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Super Tuesday Election Events

The Doug Wright Show will broadcast live from the Hinckley Institute of Politics Caucus Room from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please come by and say “hi” to Doug and share your feelings about the 2008 presidential candidates.

Party! On **Tuesday, February 5th** the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the [ASUU Government Relations Board](#) will host a **Super Tuesday Election Night Party** in the Hinckley Caucus Room (Orson Spencer Hall room 255) from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Free pizza and soft drinks will be served as we anxiously watch a live broadcasts of incoming election results!

Dr. Dan E. Jones Named Spring 2008 Hinckley Fellow

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is pleased to announce that Dr. Dan Jones, longtime professor of American government and President and Founder of Dan Jones & Associates will be this semester's Hinckley Fellow. Known as “Utah’s Political Yoda” and the “Patriarch of Utah Politics,” perhaps no person knows Utah politics and public opinion like Dr. Jones. As a Hinckley Fellow, Dr. Jones will speak at a **Hinckley Forum** on **Wednesday, March 26th at 12:00 Noon**. More details about Dr. Jones’ Hinckley Fellow events will follow in the coming weeks. For more information about the Hinckley Fellows program, click [here](#).

February 2008 Hinckley Forums

The Hinckley Institute of Politics will host a wide variety of informative and intriguing Hinckley Forums this month. All forums take place in the Hinckley Caucus Room (Orson Spencer Hall Room 255) unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public. For more information regarding upcoming Hinckley Forums, click [here](#). Also, check out the [online audio](#), [podcasts](#), [video on demand](#), [pictures](#), and [media coverage](#) of past Hinckley Forums.

Current Politics of the N-Word

Fri. February 1, 9:40 a.m. Dr. David Stovall, Professor of race, class and gender in education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Changing Faces of Homelessness

Fri. February 1, 10:45 a.m. Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate, **Matt Minkevitch**, Executive Director of The Road Home, **Anne Burkholder**, Executive Director of YWCA of Salt Lake City, Former YWCA of Salt Lake City client, and **Palmer DePaulis** (moderator) Executive Director, Department of Community & Culture.

Foreign Policy: Judgment to Lead

Fri. February 1, 12:00 Noon. Dr. Susan Rice, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Barack Obama and Former Assistant Secretary of State on African Affairs.

Super Tuesday Election Special: Live Broadcast of KSL's The Doug Wright Show

Tues. February 5, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Doug Wright, Host of KSL Newsradio's The Doug Wright Show, and **Kirk L. Jowers**, Director of Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Memory, Identity and Nationalism: Armenian Genocide Claims

Tues. February 5, 2:00 p.m. Gündüz S. Aktan, Member, Turkish Parliament; former ambassador to Greece and Japan and former Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Turkish Foreign Ministry. Co-sponsored by the Political Science Department and the Sam Rich Program in International Politics.

Live RadioWest with Doug Fabrizio: Analysis Super Tuesday Primaries

Wed. February 6, 11:00 a.m. Doug Fabrizio, Host of KUER's *RadioWest*.

Unfinished Business in the Balkans

Tues. February 19, 2:00 p.m. William D. Montgomery, Columnist; former career diplomat and U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria, Croatia, and Serbia and Montenegro.

Congressional Update

Wed. Feb. 20, 10:45 a.m. Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT).

American in Danger

Wed. February 27, 2:00 p.m. Stephen M. Studdert, former senior White House advisor to U.S. Presidents Ford, Reagan, and Bush; *Author, American in Danger: What YOU must know to protect yourself.* Co-sponsored by Critical Issues Press.

How to Follow the Utah Legislative Process

Jerry Howe, Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

The annual 45 day session of the Utah Legislature has been underway for one week, and with more than a thousand bill files opened, only four bills have passed thus far--it takes time to fill the pipeline. As of the end of business Friday, January 25, 2008, more than 400 bills have been read the first time and assigned to committee. Legislators have some serious decisions to make in the upcoming weeks on issues ranging from education, immigration, and health care, to taxes, transportation, and justice court reform, not to mention allocating monies to fund an \$11.7 billion budget. It comes as only a slight exaggeration when legislators compare a general session to drinking water from a fire hose!

At this point in the session, the Legislature has more bill files opened (1,029), more bills numbered (434), and more bills assigned to committee (409), than it has had in any session in recent memory, and perhaps even in the history of the State. With so much to do, it is no easy matter for anyone--legislators, lobbyists, the public, or staff--to arrive at a firm understanding of what every single bill does, who supports it and why, and who are the winners and who are the losers, especially in T minus 45 days.

Disclaimer: Dozens of otherwise content people, once introduced to politics, have come to describe themselves as political junkies. It often starts with a sleepless night, concerned about the quality of a school, the dangers of an intersection, or the preservation of a way of life. Armed with knowledge, and fighting on the side of a just cause, even the most apolitical person imaginable is able to produce enough adrenaline that drinking from a fire hose is deemed to be within the margin of acceptable risk.

Being a legislator can be a nerve-wracking job, one that requires a substantial commitment of both time and attention. Add to the mix the omnipresent law of unintended consequences, which lingers behind every clause, comma, and semi colon, and even the most seasoned, experienced lawmakers lose sleep now and again. For anyone else out there losing sleep over one or more of the 1,029 bills filed by a member of the Utah Legislature, may I recommend a few sources of information.

For answers to questions about the Legislature, legislative process and procedure, including how a bill becomes a law, or to find out who your legislators are, in which House and Senate district you reside, and how to follow bills through multiple committee hearings and floor debates, visit: www.le.utah.gov. This award winning website offers live audio of every committee meeting, a searchable data base of all legislators since statehood, all numbered bills since 1997, including those currently being discussed during this 2008 general session. [Utah Legislature Official Website](#)

There are dozens of other web sites, blogs, and podcasts, each providing interesting information about Utah politics with dozens of links to other interesting and informative sites. [Utah Policy Daily](#), [Utah Bloghive](#), [The Thicket](#), [Senate Republicans](#), [Senate Democrats](#), [House Republicans](#), [House Democrats](#).

2008 Presidential Caucus/Primary Schedule

Date	State(s)
January 29	Florida
February 1	Maine (R)
February 5	Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado (caucuses), Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho (D), Illinois, Kansas (D), Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico (D), New York, North Dakota (caucuses), Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah
February 9	Louisiana, Kansas (R)
February 10	Maine (D caucuses)
February 12	District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia
February 19	Hawaii (D), Washington, Wisconsin
March 4	Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont
March 8	Wyoming (D)
March 11	Mississippi
April 22	Pennsylvania
May 6	Indiana, North Carolina
May 13	Nebraska (primary), West Virginia
May 20	Kentucky, Oregon
May 27	Idaho (R)
June 3	Montana, New Mexico (R), South Dakota

How to Vote in the Utah Democratic & Republican Presidential Primaries

In order to vote in the Utah Democratic and Republican Party Presidential Primaries one must be [registered to vote in Utah](#) and fulfill each party's eligibility requirements – **to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary one must be a registered Democrat or declared as “unaffiliated,”** and **to vote in the Republican Primary one must be a registered Republican.**

Utah Presidential Primary Dates	
Date	Deadline
Jan 7, 2008	Mail/agency voter registration deadline
Jan 16, 2008	Overseas voter absentee ballot request deadline
Jan 22, 2008	Early voting period begins
Jan 29, 2008	In-person voter registration deadline
Jan 29, 2008	Absentee ballot application
Feb 1, 2008	Early voting period ends (5:00 p.m.)
Feb 4, 2008	In-office absentee voting ends
Feb 4, 2008	Mailed absentee ballot post mark deadline
Feb 5, 2008	Election Day (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Voter Education Resources

Official Candidate Websites: [Hillary Clinton](#), [John Edwards](#), [Rudy Giuliani](#), [Mike Gravel](#), [Mike Huckabee](#), [John McCain](#), [Barack Obama](#), [Ron Paul](#), and [Mitt Romney](#).

Candidate Profiles: [Washington Post](#), [New York Times](#), [Fox News](#), and [CNN](#).

Polls: [Real Clear Politics](#) and [Polling Report.com](#).

Campaign Finance: [Federal Election Commission](#) and [Opensecrets.org](#).

Utah Election Information: [Utah Lt. Governor](#), [Salt Lake County](#), [Davis County](#), [Summit County](#), and [Utah County](#).

Featured Hinckley Journal Article

Improving America's Communities: Policy Proposals that Increase Civic Engagement and Improve America's Built Environment by Bartly Matthews.

Abstract: Recently, America has begun to experience significant declines in civic engagement. At the same time, nearly half of all Americans are currently living in suburban communities that are fraught with challenges ranging from a lack of community institutions, traffic congestion, isolation, pollution and high levels of land consumption. This paper explores the hypothesis that improved urban planning, new tax structures, and more effective municipal government participation in planning will enable communities to develop in a way that will increase civic engagement among their residents while reducing the damaging effects of poorly planned suburban sprawl. [Full Article](#)

Internship Opportunities

The Hinckley Institute is currently accepting applications for **summer 2008 International** and **Local** internships and **fall 2008 Washington, D.C, International, Utah State Legislature, and Local** internships. For more information, click [here](#).

Hinckley Institute in the News

The Hinckley Institute of Politics is a central source of discussion and commentary surrounding many local, national, and international issues. To read media coverage of Hinckley Forums, interns, and events, as well as articles featuring the insight and commentary of Hinckley Institute Director Kirk Jowers, click [here](#).