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#### **MONDAY CLOSE-UP**

# Unique vantage point



Kent Price flies above Eagle Mountain in his powered parachute on Wednesday in Eagle Mountain. A resident of Eagle Mountain, Price often takes off from the runway in his backyard.

Whether family, friends or strangers, one thing binds us together: Utah Vallev is home. Here is the story of one of us, Kent Price.

t's not an uncommon occurrence for Eagle Mountain residents to look out their window and see their neighbor, Kent Price, zipping around in the sky on a zipping around in the sky on a releconed sight.

"They come out and wave," Price said.
"They think it's cool."
Price, 68, has been operating powered parachutes out of his backyard smoe moving to Eagle Mountain in 2002. The machines, which resemble a three-wheeled go-kart with a fan and parachute attached, are a safer alternative to other forms of flight, according to Price.

Having had a pilot's license for 44 years and flying mere than 80 different types of

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### STORY AND PHOTOS BY JAMES ROH



Kent Price dips down and flies close to some hills in Eagle Mountain in his powered parachute on Wednesday. The powered parachute allows Price to explore areas from a unique vantage point.

## **Accidental** gun shot kills woman from Provo

SPRINGVILLE — A 19-year-old Provo wom-an died Sunday after accidentally being shot in the abdomen.

The woman's name has not been released.
According to the Springville Police Depart-ment, the woman and her 24-year-old husband

her 24-year-old husband had been camping with a friend or cousin in Hobble Creek Canyon and had gone to Spring-ville to buy something at the 7-Eleven store at 206 N. Main Street around 11-45 am. After leaving the store, the 17-year-old friend got in the back seat of the Dodge SUV. while the husband and wife walked around to the passenger side.

happened." Lt. Dave Caron Springville police, speaking of the shooting

"I don't think anvbody realized what had

wife walked around to the passenger side.

As the husband opened the passenger door for his wife, a .22 caliber German-made revolver fell out of the car and discharged, hitting the woman in the abdomen. Springville police Lt. Dave Caron said it appears they did not realize she was hurt af first, as the man bent down, picked up the gun and put it back in the car, asking his wife if she was ok. She then lifted her shirt up a little and fainted.

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#### Orem insurance agents collect suits for battered women

Janice Peterson

Local insurance agents are looking for do-nations to help battered women start a new

life. As part of the "Tell a Gal P.A.L." program, Allstate agents in Orem and around the country will be accepting women's business suits to donate to women's shelters. Stephanic Changed and applications for the Allstate. nie Sheppard, spokesperson for the Allstate Foundation, said 350 agents around the coun-try have signed up for the donation drive in order to empower abused women economically.

"Each agent has been paired with a local shelter, so really, we're hoping to see an

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#### Woman's letters tell of remorse in Smart case

The woman charged in the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart has sought forgiveness in letters to her mother. She says she expects to spend the rest of her life in prison. Page A2

## Iran test fires missiles as pressure on nukes builds

Nasser Karimi

TEHRAN — Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said it successfully test-fired short-range missiles Sunday in drills meant to show Tehran is prepared to crush any military threat from another country. The display of force comes days after the U.S. and its

allies warned Iran over a new-ly revealed nuclear facility it was secretly constructing. Gen. Hossein Salami, head of the Revolutionary Guard Air Force, said Iran had per-fected its short range missiles to make them more accurate in tactical battlefield situations and defend the country from



Iranian President See IRAN, A5 Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

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#### **Parachuting**

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aircrafts, Price says he favors the powered parachute these days after almost 30 years of the physically-intense sports of paragliding and hang-gliding. The ease of operating a pow-ered parachute has lent itself urell to the aging Price, but that

The ease of operating a powered parachute has lent itself well to the aging Price, but that is okay with him.

"I have to confess. it's a lot of fun," Price said after successfully landing his powered parachute in a sod grass farm in Eagle Mountain on Wednesday. "Forty years of being a pilot and this is the most fun I've ever had flying."

For Price, powered parachuting does more than just give him the opportunity to get in the air.

"It puts another dimension in your life," Price said. "It tends to give one a larger perspective of physical surroundings and that probably spills over to give you a larger perspective of life."

But it's not surprising that Price has had a lifelong infatuation with flight.

"My love of flying goes back to my dad who was a career U.S. Air Force officer," Price said. "I always knew I wanted to fly someday."

Price's father joined the Army Air Corps just before the outbreak of WWII and took

Price's father joined the Army Air Corps just before the outbreak of WWII and took the family to every relocation. After graduating from high school in Ramstein, Germany, Price spent four years studying business management at Brigham Young University with a break to serve an LDS mission to Germany in between. It was during these tween. It was during these years at BYU that Price finally got interested in aviation. In the summer of 1965, Price

started flying lessons while working a summer job as a student on the welding crew of a natural gas pipeline in Kenai, Alaeka

Alaska.

By the fall of that year. Price had earned his pilot's license. Despite going on to earn a commercial pilot's license, Price never took up aviation as a profession

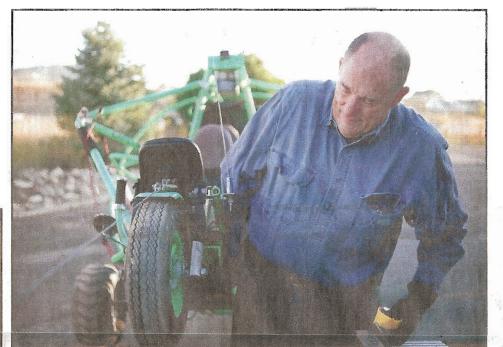
"I was happier [flying] as an avocation, "Price said, although he is known to give powered parachuting instructions to students eager to learn, including fellow Eagle Mountain residents.



Kent Price unloads the parachute to his powered parachute early Wednesday morning in Eagle Mountain. Below, Price loads his two-seater powered parachute onto the back of his pickup truck at his home in Eagle Mountain before his morning flight. Powered parachutes are very portable and easy to store.

"I'm an instructor at heart," Price said. "I love to teach and introduce people to things. I enjoy taking people on their first flight and sense their en-thusiasm."

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During the summer, Price flies about two to three times a week and often with a community of fellow powered parachuting enthusiasts. While the desert scenery of Eagle Mountain makes for a good location to fly, Price enjoys traveling to different locations to explore from the sky.
"I just feel grateful to be able to see things from that perspective," Price said "Being able to get above it all."





Kent Price speeds up as he takes off in his powered parachute at a sod grass farm in Eagle Mountain on Wednesday.







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