of firearms, the next most common cause was hanging. During a period in Japan, a form of suicide was respected as a means of expressing failure, a practice since outlawed by the government.

In past years, the Golden Gate Bridge in



San Francisco has had more than 1,300 die by jumping from it since its construction in 1937. Protection has been provided resulting in fewer deaths.

President Donald Trump?

From the Internet

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Consistently, there have been reports of Donald Trump's questionable behavior, and whether he is mentally fit to serve as the most powerful person in the world. The US president has essentially

unconstrained power, including the use of nuclear weapons. Shortly after the new president was sworn in, and because of his unorthodox leadership, a campaign for his impeachment began. The case is based on Trump's holding ownership of luxury hotels and golf course business while in office. Ethics experts say his holdings could potentially lead to constitutional violations. It is important for Americans to trust that the president is doing the right thing - not that it would help jump start a stalled casino project in another country. ■ The Michael Flynn fiasco was typical of the undisciplined leadership that Donald Trump seems to possess. Questions about his relationship with Vladimir Putin are asked routinely, threatening the security of the nation. His Twitter response, the next morning, to his impromptu news conference, was not to assume responsibility but to assign blame. He declared the media as his enemy and called them "fake news." Trump added fire by sending out his press secretary, Sean Spicer, to say the crowd for his inauguration was bigger than any in history. Kellyanne Conway defended Spicer by saying he had simply offered alternative facts. Members of the media were stunned. Spicer said: That was the largest audience to witness an inauguration, period - False, it was about 1/2 to 2/3 of Obama's inauguration. Another: There was serious voter fraud in Virginia, New Hampshire, California -

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False, zero evidence. Another: He refuses to disclose his taxes because it's under audit - False, an audit does not prevent disclosure. Another:

Trump described his administration as a fine-tuned machine - False, judge for yourself.

■ Even conservative voice, George Will, was fired from Fox News and renounced his Republican membership for his opposition to

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Donald Trump. Jeb Bush said while campaigning against Trump: "He's a chaos candidate and he'd be a chaos president." Seldom has a candidate been so on track. Trump's incessant bragging, his lack of empathy or remorse, his pathological lying are signs of an unstable

personality. Trump's visit to the CIA where he stood in front of the Memorial Wall marked with stars honoring agents who have died in the line of duty - he acted as if he was at a rally at a state fair. ■ He wants to repeal Obamacare but has no plan to replace it. His racist Muslim ban from seven countries, was overturned in a federal court. Today he took away rights for transgender children. He has filled his cabinet with billionaires, despite saying he will drain the swamp. Medicare and Social Security may suffer cuts according to his pick for Office of Management and Budget, contrary to his campaign promises. His chief strategist is known for his racist views and comes from right-

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wing Breitbart. He is seeking to lower taxes, mostly benefiting top earners and corporations while low earners will benefit the least. Paying for it with cuts like Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Endowments for the Arts, and Americorp.

The first weeks of the new administration have been unsettling. ■ Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham seem to know it is only a matter of time before the GOP will have to confront Trump's inappropriate behavior. Their fear is that this presidency could do immense damage to the country. ■ On the other hand,

Trump was elected and deserves some time and the benefit of doubt. No, because the man we are seeing now is exactly the man we saw who bullied, yelled and carried a vindictive temperament



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during the 17 months of his campaign. Could this be why nearly 3 million more Americans voted against Trump than those who voted for him? As a country, we now need to face the truth, however awkward and difficult it might be.

Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg



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Mark Zuckerberg, 32, is a billionaire, philanthropist and founder of Facebook. He launched Facebook in 2004 from Harvard's dormitory rooms. During the next 11 years the program had incredible, historic growth.

To 1.8 billion users, 16,000

employees, and revenues of \$27 billion. Its stock price has soared and made the owner a billionaire. He is now one of the wealthiest people in the world. As a guru, Zuckerberg can be mentioned alongside the likes of Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Steve Jobs.

Mark began using computers in middle school, his father hired a software tutor to develop his son's interests. The tutor said "it was tough to stay ahead of him. Some kids played computer games, Mark created them."

By the time he began classes at Harvard, he had books called Face Books, which included the names and pictures of everyone who lived in the student dorms. Visitors had to choose who was "hotter" and according to the votes, there would be a ranking. It became so popular, the school was forced to shut it down because it prevented students from accessing the Internet. Zuckerberg apologized but it was a beginning sequence of Facebook.

After writing new code and much tweaking, Facebook began to form. An early version was called 'thefacebook'. It was geared toward colleges but later, to anyone. His goal was to let everyone share information in the most efficient manner possible.

After the official launch of the social media platform from his Harvard dormitory room, he dropped out of Harvard and moved operations to California. Subsequently, 3 senior students filed a lawsuit claiming Mark had misled them during the early development of Facebook. They claimed he used their ideas for the program. The lawsuit resulted in

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a settlement of \$300 million at the Facebook IPO.

The program was gaining popularity, with users already in the millions. They had turned down offers by major corporations to buy the company. Zuckerberg explained: "It's not about the money, the most important thing is that we create an open information flow for people."

One of his primary goals was to expand Internet coverage into developing countries where more than 4 billion people do not have access. The company is exploring drones and space as a means to the Internet. Although Facebook is



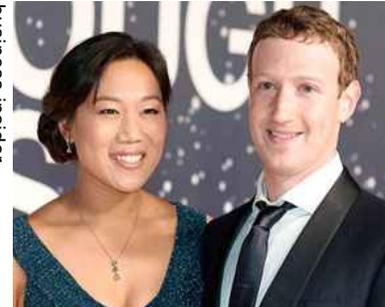
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banned in China, Mark is highly regarded among its people.

Zuckerberg is committed to the Gates/Buffer "Giving Pledge" where he would donate half or more of his wealth to charity. Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, announced they would

give 99% of their wealth (worth about \$45 billion at the time) to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative focusing on health and education. The two are recognized as one of the largest philanthropists on record. Politically, Zuckerberg is both conservative and liberal. He did not vote until the 2008 elections and is listed as 'no preference' on voter rolls. People gaining his support include Chris Christie, Cory Booker and Barack Obama. Organizations include the Keystone pipeline, drilling in the Arctic, Newark Public Schools, immigration reform, LGBTQ, Muslim groups and Black Lives Matter.

He met his wife Priscilla Chan, a medical student at Harvard University. They recently became parents of a girl, Max, after three miscarriages. Mark took 2 months paternity leave to be with family and is currently learning Mandarin. Many are wondering if he is preparing for a government job after announcing he wants to talk to people in every state. He can do so while still



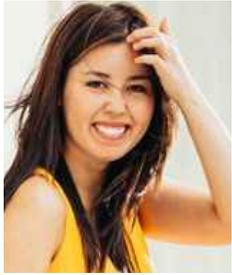
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controlling his company. He says he is no longer an atheist, "I was raised Jewish and went through a period where I questioned things, but now I believe religion is very important."

Nicole Gaddie, path leads to Golf Channel

Laura Horiuchi Gaddie

twitter



Starting at an early age, Nicole started playing golf when she was in the 5th grade. Although she played other sports, she quickly found herself excelling at golf and began successfully competing in local junior tournaments. Her junior golf competitors became good

friends and eventually some were recruited by various colleges throughout the country. Nicole is the granddaughter of Mas and Ruth Horiuchi.

Nicole accepted a college golf scholarship to attend Seattle University. In her junior year, she was voted student body president and was able to represent her women's golf team and her school while taking on the added time required as an officer. She connected with the Seattle JACL chapter. In her senior year she interned at various sports radio, tv and print media companies. During summers she worked at a golf call center taking tee times for Seattle's city courses, and also as a pro-shop assistant at the prestigious Sandpoint Country Club in Seattle.

In 2016 Nicole was accepted to be a JACL Kakehashi chaperone for the 2016 East Coast group. Her co-chaperone was Floyd Mori, former JACL



president. The 8 day trip is to introduce college aged Asian Americans to Japan's culture, education and community. In addition to educational meetings, the group had the cultural experience of staying with local families.

Upon graduation, she moved back to Salt Lake City for a year to work as a marketing strategist at a national company. She then decided to join the NBC page program and moved to New York city to work at 30 Rock. While there, Nicole worked the election primaries and traveled to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland to assist reporters. When the opportunity came to take an assignment in Florida at the Golf Channel, she applied and got the job. She was recently promoted full-time as a production associate working on golf documentaries and original

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In Memoriam

Bernice Yorie Kida, 82, January 23, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah, deceased husband Taka; children: Diane, Jeffrey, Kenneth

Hiromi Mark Clark Imai, 72, January 26, 2017, Tooele, Utah, wife Kathy Worthen, children: Kane, Arwen

Saige Aramaki, 98, February 2, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah, deceased wife June; children: Ron, Irene, Kelly

Betty Hisaye Shiba Nakamura Inouye, 96, February 4, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah, deceased husbands Karl, Yukus; children/step children: Carol, Jeannie, Ronald, Carolyn, Donna, Gerry, Jay, Vicki

Hitoshi "Tosh" Nakaya, 79, February 8, 2017, deceased parents George, Pat; siblings: Takeshi (deceased), Morey, Masaru, Janie

productions. Two of Golf Channel perks are being able to meet celebrities and discounts at golf courses.



With Nancy Lopez and David Feherty