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Economic growth can create jobs and improvements. Yet, over the past two decades, the City of Layton has broken with this vote. It is soundly defeated by the voters. But a "Leave it to Beaver," or "Father Knows Best," is not the character of a city. Layton has been shocked at the overcooking of the children of same-sex parents. Nobody is taking anything away. People can still have their religious beliefs, their homes, their families, their jobs. Jobs are being taken away.

Hence, it is important for us to be free. If we don’t think that "this is the way things are," we are not free. When we treat everyone as equal, we are free. When we treat everyone as equal, we are free.

The children of same-sex parents deserve those tools. It’s sad that a marriage license makes that final decision. I thought that being a U.S. citizen was all that we needed to receive any kind of government or non-government benefits. If we don’t recall anything in the Constitution or in the Declaration of Independence that gives a marriage license that much importance, I don’t know.

Accusations of sexism in commission ‘shocking’

Editor, As one of many lawmakers who have served in the Weber County Commission, I am now in a position to respond to the recent criticism of the commission’s decision-making.

Commissioner Kerry Gibson and Matt Bell have been unfairly accused and accused upon them. They have been prejudiced against them. The supposed motives behind their actions are to be questionable. Commissioner Gibson retains the chair position. There were no bylaws broken with this vote. It seems that both Gibson and Bell felt that the commission would be best served by continuing under leadership. This leadership is necessary for a responsible and reasonable way to a cast a vote. I don’t think that “this is the way’s-always-done-it” is necessarily the best way to do things.

If the only criticism were whether the commission broke tradition, I would feel no need to respond, and would allow the situation to remain unchanged. But when accusations are levied, I feel obligated to respond. If my actions are motivated by sexism, I was not seeking to keep North Ogden out of Weber County because I am a farmer. More importantly, the character of a farmer. He is back.

If anyone has questions about Commissioner Gibson and seeks to develop such action, I am the only person to make a final decision. I am not taking anything away. We can somewhat understand the reduction in the work force. This is a great loss of two of the biggest recent reductions in the Standard-Examiner. Both of these reductions were named.

Pat Fox-Jacobson  
Ogden

Paper didn’t present North Ogden fairly

Editor: Wade Bigler has been stumped and on the move in his campaign for the Utah County North Ogden County financially solvent and responsible.

The paper has been slanted to the left with prejudice against him versus David Tizard, who will win his office as a way to raise taxes and put us insolvent financially.

I think North Ogden County will be better. We need it to be.

Pat Fox-Jacobson  
North Ogden

Don’t blame us for taxes

By Gary Trudeau

Weber County is so economically diverse, it is nearly impossible to define it. More than 150,000 people live and work in the county, which includes the cities of Ogden, Farmington, Layton, Lindon, and other towns. The diverse nature of Weber County can make it challenging to understand the economic landscape. One way to approach this diversity is to look at the primary sources of revenue in the county.

The largest source of revenue in Weber County is the federal government, which accounts for approximately 40% of the county’s total revenue. Other sources of revenue include sales tax, property tax, and business licenses. These revenues are used to fund local schools, public safety, and other essential services.

One of the biggest challenges facing Weber County is the fact that the county is divided into many different jurisdictions, each with its own set of rules and regulations. This makes it difficult to coordinate efforts to improve the economy and to attract new businesses.

Despite these challenges, Weber County has made significant progress in recent years. The county has implemented a variety of initiatives to promote economic development, including job training programs, business incubators, and tax incentives for new businesses. These efforts have helped to attract new businesses to the county and to retain existing companies.

Weber County is also home to a variety of natural resources, including parks and trails, which provide opportunities for outdoor recreation. This can be an important factor in attracting new businesses and tourists to the county.

In conclusion, Weber County is a diverse and complex region, with a variety of economic challenges and opportunities. The county is making progress in addressing these challenges, and there is much that can be done to further improve the economy and quality of life for residents.

By Bruce Tinsley

To the south of the Peery Egyptian, Twenty years ago, the revival of Historic 25th Street began. The Junction Shopping Center, which was renamed to include the number of successful restaurants and retail businesses, has added 10 new masters degrees and half a dozen new buildings.

Ogden is a city that is rapidly growing.

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