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Students combat diseases with concert

► By Whitney Lewis
staff writer

On April 3, Ryker Bennett, a 5-year-old with neurofibromatosis, single-handedly raised awareness about the disease at a benefit concert.

Ryker's continuous smile and energetic dance moves stole the show.

According to the Children's Tumor Foundation, NF affects more people than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy and Huntington's disease combined, yet few people know what this disease is.

NF's severity differs from patient to patient, but ctf.org explained that NF "causes tumors to grow anywhere on or in the body."

Kierra Gibbons, a junior majoring in social work, saw a

need to raise awareness about NF, and used the opportunity her Management 3110 class provided to do so.

Management 3110 is a class that requires students to either participate in 100 hours of service or raise \$1,000 for a charity of their choice.

Gibbons' group decided to plan a benefit concert to raise awareness about NF because of her relationship with Sarah Bennett, whose son Ryker has the disease.

Although Gibbons' relationship with Bennett's son hadn't extended past seeing him in Bennett's Facebook posts, Gibbons was already smitten by this brave, happy child.

"I've never met Ryker," Gibbons said. "But Sarah's posting of his pictures, he's always smiling in his pictures.

He's always so courageous."

Risha Price, a senior studying economics, said the group agreed with Gibbons on the need to raise awareness for NF.

"We saw a need there and decided to throw the concert and raise money for research for that," Price said.

The planning for the concert began in January. Price said it was the first time any of them planned a benefit concert, which made it difficult.

Even simple tasks such as filling the change box required thought and planning.

"For the concert itself, having a change box, it's like, where do we get the change to start out the change box?" Price said.

Members of the group even

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Kelsie Lott photo

RYKER BENNETT HAS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS, a disease that causes tumors to grow anywhere on or in the body.

& casino night

► By Morgan Pratt
staff writer

Utah State University students were treated to an evening of gambling and live music, all in the name of charity Saturday night.

The Lucky Hearts Charity Event at Blue Square was held to raise money for the autoimmune disease Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Host Dane Cooper, a junior majoring in communications, held the event to raise money particularly for his mom, Kathy Cooper, who was diagnosed with the disease in June.

Cooper said she has always been a very active person throughout her life. She became sick last year while out

rock climbing. She was sick for seven weeks before the doctors diagnosed her with the illness.

Cooper said the disease mistakenly attacks part of the nervous system.

"This leads to nerve inflammation that causes muscle weakness and other symptoms," he said.

Kathy is currently being treated for the disease.

Cooper said there were 17 different businesses that donated prizes as well as private donors who sponsored the event, including Jordan Duran, a small business owner.

"I love Dane, and I love his family," Duran said. "It is for a good cause."

Alyssa Olsen, an undeclared

freshman, said between the gambling, the live band and the dancing, the event was enjoyable.

"Fundraising parties are just the best way to get out and meet people and be a part of the community," Olsen said.

Cooper admitted that, while the original plan was to keep the fundraiser a secret from his mom, she found out when she came to campus last week and saw the flyers.

"It was really neat to see her see that," Cooper said. "I just want to thank her for all she did."

Cooper said he named the event Lucky Heart not solely as a gambling reference.

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Student financial aid in all its forms

Scholarship and financial aid opportunities abound for students in and out of the university

► By Mandy Morgan
senior writer

Scholarship and financial aid opportunities abound for students in and out of the university.

Scholarships for good grades and community service are common when on the hunt for financial help in college. Less common, but still available, are the scholarships for being an almost perfect bowler or for getting straight C's in high school.

There are more options for students seeking financial aid. There are numerous offices and resources students can look into at Utah State University for help.

The advisers in the Scholarship office, located inside of the Financial Aid office, specialize in the many scholarships students can find and apply for — both in and out of USU.

"For current students, their opportunities are going to lie within their department, so typically they have to have a declared major," said Jessica Carpenter, a scholarship specialist in the Scholarship office.

Ninety percent of scholarship opportunities for new incoming students or transfer students will come through the Admissions office, Carpenter said. They will usually be academic based, looking at GPA or ACT scores.

Carpenter said that per-

haps the most useful resource is the newly-launched website STARS, which helps new and current students find scholarships they qualify for in USU's system.

"You'll initially create your profile and what scholarships are loaded in there as available. It will filter through those and give you a general list of scholarships you can apply for," she said.

Not every department and office on campus has loaded their scholarships onto STARS, because it is brand new, though many clubs and organizations based in the Taggart Student Center have posted their scholarships through the website, Carpenter said.

"In the past you would have already needed to know about them, but we're putting them out there so more students are able to apply for them, more out there so everybody knows about them," Carpenter said.

All outside scholarship providers wanting to advertise their scholarships to USU students go through the Scholarship office, so the workers there can make sure they are reliable and worth students' time, she said.

Carpenter said never pay to apply for scholarships. It may seem obvious to some, but brand-new students who have no help may not know. Nobody should have to pay for scholarships because there are too many opportunities that

are free for all students, she said.

"We get tons and tons of outside scholarships. That's pretty much our life between the months of July and September ... but it's good," Carpenter said. "They can range from the Coca-Cola foundation to a mom-and-pop diner ... and they come from all across the country."

For those applying for different scholarships and financial aid, there can be a hefty load of applications and resumes to send in.

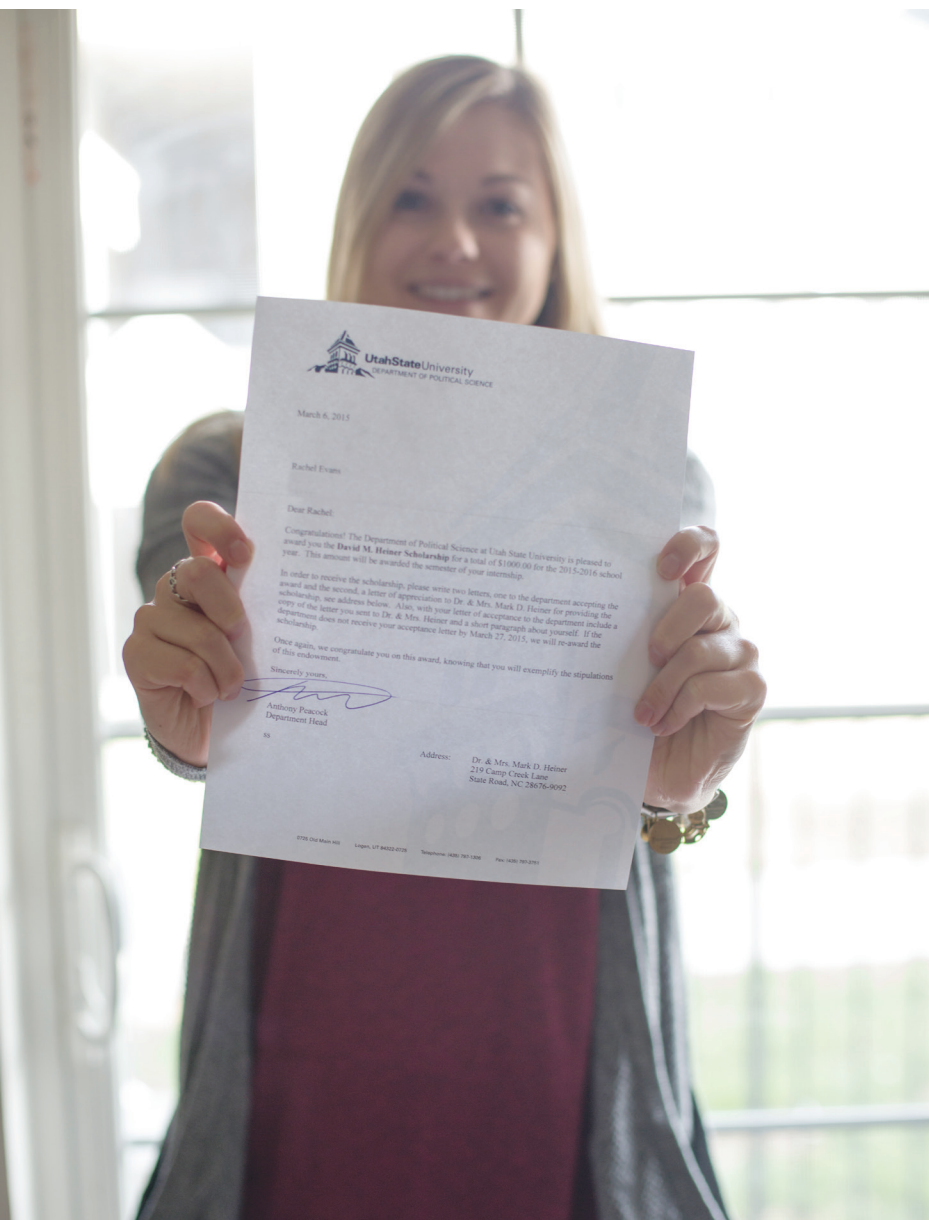
"With scholarship applications, come see your coaches," said Donna Crow, executive director at Career Services. "Just like resumes, instead of getting thrown in a pile, we can help look over them."

The Career Services coaches can look over and help to revise applications but will refer all students back to the Scholarship office when looking for specific opportunities to apply for, Crow said.

Misty Inglet, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism, started earning money for college at a young age by simply doing something she loved and was good at.

"I started bowling when I was 10, but we actually didn't find out that there were these competitive tournaments until I was 15," Inglet said. "Some people think it's weird ... but

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Kelsie Lott photo illustration

JUNIOR RACHEL EVANS, a political science major, received a scholarship from the Department of Political Science.

Self-starting entrepreneurship week

► **By Levi Henrie**
senior writer

This week, the Jeffrey D. Clark Entrepreneurship Center is holding its annual week.

Members of the Entrepreneurship Club believe the concept of entrepreneurship is misunderstood and hope to clarify it.

"Entrepreneurship isn't business. It's problem solving," said Spencer Bailey, a senior majoring in international business and the president of the Entrepreneurship Club. "It isn't just for the businessmen. It's for the creatives. It's for the scientists. It's for the teachers. It's for the engineers. It's for everyone."

Events until now have included a stunt-jump activity and entrepreneur showcase Monday and a free-taco

event held in the business building Monday night. During the latter, workshops on the launching of a business were available.

According to members of the Entrepreneurship club, Monday's activities were a success.

"Their hidden passions and dreams come out," said Maddie Bustleed, a senior majoring in international business and marketing. "They're like, 'Oh yeah, once I wanted to do this,' or 'I wanted to start this kind of a business, so I'm totally an entrepreneur.' Today I think helped show and prove that to students from every college on campus."

On Tuesday students may observe the "EntrepreneuRace," a scavenger-hunt competition focused on entrepreneurial and team-focused activi-

ties. On Wednesday free hot dogs and information about the Jeffrey D. Clark Entrepreneurship Center will be offered in the TSC fountain area, followed by an address by Peter Huntsman, president, CEO and director of Huntsman Corporation.

"I think the Huntsman family is a great example of entrepreneurship in the state of Utah," Bailey said. "I'm really excited to hear some of the things that he shares and how he's been able to keep that entrepreneurial legacy going in his family."

On Thursday festivities will conclude with the final tasks and finish line of the EntrepreneuRace.

Orlando Porras, a sophomore majoring in graphic design, spoke of his journey from starting out as

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Thakary Minson photo

WESTON CASEY LEAPS off a platform at a stunt jumping activity on the Quad on Monday. The demonstration was part of Entrepreneur Week.

The final common hour speaker

Kara DioGuardi to speak at the last USUSA-sponsored Common Hour presentation

► **By Mandy Morgan**
staff writer

Though many heading off to a school like Duke University have dreams of being a surgeon or lawyer, Kara DioGuardi, said college is when she realized her real dream: music.

DioGuardi, an accomplished music producer, songwriter and TV personality, will speak at Utah State University for the last USUSA-sponsored Common Hour on Wednesday.

"I'm really excited. ... I was in Salt Lake for "American Idol" once," DioGuardi said, "I'm excited to come back."

Having the courage to do what one loves is the message DioGuardi plans to share with students.

"Being at Duke University is where I made a big decision to follow my heart and do what I loved, which was music, instead of be a doctor or lawyer," she said. "There wasn't a lot of original think-

ing going on there. ... Duke taught me what I didn't want to do."

DioGuardi never attended a music or theater school, which meant she had to do her own songwriting at the beginning of her career, since no one would give her music for a demo CD.

"The tipping point was when I was giving songs to others to sing," DioGuardi said. "You can weave a story through songs, and my songs were a way I dealt with things in my life."

Her most memorable moment with a popular performer was writing and giving the song "Sober" to Pink, and seeing that piece of herself performed and become popular.

"I think that no matter what you believe in, in the world, what you do or don't believe you should do, I think people sort of have compassion for those find-

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Photo courtesy of USUSA

KARA DIOGUARDI HAS BEEN a music producer, songwriter and TV personality. She will speak in the last Common Hour presentation hosted by USUSA.

Aid

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it pays for school, so it's something. It legitimately is a sport. I train for it. I condition for tournaments. I work hard."

Inglet has used the scholarships and money she earns from bowling in tournaments all four years of college, usually only paying herself for books and housing.

Inglet was originally offered a full-ride to bowl on a competitive college team in Georgia. Because bowling is so big in the East, schools have bowling teams, like any other sport, and they will pay for you to go to school, she said.

"Look into every possibility. Don't ever exclude anything," Inglet said. "I would never have thought when I started bowling that it would help me with college in any form. The things you're interested in, it never hurts to look into it. Maybe take it to the next level and it will benefit you somehow."

FAFSA is the financial aid resource that junior Michael Zajac, majoring in business marketing, uses to help pay for school.

"It helped out with school so much because I was able to focus on school and not have to worry a lot about money," Zajac said.

Zajac had to pay differential tuition in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business starting this year, which added to what he was paying.

"I would have gone into debt without the aid because of the higher costs of the business school," Zajac said.

Zajac applied online through the government website for the financial aid.

Students can go to the Financial Aid office for help with loans and FAFSA, a financial aid system each student can apply for and see what kind of loans they qualify for.

The Financial Aid and Scholarship offices are separate organizations with different advisors and specialists in each.

To make a profile on the STARS website visit usuaggies.starscholarshipsonline.com. For more information about scholarships and financial aid at USU, visit usu.edu/finaid.

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Police Blotter

Contact USU Police at 797-1939 for non-emergencies. Anonymous reporting line: 797-5000 EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

Friday, March. 27

• USU Police received an intrusion alarm at the Vet Diagnostics lab and then a fire alarm. It was determined that the alarms were set off by Facilities who were testing the system.

• Several old bullets that were once props for the theater were released to the USU Police for disposal. The bullets have had the primers removed, so they were unable to be fired. The bullets will be destroyed.

• USU Police responded to the front of the HPER building on a report of a group of individuals who appeared to be getting ready to fight each other. When Police arrived the individuals involved were no longer in the area and were not located. No further action taken.

Saturday, March. 28

• USU Police responded to the HPER

building in two minutes for a medical assist in the pool area. A high school student was injured during a water polo match. The subject refused medical transport and was transported by private vehicle.

• USU Police transported a female to Logan Regional Hospital after sustaining a head injury while playing basketball.

• USU Police assisted an individual find her lost dog. Police located the dog and returned it to its owner, who was wheelchair bound and unable to search for the dog on her own.

Sunday, March 29

• USU Police responded to the Mountain View Tower in three minutes for a report of a subject throwing knives at a tree. The subject was contacted and the knives were taken for safe keeping and will be returned to the owner.

• USU Police took a report of a credit card fraud that occurred sometime over the weekend. The victim reported the incident after learning that her credit card had been used on two different occasions this weekend. ongoing as to where the charges took place.

Monday, March 30

• USU Police received a crime call report where complainant reported that he had been shoved by another USU employee in front of Ray B west building. USU Police are investigating this incident.

Wednesday, April 01

• Complainant reported to USU Police that a male had left his medication at the Merrill Library, and this has happened on another occasion. The complainant wanted the USU Police department to know in case this individual is reported or his medication is turned in

to the police.

• USU Police arrested a juvenile suspect for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to stop at the command of a law enforcement officer and an FTA warrant. The suspect was transported to the Cache Valley Youth Center and placed into Detention on the aforementioned charges.

Thursday, April. 02

• Report of individuals attempting to sleep inside the library. No one was located.

• USU Police responded to Snow Hall east lot in four minutes for a report of item being placed on a vehicle. The items were cleaned from the vehicle with no damage done to the vehicle.

► Compiled by Jeffrey Dahdah

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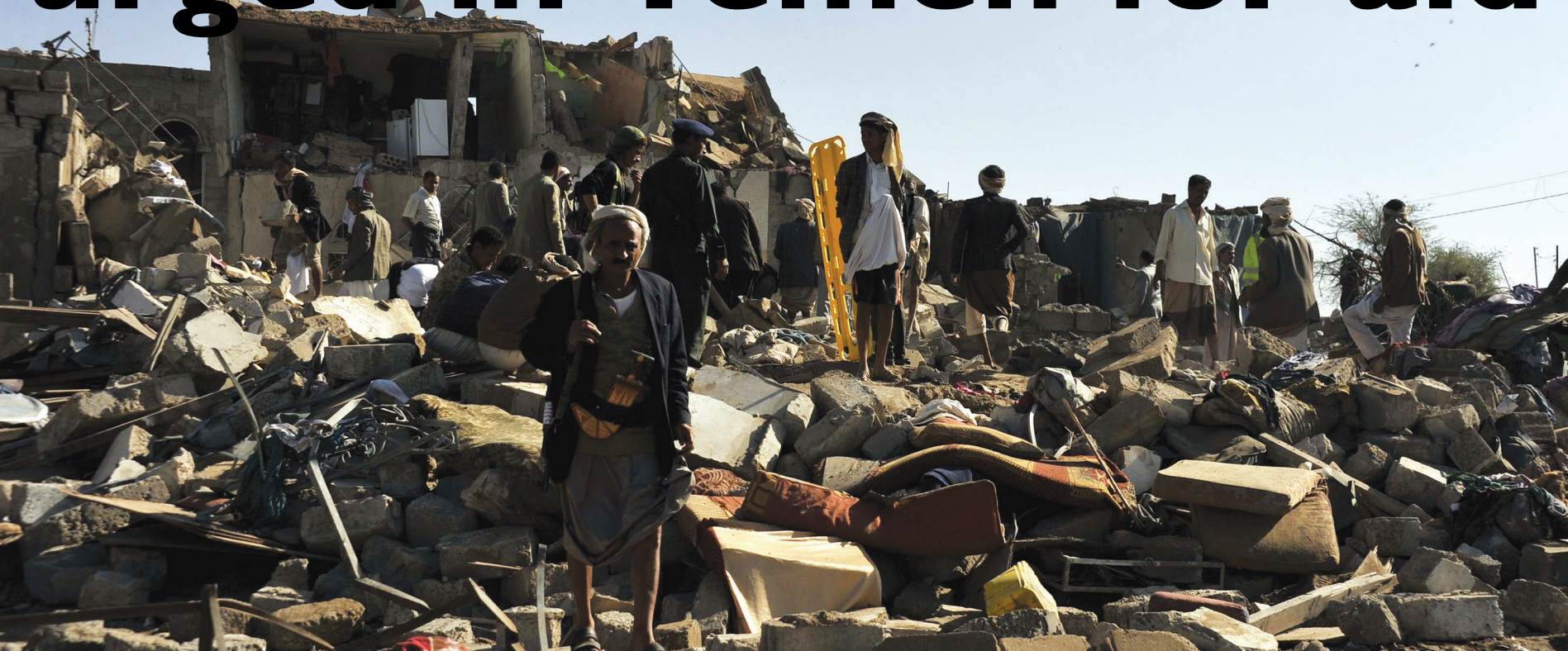
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NATION & WORLD

Pause in bombardment urged in Yemen for aid



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PEOPLE GATHER AT THE BOMBED SITE near an Air Force base to search for casualties in Sana'a, Yemen, on Thursday, March 26, 2015. Saudi Arabia and fellow Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states launched airstrikes early Thursday on Houthi positions in Yemen.

► **By Zaid Al-Alayaa, Alexandra Zavis and Laura King**
Los Angeles Times

Sana'a, Yemen as a Saudi Arabia-led air coalition continued to strike rebel targets across Yemen, Russia and the International Committee of the Red Cross on Saturday called for a pause in the bombardment to enable the evacuation of foreigners and the delivery of aid to people cut off for more than a week.

Underscoring the appeals, new reports emerged of civilian casualties and of al-Qaida-linked militants executing dozens of soldiers while consolidating their grip on a southeastern provincial capital.

Sunni-Muslim Saudi Arabia is leading efforts to crush the Iran-allied Shiite Muslim insurgents known as Houthis who toppled the country's internationally recognized president, Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi. Airstrikes and intense ground fighting has raged for days in and near the southern port of Aden, Yemen's second city and its main commercial hub.

Hadi had taken shelter in Aden after the capital, Sanaa, fell to the Houthis last year, and the insurgents' offensive against the port city triggered the Saudi-led intervention.

At an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Saturday, Russia circulated a draft

resolution calling for regular breaks in the airstrikes for the evacuation of foreign diplomats and civilians. The draft also demands unhindered access by humanitarian organizations to populations in need, the Associated Press reported.

Jordan's ambassador to the United Nations, Dina Kawar, the council president, told reporters that members would need time to consider the Russian proposal and another draft resolution submitted earlier by the Gulf Cooperation Council that would impose an arms embargo on the Houthis. The GCC includes Saudi Arabia and its allies, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

International agencies have expressed growing alarm over rising civilian casualties in Yemen. The U.N. said Thursday that the fighting had resulted in more than 500 deaths in two weeks, many of the victims civilians and nearly 100 of them children.

On the outskirts of Sanaa, nine people in a single family were reported to have been killed when their home was hit, apparently by an errant strike. Officials said Saturday that the strike a day earlier in Bani Matar also wounded five family members, and that the dead and injured included five children younger than 5.

The Red Cross warned Saturday that many more people could die if families in the worst affected areas aren't allowed to venture out of

their homes for food, water and medical care, and if relief supplies and surgical personnel aren't allowed into the country.

In a statement issued in Geneva, the organization appealed for an immediate "humanitarian pause" to last at least 24 hours.

Saudi officials are concerned that the insurgents would use any halt in military operations to seize Aden, where Hadi loyalists are fighting the Houthis.

Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition, said the allies are taking steps to mitigate the risks to civilians and have included the provision of aid in their planning. But, he said, the coalition does not want military operations to be compromised, the lives of humanitarian workers to be put at risk or aid to get into the wrong hands.

Asiri said coalition forces were working with the international community to evacuate foreign nationals. Among those who have been flown out of the country are citizens of Russia, India, Algeria, Indonesia and Pakistan, Asiri told reporters in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, and more flights are in the works.

The fighting appeared to be fiercest in Aden, where airstrikes have been concentrated and warships from Egypt and other countries have shelled Houthi positions. Warplanes have airdropped supplies to the city's defenders, Asiri said.

The most recent round of airstrikes hit positions held by troops loyal to deposed strongman Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has allied himself with the insurgents. Aid groups have warned of a looming humanitarian catastrophe in the city, where corpses of those killed in urban fighting — some Houthis, some members of the so-called popular committees fighting them — have been left in the streets.

Yemen's al-Qaida affiliate has capitalized on the turmoil to seize new territory. Its fighters in the last week have surged into the southeastern port city of Mukalla, the country's fifth-largest, staged a massive jailbreak and looted the local branch of the Central Bank.

Officials reported Saturday that al-Qaida-linked militants had executed dozens of captured soldiers in Mukalla, seizing weapons and oil shipments and overrunning military bases. Tribal fighters loyal to Hadi are attempting to drive the militants out of the city, Asiri said.

Mukalla, the capital of Hadramout province, was seized by al-Qaida fighters after the Saudi-led coalition began its airstrikes on Houthi positions. Previously, Sunni Muslim al-Qaida fighters had staged many attacks in Sana and elsewhere against the Houthis, whom they regard as apostates.

Sanctions relief for Iran still in dispute

► **By Terry Atlas and David Lerman**
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Iran hasn't agreed to the U.S. insistence that economic sanctions be phased out gradually in a deal to curb that country's nuclear program, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Monday.

While the U.S. "will insist upon" sanctions relief tied to Iran meeting its commitments under an accord, Earnest told reporters in

Washington on Monday, the timing "still needs to be negotiated" in further talks.

The comments, days after last week's framework agreement in Switzerland between Iran and six world powers, raise questions about the original U.S. account of the accord. An American "fact sheet," immediately disputed by Iran, said that sanctions would be suspended only after international inspectors verified Iran's compliance and may "snap back" into place if the terms are violated.

Secretary of State John Kerry predicted that Iran would need four months to a year just to complete the steps required under the agreement before any sanctions relief, which he said would be provided "in phases."

Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif cited a joint statement by his country and the European Union saying that the EU will "terminate the implementation" of nuclear-related sanctions and the U.S. "will cease the application" of them "simultaneously" with the verification.

"It has never been our position that all of the sanctions against Iran should be removed on Day One," Earnest said on Monday. "That is their position."

The framework announced on April 2 in Lausanne, Switzerland, sets the parameters for further negotiations needed to complete a signed, comprehensive agreement by a June 30 deadline.

On provisions to restrict Iran's nuclear program, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz downplayed differences between the U.S. and Iran.

"There's no doubt that right now there is a different narrative, but not in conflict with what's written down, just selective," he told reporters at the same White House briefing.

Moniz said the provisions of the framework, if converted into a final agreement, would block all of Iran's pathways to nuclear weapons and would provide at least a one-year warning time if Iran tries to break out and race to produce a nuclear device.

The framework would allow for "unprecedented" inspection powers for the International Atomic Energy Agency, he said. An envisioned dispute resolution procedure, if Iran balked at a particular inspection demand, would be empowered to resolve the dispute quickly, he said.

Turkey blocks Twitter, YouTube and Facebook

► **By Onur Ant, Ali Berat Meric and Constantine Courcoulas**
Bloomberg News

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey moved to block access to some social media websites after images of a prosecutor who was taken hostage and later died were circulated.

Ibrahim Kalin, spokesman for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said the order to bar access was demanded by a prosecutor who equated the distribution of the images to terrorist propaganda. Shares of Turkcell, the country's largest mobile operator, fell as much as 1.8 percent in Istanbul after the announcement.

An Istanbul prosecutor died April 1 from injuries sustained after he was taken hostage in a courtroom by members of leftist militant group DHKP-C. Pictures of him with a gun held to his head were published by several newspapers and websites. Kalin said the order to block the websites that showed the images had yet to be implemented. As of early afternoon local time, Twitter, YouTube and Facebook could not be accessed through some providers.

Turkey has passed several laws to tighten control over the Internet since December 2013 after hundreds of tape

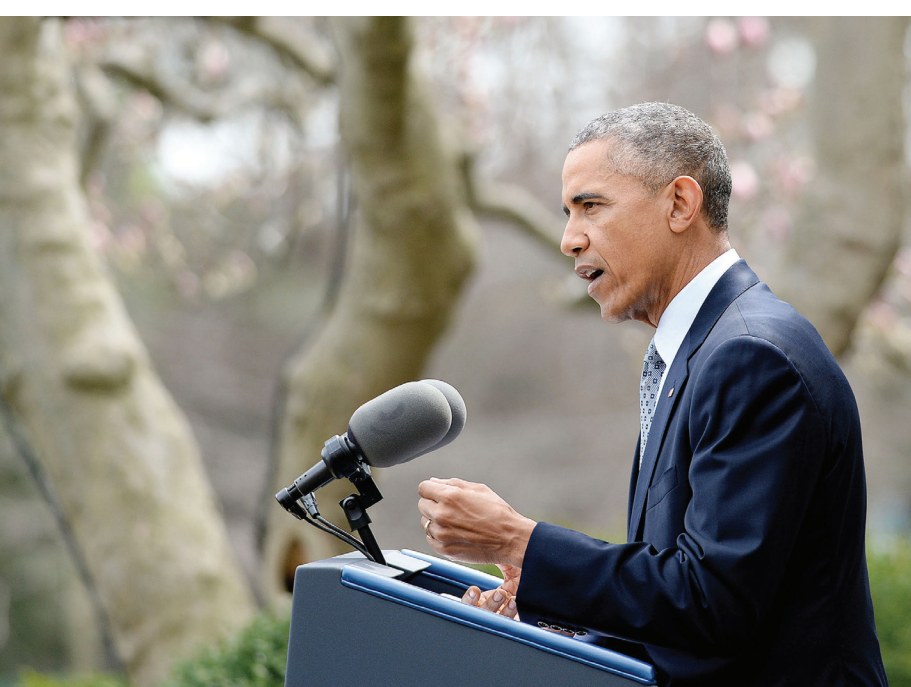
recordings allegedly showing corruption among politicians were posted on social media. Erdogan, who was prime minister at the time, said the recordings were fabricated and part of an effort by his foes and foreign forces to undermine him.

A prosecutor has started an investigation against four national newspapers for printing images of the prosecutor while Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the distribution of the photos was "unacceptable." Parliament, which is dominated by Davutoglu's ruling AK Party, passed a law in March that allows the government to ban websites without a court order.

The social media ban is "another disproportionate response restricting press freedom, free speech," Marietje Schaake, a Dutch member of the European Parliament, said on Twitter.

The decision was reported earlier by Hurriyet newspaper, which cited Bulent Kent, head of the Access Providers' Association.

If access to some social media websites remains barred for a long time, the ban is "definitely going to have an impact on mobile data revenues," Toygun Onaran, an analyst at Teb Investment, a brokerage in Istanbul, said by phone. "Most of the usage is coming from social websites."



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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA MAKES a statement after Iran and six world powers have agreed on the outlines of an understanding that would open the path to a final phase of nuclear negotiations in the press briefing at the White House on April 2, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

STUDENT LIFE



Kyle Todecheene photos

STUDENTS CELEBRATED NATURAL RESOURCES WEEK at the first ever Chacos and Tacos Social at the Natural Resources Building from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Students ate tacos (top left) and wore footwear common to students in the program, like Chacos sandals and boots (top right). Students also participated in activities such as Chacos vs. boot races (bottom left).

Natural Resources Week ends with food and footwear

► **By Michael McBride**
staff writer

On the last day of Natural Resources Week, the college of Natural Resources wanted to give students a break.

The first ever Chacos and Tacos Social was held in the Natural Resources building Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Tacos and nachos were provided for all those who attended, whether they were wearing Chacos sandals or not. Arthur Wallace, a junior majoring in conservation and restoration ecology, hosted the event. Wallace said people should know that natural resource students are “pretty chill.”

“We just like to hang out with each other and learn about science,” Wallace said. “We like to go on nature walks. We love eating good food.”

Music played as people socialized and ate.

Others played with water guns and some wore Chacos.

“They’re comfortable for being outside. You can be in water. You can walk on land,” Wallace said. “You can go hiking, and so a lot of people like that type of shoe.”

The versatility of Chacos was put to the test in a race organized outside the building in a contest of footwear against footwear.

“Chacos are sandals, but to accommodate everybody in our college we’ve also incorporated boots and so the race is Chacos vs. boots,” Wallace said.

With their feet tied to two-by-fours, participants had to move their legs in unison to move forward. What no one foresaw was how difficult it was to keep their feet tied to the wood. The ropes came off almost instantly, but participants took this in stride.

Though Chacos were a feature of the social,

wildlife science senior Hope Braithway said the footwear is not what defines the college.

“We like Chacos, but that’s not all we’re about,” Braithway said.

Also on the scene was Adam Fisher, a junior majoring in watershed science and Earth systems. Fisher was placed in charge of the raffle table, which displayed donated prizes.

“We have a gift card to Angie’s and we have some gift cards from Sports Academy,” Fisher said. “We also have a sweatshirt that’s being donated, and then these college T-shirts for Natural Resources Week were also donated. We also have a wide array of gag gifts that were picked up at D.I. They’re all water themed to go with our water theme for Natural Resources Week.”

Attendees also had the option to dress up in one of three costumes and have their pictures taken. The props and costumes were on loan

from the Water Extension Lab and are usually used to help educate children. But for Friday night, every Chaco and Taco attendee could dress up in a fisherman, fish or bug costume and have their picture taken.

The inclusive nature of the social was a reflection of the Natural Resources College general studies and natural resources, said senior Evan Poole.

“The College of Natural Resources is totally awesome, and everyone who comes here finds a place to flourish.” Poole said. “And really, if they work at it, it can change their lives. People are able to find their place, where they are able to be passionate in their jobs and connect with the natural world, and also be that bridge from society to the natural world.”

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Humans of USU discuss Easter traditions

The Utah Statesman interviewed Allyson Bronte, a sophomore studying mathematics; Tanner Kattenhorn, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering; Ariana Ortolano, a junior majoring in biochemistry and Nick Guyaux, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Utah Statesman: What is Easter and why do people celebrate it?

Allyson Bronte: I grew up as a Christian and whatnot, so for me it’s obviously like the “Jesus resurrected” and whatnot, so that’s what I’ve always celebrated.

Tanner Kattenhorn: The main reason we celebrate it is because of the resurrection of Jesus, right? I mean, am I wrong? I feel like nobody really does it for that reason anymore.

Ariana Ortolano: Doesn’t it have to do with Christ coming back from the dead?

Nick Guyaux: The one version of Easter is Christ’s resurrection and so it’s like a rebirth. It’s spring, like the new year beginning. It’s almost like a spiritual new year.

US: What does Easter mean to you?

AB: For me personally, it’s just like what Jesus did and whatnot, and like how we’re thankful for it and whatnot.

TK: Easter has never really been like that big a thing, you know? It’s more of, “Oh, it’s Easter.” Like nobody really thinks about the real meaning of it, and it’s not like Christmas where you give gifts to everybody and think about everybody else. It’s more of like it’s just another day, but it’s a holiday where you eat some sweet candy and some



Thakary Minson photos

CONSIDERING THEIR TRADITIONS, (clockwise from top left) Allyson Bronte, Tanner Kattenhorn, Ariana Ortolano and Nick Guyaux answer questions about Easter.

eggs and stuff like that.

AO: I guess it’s time to spend with family usually. I’m not super religious so mostly we just celebrate it because it’s socially acceptable.

NG: Really it’s just like time with family. Going down, spending time with family, cousins, nephews, nieces.

US: Do you have any Easter traditions?

AB: With my family, we always

had a brunch growing up. Both of my parents are in the restaurant business and our whole family would come to our house and whatnot.

TK: Easter egg hunts. They were the bomb.

AO: Usually we just go to my grandparents’ house and have dinner. They’ll usually make like an Easter basket or something and give it to us. When I was little we used to hide eggs and stuff but not anymore.

Now that I’m here, I’m from Las Vegas and so it’s not like I can just go home for Easter and so I usually just spend time with my brother.

NG: We usually do Easter egg hunts, but really it’s just like a big everyone comes together and we eat food. That’s the tradition — is food.

US: What’s your favorite Easter memory?

AB: I would probably say one

morning, like my parents would always have like the little chocolate eggs, and we woke up and my dog ate them all so my parents felt so bad because like we couldn’t have an Easter egg hunt and my dog was sick all day.

TK: I woke up one time and I had a Bionicle, which is like the coolest toy ever when I was a kid. You would like press them and their heads would fly out. They’re crazy.

AO: I don’t have a specific memory, but I really like coloring eggs.

NG: Well last year, we dressed our baby up as a rabbit. She had Easter ears, and we made a little cotton ball tail for her so that was fun.

US: What’s the deal with the Easter Bunny and leaving eggs? Why not have an Easter chicken instead?

AB: I was actually talking with someone about that, like where does it all start and why. Like if you think about it, Santa Claus has a story or other stories like that, but I don’t know how the Easter bunny happened.

TK: I could come up with some theory, but I have no idea.

AO: I don’t even know where that comes from.

NG: I think he stole them from the chicken. Or because they’re filled with candy and not like rotting half-developed chicks. It would be weird if he gave you little bunny rabbits. An Easter chicken would be weird. Nobody wants to pet the Easter chicken — it just doesn’t flow.

US: What’s your favorite Easter candy?

AB: I hate Peeps. I think Peeps are the most disgusting things ever. I just love the traditional Jelly Beans.

TK: Jelly Beans without a doubt. Or maybe some Star-bursts.

AO: I really like those Cadbury Eggs, and like whenever Easter comes, I like stock up on them.

NG: Anything that are the Reese’s Eggs that are chocolate. I also love Jelly Beans, like Starburst Jelly Beans or Jolly Rancher Jelly Beans. They’re so good, and they’re only out this time of year.

Students plan ways to get fit for summer

► **By Monica Delatorre**
staff writer

Editor's note: This is part one in a three-part series on healthy habits for the summer.

Whether they are doing heavy traveling or staying home in Cache Valley, Aggies are giving thought to what it really takes to maintain a physically fit physique over the summer.

Undeclared freshman Sebastian Lopez said that even though April is a late start in prepping for a summer body, it isn't too late to get started now with enjoyable activities.

"I don't like running, but I like soccer so I'll play that. Before or after soccer, I will go to the field house and do strength training," Lopez said. "Do something active that you like to do. If it isn't fun to you, you aren't going to do it."

Luc Hardin, a freshman in mechanical engineering, agreed.

"If it's not something you like, you're just going to hate it," Hardin said. "It's going to be a lot harder to stay with it."

Both Hardin and Lopez agreed that if people feel it is important to stay fit, they should do it, and one of the best ways to stay committed and follow through with summer fitness plans is to bring along good friends to make it more fun.

"With friends it's way better because you can help each other out," Lopez said. "It's good motivation."

Hardin agreed that working out with friends is beneficial, not only for reasons of motivation, but for accountability.

"If you're like, 'I'm going to go



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SOME STUDENTS ENJOY RUNNING OUTSIDE to stay in shape throughout the summer.

meet this person at the gym, you're not going to bail," Hardin said. "If you're just like 'I should work out today,' you have no real commitment."

Since it's summer and many people are going on vacation, don't feel too bad if you have other priorities that take precedence over working out, Lopez said. Quality time with family and friends is important too.

Even though working out is an individual choice, finding friends with similar interests or schedules is key, Lopez said.

"I'm not an early morning person so I work out later in the day," Lopez said. "I know people who start their day by getting up at 4:30 in the morning and are ready to hit the gym by 6. That's how they start their day."

Hardin said that motivation to

workout doesn't necessarily have to center around being the best looking person in your group of friends.

"As it starts getting warmer, the body just naturally adjusts and becomes more attractive," Hardin said. "At least that's what I like to think."

Bradley Ferraro, a freshman majoring in computer engineering, agreed.

"It really does," Ferraro said. "You sweat more, you lose some weight and you get tan. Overall, people look better in the summer."

Summer fitness activities aren't strictly limited to running or weight training, Ferraro said. Exercise is about finding something enjoyable and doing it, he said.

Katherine Taylor, a freshman majoring in journalism, argued that media has negatively affected the



perception of bodies by representing a limited scale of attractiveness. For her, that scale is more than skin deep.

"It's never been about being a certain weight or having a certain degree of muscle tone," Taylor said. "It's about being able to go out and do things. Like going on a hike and still feeling good at the end of it."

She said she likes to look at fitness in a more practical way. It's about feeling good and enjoying exercise, regardless of body type or shape.

"It matters a little bit what you look like, of course it does. It also matters a lot how confident you are and how you carry yourself," Taylor

said. "It's nice to be in shape and feel that you look good, but I would love to see people acknowledge all the ways that people can look good."

Taylor recounted seeing an older woman while she was working as a lifeguard.

"There was this lady I saw at the pool," Taylor said. "She wasn't really overweight, but she was 60, so it wasn't as tight as it used to be. It looked like she was having so much fun and she was wearing this red polka dot bikini. I was just like, 'You go, grandma. Get it.'"

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Banquet celebrates cultures around the world



STUDENTS EAT MEALS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD (LEFT) and a group of students perform an Irish dance to represent Ireland at the Aggies Around the World Banquet in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom on Friday. The food and celebrations represented international students on campus and was sponsored by the Office of Global Engagement.



Ryan Costanzo photos

Concert

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had to consider using their own money to hand out as change at the benefit concert.

The group's hard work paid off because the bands performed, people donated and Ryker attended to help raise awareness.

Ryker was 4 months old when he was diagnosed with NF. He has tumors on his face, neck, orbital socket and brain.

Because there is no cure for NF, Ryker has gone through several debunking surgeries and is currently on a clinical trial of chemotherapy to help shrink his tumors.

Bennett said Ryker used to be scared of his chemotherapy shots.

"He'd cry, and now he likes to scream for them, so he screams for about five seconds, and then he's happy about five seconds later," Bennett said.

Ryker's smile at the show was evidence of his positive attitude.

"A couple years ago he was very shy and being around new people was hard," Bennett said.

At the concert, it was clear that Ryker had overcome his shy phase as he danced on all fours, only stopping to strike the occasional pose, throwing a hand in the air and turning to give his audience a smile.

Even people like Carson Garner, a sophomore majoring in physical therapy, who went to the concert to support their favorite band, turned around to catch a glimpse at the boy's dancing.

For Ryker, the night consisted of his favorite games: dancing, tag and "superhero," where he played the Hulk.

By the end of the night, \$645 was raised. The money will be donated to the Children's Tumor Foundation where it will be used for research.

Gibbons' group will continue to raise money this semester by selling items on campus near the LDS Institute building.

Bennett hopes that people can simply raise awareness about NF.

"Some people don't know what it is, and when they see him, they ask you know 'What's wrong with him?'" Bennett said. "It's hard because he's just a kid, and he wants just what every kid wants — to have friends and be normal."



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SARAH BENNETT AND HER SON RYKER share a moment at the benefit concert Friday.

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Aggie baseball sweeps three-game weekend

By Thomas Sorenson
staff writer

The Utah State baseball team swept Weber State in a three-game home stand Friday and Saturday.

Utah State outscored the Wildcats 45-14 over the three games, winning all three by the 10-run mercy rule.

"We wanted to be aggressive and put pressure on them to make plays, make them beat us," said Aggie head coach Brad Singer. "If they're not (making plays), we'll beat them."

USU was aggressive running the bases all weekend, totaling 21 extra-base hits and 14 stolen bases.

"We wanted to do a lot of hit and runs, a lot of stealing, put the ball in play," Singer said. "I kind of told the guys, 'Hey, you've got the green light.'"

After the Wildcats took a lead on the Aggies in the fifth inning of the first game of the series, fifth-year pitcher Sixto Cabrera was brought in to lock them down. Singer praised his performance afterward.

"He's been around the block. He knows what's going on, and I have a lot of confidence in Sixto," Singer said.

"He's a veteran on the team. He's a leader, and he just has really great stuff," said outfielder Eric Stranski.



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BAILEY THOMAS SLIDES INTO HOME against Montana earlier in the season. Utah State is currently on a win streak after beating Montana in three-straight games and also stealing three games from Weber State last weekend.

The Aggies allowed seven runs in the five innings before Cabrera was brought in. They only allowed four in the last 14 innings of the series. First baseman Gus

Baskin credited the defensive performance to the entire pitching staff.

"When they're on the mound, you know they're going to throw strikes. You

know they're going to be throwing hard and not giving guys free bases," Baskin said.

Colton Draney had 11 strikeouts in the game he

pitched Saturday. Despite leading the team, the pitcher said he isn't concerned with getting strikeouts.

"I don't worry about striking people out. I'm out there

to do my job, which is to get outs," Draney said. "I still have enough confidence in the eight other guys out there that they'll make the play for me."

The head coach was impressed with the performance of his pitchers against Weber State.

"That's why I have the pitching staff that I do have," Singer said. "To be able to, you know, put them in, insert them, and have the confidence in them to get the job done."

Utah State now goes on the road to play Boise State on Saturday and Sunday.

"I think they'll be hard-fought games. Boise State's a good team," said infielder Easton Walker. "I don't think we'll 10-run them three times in a row."

The players expect it to be a much more difficult series than the three-game stretch against Weber. However, due to the current winning streak, the team is confidently moving forward.

"I think it gives us a lot of confidence," Baskin said. "I think it gives us a good boost and good momentum to push us into the next little bit."

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USU tennis beats No. 42 UNM

By Joe Baraiolo
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Utah State men's tennis team knocked off No. 42 New Mexico 4-3 on Sunday in Logan to claim first place in the Mountain West.

Friday, the USU team blanked Air Force 7-0 also at home.

"New Mexico is No. 42 in the country," said Aggie head coach Clancy Shields before the teams played. "That's a great opportunity for us in the national scene, but also in the standings for the Mountain West Conference. This match is critical for us, and we're playing at home."

Sunday the Aggies celebrated senior day with a win for the teams two seniors, Marcus Fritz and Matt Sweet.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys," said Utah State assistant coach Andy Magee. "They're the toughest team I've ever seen, and that is the recipe for success in college tennis. It's not about anything else — it's about toughness. If we have the toughest team, we're going to be successful."

Friday against Air Force every single Utah State player won in



Kylee Larsen photo

JAIME BARAJAS RETURNS a shot against San Francisco. The Aggies are currently ranked first in the MW conference and play again this weekend.

straight sets. The closest match was the first singles spot. Dennis Baumgartner beat Grant Taylor 6-1, 7-5.

"I thought we played a very solid match across the board. We were very professional," Magee said. "Our guys took care of business. They didn't mess around or stay on the court longer than they had to. I

thought they all played to their level today. They didn't bring their level down, and they didn't try to overdo anything. Overall, I'm very pleased."

The match against New Mexico started off with doubles play. Fritz and sophomore Baumgartner won the first doubles match 6-4. New Mexico got a win over senior Sweet and sophomore Karan Salwan 7-5. Sophomore Jack Swindells and freshman Jaime Barajas won 7-5 to earn the doubles point and put the Aggies up 1-0 early.

New Mexico's James Hignett won the first singles match, 6-1, 6-3, and Bart Van Leijssen took the second match, 7-5, 6-2 to take the 2-1 lead over the Aggies. Salwan had an impressive, 6-3, 6-2, win over the No. 61-ranked player in the country, Samir Iftikhar to tie the match up at 2-2. Baumgartner beat Hayden Sabatka in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6, to regain the lead at 3-2.

Fritz lost a tough match in three sets to Mitch McDaniels 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, that would tie the match up once again. After losing the first set, sophomore Sebastian Schneider would come back to win the match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to secure first place in the MW.

Utah State's next match is Sunday in Reno, Nevada, where they will face off against the Nevada Wolf Pack.



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KARAN SALWAN SWINGS to return a shot during a match against San Francisco. USU beat Air Force and New Mexico over the weekend.

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Myers returns to quarterback

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The second Aggie football spring scrimmage proved to be a defensive win.

"I thought the defense flew around right from the beginning," said Matt Wells, head football coach for Utah State. "There's a lot of young kids doing good things. ... Usually you go back, watch the tape and I'm sure the offense will get embarrassed a little bit. On Tuesday afternoon they'll probably have a little bit better day."

On defense, linebacker Torrey Green led the way with four tackles and two sacks.

"I talked to coach after the last scrimmage," Green said. "I didn't play to my full potential. I made sure I had a better week. I did more film study and took it more seriously this week."

As a whole the defensive unit recorded nine sacks, 10 tackles for loss and held the USU running backs to 105 yards on 29 carries. When including the yardage lost by sacks and tackles for loss on the quarterbacks, the rushing totals come out to 45 yards gained on 48 attempts.

The Aggie defense made all the stops, despite playing without five starters. Tyler Fackrell, Jordan Nielsen, Travis Seefeldt, Nick Vigil and LT Filiaga all sat out the practice.

"We are deep," Green said. "The deeper you are, the better it is because you never know what might happen with injuries. It's good for us. I think we'll have a good season this year because we are working so hard and pushing each other. With the depth we have, it's more competition for each of us."

Chuckie Keeton ran the first team offense and completed 9-of-15 passes for 77 yards. Tony Lindsey was the most successful Aggie running back, notching 62 yards on 11 carries with his longest run being a 21-yard scamper.

"Overall I think it's pretty good," Lindsey said. "We just have to keep working



Logan Jones photo

CORNERBACK BRYANT HAYES jumps to make a catch along the sideline during Utah States second spring scrimmage on Friday.

hard and see how it works out."

Kent Myers made the move back to quarterback but still took reps with the third-team offense as wide receiver. Myers finished the day completing both his pass attempts for 26 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown strike by DJ Nelson. Nelson threw for two touchdowns and 89 yards while completing 4-of-6 attempts.

Sophomore running back LaJuan Hunt had the off the field's only other touchdown on a six-yard run during the two-minute drill. Hunt totaled 14 yards on four attempts.

"Back to quarterback," said Wells about Myers at the practice. "Can't say enough about Kent Myers. Very, very unselfish player. With what's unfolded in the last week, he walked in and said, 'Coach I want to go back to quarterback.' I think it was obviously the right timing, but it came from him. The kid is a tremendous team player and

a very unselfish kid. There will be a major, major battle for the backup quarterback job come summer and fall training camp."

Redshirt-freshman Zach Van Leeuwen had a solid showing. He caught two passes for 23 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown strike by DJ Nelson. Nelson threw for two touchdowns and 89 yards while completing 4-of-6 attempts.

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Gymnastics season ends in fifth-place regional finish



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Utah State gymnastics ended its season on what USU head coach Nadalie Walsh termed a “high note” Saturday in Berkeley, California, placing fifth in the NCAA regional championships with a score of 195.150.

“I think the girls did a great job, and we had some great routines,” Walsh said. “We had some routines that were not our actual best, but they were sufficient.”

The Aggies finished in front of sixth-place BYU but were unable to catch in-state rival University of Utah’s Georgia Dabritz, who placed first in each of the four events. Dabritz helped the Utes to a second-place finish

at the regional meet and will advance to the NCAA national championship alongside meet-winner Georgia.

Standout senior Sarah Landes notched a 39.175 in her final all-around as an Aggie, placing seventh at the meet.

“I’m so proud of all the seniors,” Walsh said. “Every single one of them went out there and nailed their routines. What a way to go out.”

Walsh added extra praise for junior JoAnna Cuba, whose sixth-place finish on the beam was the highest rank for an Aggie in an individual event Saturday.

“JoAnna has beautiful lines, and she does graceful gymnastics,” Walsh said. “She has such confidence up there. It’s so

great knowing that when she’s up there, we don’t have to worry about a thing. The judges rewarded her for her artistry and her beauty.”

At the conclusion of her second year as USU’s head gymnastics coach, Walsh noted the progress of her squad since last season.

“I think they ended the season on a high note,” Walsh said. “I’m so proud of them for being at this level and being able to go out there, stay focused and not be affected. Last year, we were a fish out of water a little bit, and this year not at all. It makes me excited for next year.”

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SENIOR GYMNAST SARAH LANDES SPOTS HER LANDING during a home meet. LEFT: Landes dismounts from the beam. The gymnastics team just ended the season at its second-straight NCAA Regional competition.

Asian Student Association holds ping pong tournament

► **By Thomas Sorenson**
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The Asian Student Association hosted a ping pong tournament Saturday morning on the Utah State University campus.

The club hosts events throughout the year to bring people together and share Asian culture.

“We don’t have a huge Asian population or influence here in Logan, so we try to introduce that to people that don’t really know,” said Eston Norton, a member of the club who will be the president next semester.

“We want to basically open the minds of the people of Logan, get them to experience something new,” he said.

The tournament was held in Health, Physical Education and Recreation building, Room 201 and was open to anyone who wanted to come. Many of the participants were members of the Utah State University Table Tennis Club.

The members of the table tennis club, which was started just last semester, were excited to have a tournament to compete in.

“I just love playing,” said Andrew Keith, the founder of the club. “I get beat all the time, but I like to say that nobody loves ping pong more than me.”

Romain Cabassu, a student who has come to Utah State from France, said he enjoys being a member of the club because he’s been able to build friendships with people that have a similar interest.

“We can practice. We can improve. We can have fun,” Cabassu said.

Keith said he encourages students to join the club because it’s a way to meet other people and play ping pong.

The leadership of the ASA hopes that events like this ping pong tournament will encourage students to join the ASA as well.

“We’re just trying to promote our club, preserve our culture, you know, things like that,” said Amber Lam, a member of

ASA.

Vice President David Chamorro said that the club is open to everyone.

“A lot of people don’t know that you don’t have to be Asian to join the club,” Chamorro said. “People that have an interest in Asia — Asian anything — we try to go for that.”

The association uses the broad interests in Asia to plan events.

“We try to get every event that kind of scopes out everyone’s interests,” Chamorro said. “We’re doing sports this time, but maybe we’ll do something with food next time or something with music next time.”

While the club is small now, leadership of the ASA is trying to help it grow.

“We try to build a network of people that we know,” Chamorro said. “Sometimes we’ll attend the Japanese student association or like the Chinese classes when they have their events sometimes.”

The ASA is funded by Utah State, but the events it hosts will be somewhat limited by budget cuts beginning next school year, Norton said.

“Our goal for the club next year is to be self-sustaining, so we won’t need funding from the university,” Norton said.

The members of ASA said they enjoy the club because they can make friends and go to events but also learn about other parts of the world.

“You make friends from around the world,” Chamorro said. “So if you want to learn about other cultures or if you just want to have a good time with other people, join our club.”

The Asian Student Association has regular meetings every Wednesday at 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Taggart Student Center. The table tennis club meets in the HPER, Room 201 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Fridays at noon.

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ANDREW KEITH SERVES to Baichun Gong (left) and Romain Cabassu (right) while his teammate Xuecung Fan prepares to return a shot during a tournament on Saturday. LEFT: Keith and Fan receive a serve from Gong and Cabassu. The tournament was a one-time event held in the HPER.



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End-of-the-semester affirmation needed



Noelle Johansen
The haps

There's a YouTube video that I'm fond of from 2009 called "Jessica's 'Daily Affirmation.'" In it, a toddler with a mop of curly blonde hair stands atop her bathroom counter, looks herself in the eyes and declares resolutely, "I can do anything good, yeah, yeah, I can do anything good, better than anyone."

This comes after she lists an impressive lineup of good things in her life: "I like my hair, I like my haircuts, I like my stuff, I like my room, I like my whole house." She's adorable and inspiring and you should go watch the video now, especially if you've been awake for nearly 24 hours and could use a boost other than the unholy quantity of caffeine currently running through your veins.

With just three weeks left of the semester, I'd venture a guess that I'm not the only one embracing the sleep-deprived and heavily-caffeinated lifestyle. As the semester

wanes, I'm feeling more overwhelmed than excited about summer because of the amount of work to get done before it arrives.

So, to combat that ache of dread in my gut, I'm going to take a page from Jessica's book and give myself a daily affirmation right here. I'm doing it here instead of in front of my bathroom mirror because two of my four roommates are asleep and this could get rowdy. Feel free as you follow along to substitute my name with your own and let the shared good vibes of affirmation chase away our stress monsters together.

Noelle, you are smart and capable. You can do whatever you put your mind to. It may help to put your mind to something other than watching Jimmy Fallon videos on YouTube when you're supposed to be working on an essay due tomorrow. Regardless, you're the real "pro" in procrastination.

Girl, those yoga classes are really working. You look good, Noelle, and your peaceful composure after a practice hides the sleep-deprived craze from your eyes almost completely. Keep it up.

If it really does take only 21 days to make a habit stick, you can solve all your problems with organization and time management in the next three weeks. Of course, classes will be out by then, and you won't have the con-

stant barrage of homework, work and extracurriculars to fret over. Still, think of what a functional member of society you'll be. Your mom would be so proud, Noelle.

Your best friend said your new haircut makes you look like a Carey Mulligan doppelgänger, which is the best compliment you can imagine. Own it.

You are doing great things, Noelle. Don't let what you have left to do overshadow what you've already accomplished. What's more, think of how much "Gilmore Girls" you'll be able to binge watch once you do finish up those final tasks of the semester. You can add "successfully watched a seven-season series during a single academic school year while somehow pulling off good grades" to your list of achievements.

Finally, Noelle, don't forget the advice you received recently about mindfulness and living in the present. Stop worrying about your unknown future or even tomorrow's to-do list. Experience each moment as you live it, and the rest will work itself out. After all, you can do anything good.

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Love horoscopes

Aries: March 21 - April 19
Your partner is dying of boredom, only he or she is too polite to tell you. Uranus, planet of innovation, urges you to shake things up a bit in the bedroom. If you think you're the world's greatest lover, you could be living in a fantasy world.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20
A moon opposition has you obsessing about superficial stuff. So your boyfriend doesn't have perfect abs or your girlfriend doesn't look like a Playboy model. So what? Don't let Hollywood and the media shape your feelings for your significant other.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
Venus will be in your sign for several weeks, and this will increase your sexual mojo. If you've been single, you'll find that flirtatious people are suddenly drawn to you. If you're in a relationship, you'll feel greater passion for your lover.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22
There's some pent-up frustration on your part regarding an on again, off again romance. The sun is bringing all that intense emotion to the surface. Maybe you still think that a former flame was the love of your life. Keep exploring until you figure it all out.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
Jupiter is going direct in your sign after months in retrograde. This will allow you to move forward again in any area of your life where you have felt blocked. A flirtation that fizzled could pick up again, and a spring romance might be on the menu.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Money is on your mind right now as Mars continues to bring momentum to your career. If you've been seeking a way to acquire a bigger savings or pay off debt, you're on the right track. Celebrate your success by treating your honey in some way.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 23
With two planets opposite your sign, you're second guessing yourself. Don't be plagued with doubt. You're doing the right thing, even if it's not paying off in visible ways just yet. In relationships, just focus on being compassionate and kind.

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Forum letter: Abstinence a moral option for adults

To the editor:
Does the following scenario seem familiar? A young man and a young woman meet and get to know each other. They find that they really appreciate each other and feel a growing love. They talk of marriage. They have desires, but they commit to follow what they've been taught and reserve the deepest, most physically intimate expression of their love until after their wedding. The wedding ceremony comes and goes. They start life as a couple. Their first night together is even more special knowing that they each reserved this special time for the other and no one else.

In time, the couple has their first child, who looks a lot like them. They do their best to raise this child, along with others later born to the family, caring for them, teaching them, and building loving bonds with them. Then the cycle continues for the next generation.

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Men are not objects of their sex drives

As the editor of the paper, I have the privilege of reading forum letters and deciding which ones to print.

As it says on the opinion page, I have free reign to reject letters "for reasons of good taste, redundancy or volume of similar letters." The letter we're printing today is one I had a difficult time with because as I read it, I felt uncomfortable with its message.

Don't get me wrong. I totally respect abstinence from sex. I respect waiting until marriage. But people who choose abstinence aren't the only ones who deserve respect. As I've gotten older, I realize that part of showing someone respect is respecting their choices, even when they're different than your own.

The biggest thing — though not the only thing — that bothered me about this letter was the notion that men are objects of their sex drive and women are responsible for controlling the things that could trigger it. A woman's appearance when she wears a sports bra on campus may or may not turn a guy on — or another girl for that matter — but good heavens, give the man more credit. A strong sex drive does not equal an uncontrollable one. Every person is responsible for his or her actions, not for the actions of



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Casino

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"The real meaning of 'lucky heart' is we are so lucky to have our families," he said. "My family is so tender to my heart. All of us are so lucky to have our families."

—morgan.pratt.robinson@gmail.com

Week

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design intern with the Jeffrey D. Clark Entrepreneurship Center to eventually joining the Entrepreneurship Club himself and putting the skills he's gained to use.

"Through my experiences with doing different things with marketing, I learned about entrepreneurship," Porras said. "Entrepreneurship to me is all about problem solving and thinking outside the box. As a graphic designer I've been able to make freelance projects."

Overall, students with the Jeffrey D. Clark Entrepreneurship Center and the Entrepreneurship Club have one message for USU: Anyone can be an entrepreneur.

"It's something that anyone can do," Porras said. "So I think that's what Entrepreneurship Week really does. It shows people that entrepreneurship is possible while you're in school and in the future."

Those who want to know more about Entrepreneurship Week or its schedule can visit <http://www.huntsman.usu.edu/eclub/htm/entrepreneurship-week-2015>.

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Letter

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Many years ago, this was the norm. Sex was a serious matter, not to be handled like a plaything. Abstinence is still alive and is still a worthy goal. Many still choose it. Others would but don't know how.

In order to succeed at abstinence, it is valuable to understand some aspects of sexuality. Often women don't understand men. Generally, men can be sexually aroused merely by images of women — and it doesn't take long, depending on the nature of the images. This is one reason pornography is widespread. This is a biological characteristic that stirs a man to desire sex. While closeness and touch can also stir this desire, this sensitivity to images means a man can be sexually aroused by a woman from a distance,

without any interaction. Her attire or behavior can be a significant factor in this. Without the will to avoid looking and to get the thoughts quickly out of his head, images and thoughts can fester. In a culture that publishes sex in nearly every possible venue, this biological urge is strengthened and emphasized. If a man hasn't developed values — either through his upbringing or his own reasoning and good judgment, which includes respect for women and self control — things can get out of hand.

Here are some suggestions to help successfully abstain from sex. Some of these may apply more to guys or more to ladies. The more of these you can include in your life, the better your chances of success.

- Date people that share your values
- From the beginning, make clear your standards and expectations about sex

- Avoid clothing and behavior that emphasize sexuality — looser clothing that covers from neck to knee is most effective
- Spend time together in public, rather than private places
- Stay away from places that are conducive to sex (bars, clubs, bedrooms, etc.)
- Consume wholesome, un-sexualized media and entertainment
- Keep away from explicit sexual conversations
- Limit close physical contact
- Avoid sexual fantasizing
- Stay involved in your spiritual pursuits and keep your faith
- Pray regularly for help with the temptations you face
- Spend your time in worthy pursuits

— Emil Therianos

Sex

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others.

If someone is beautiful and something horrible happens to her, is it even a little bit her fault for being beautiful? Hell no. Are the words "I couldn't resist," a valid excuse for the doer of horrible things? Hell no.

I resent the stereotypes presented in this letter, and I resent the archaic way of thinking behind it. I feel an obligation to print it because it represents the views of some at this university, but I do not agree with it.

If this letter represents the way we talk about abstinence, I'd rather talk about sex.

— Mariah Noble is the editor-in-chief. Contact her at statesmaneditor@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Speaker

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ing their way in a dark place," she said. "[Sober] is about wanting to feel good without relying on something else."

Every person needs to find their real, authentic self is the message DioGuardi hopes students take away from the event.

"The more you can see who you are, the happier you'll be," she said. "I think that's a really important thing for people to think about."

Success is all about hard working and dedication, DioGuardi said. Working hard is how people create their own opportunities. It is those who stay in the longest who win, she said.

"No matter what, you still need your 10,000 hours in, at the end of the day," she said.

Being the last USUSA sponsored Common Hour makes this particular event somewhat unique and historic, said Sarah Winder, USUSA arts and lectures director.

"I want to make sure people know how cool Kara is because I think she's an incredible individual," Winder said. "She's so accomplished. Her qualifications, as far as everything she's done in her life ... I feel like can reach out to so many people and is really inspirational."

When looking for people to come and speak at Common Hour, Winder said she and those she works with are always looking for those who can reach out to both specific groups of the student body and students as a whole.

"I have a broad idea of what she'll talk about," Winder said. "I do know she will be singing at this Common Hour. ... Since she was a lead on Broadway, she has, obviously, the chops, and it's going to be a great performance overall."

Francesca Matern, a sophomore majoring in Sociology, is planning to attend and listen to DioGuardi speak.

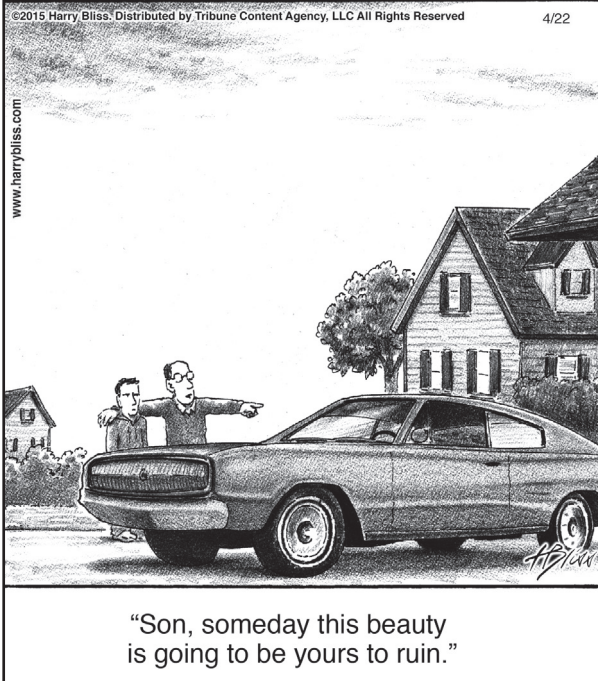
"I don't really know much about it, but I'm excited because I know her from being a judge on American Idol and she seemed really cool and down to earth."

Matern said the fact that DioGuardi is "taking time to come and talk to our university" is an honor.

A meet-and-greet will be held after the event for those who previously entered and won contests at other Arts and Lectures events and by those chosen from different clubs and organizations.

Common Hour with Kara DioGuardi will be held in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

— mandy.m.morgan@aggiemail.usu.edu



Horoscope

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Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 21
Venus hasn't been doing you any favors lately. The love planet has been spitting in your general direction, making romantic pursuits feel difficult, if not impossible. This will change in another week. In the meantime, make sure you're taking good care of yourself.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You're in the mood to express yourself, and you'll do so in your usual passionate way. To attract soulmates, it's important to be bold. If people don't see the real you, they won't know your true personality or appreciate your special qualities.

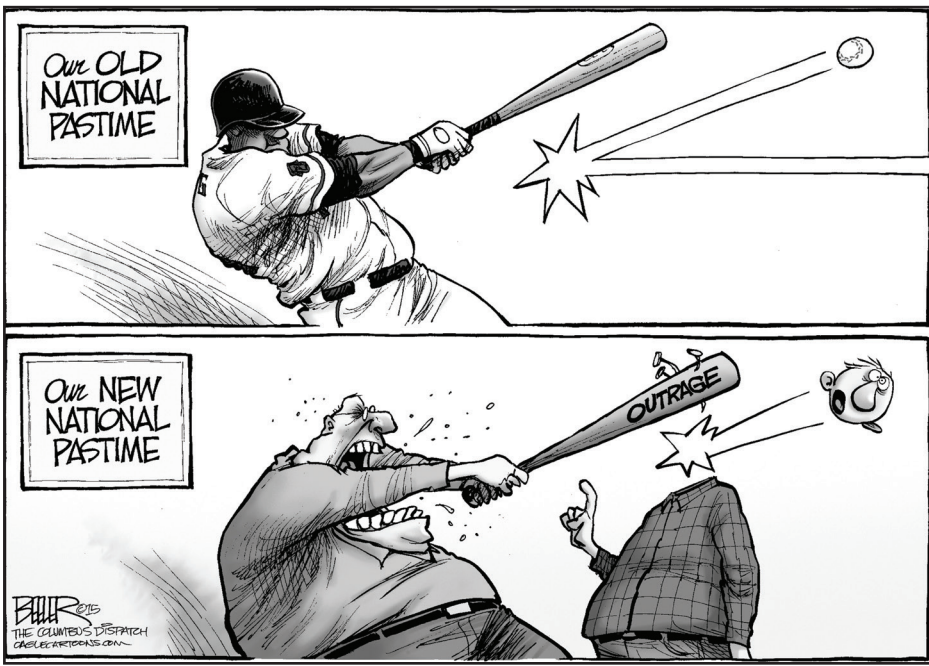
Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
You might need to push for something or do some trouble shooting within your relationship. Your partner might not understand that you have clear insights

about what is best. Mars says find a way to remain strong without coming across as arrogant.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Friendly Venus will soon help you out in the social department. If you've been playing the hermit, now you'll finally be ready to meet people and introduce yourself to others. You'll soon find some like-minded people and maybe a romance or two.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20
Relationships feel weird, thanks to the sun. Maybe you're not even sure that you want to date anybody or remain loyal to your long-time love. It's OK to keep soul searching. It's important not to lead anybody on if you're just not into the romance.

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Tuesday, April 7

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- Story Time | North Logan City Library | Free, 10:00 am
- Creative Drama Classes | Bullen Center | \$55, 4:00 pm
- Ice Skating Spring Session | George S. Eccles Ice Center | \$50, 4:45 pm
- EMT Training Program | EMT Utah Logan Campus | \$895, 6:00 pm
- AsOne | The Performance Hall | \$5-\$15, 7:30 pm
- The Changing Climates of the Arts and Sciences | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
- Crafting a Continuum: Rethinking Contemporary Craft | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
- Fifty Works for Fifty States | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
- Arts at Willow Park Zoo Week | Willow Park Zoo | \$2.50-\$3.50. \$2.50 for Children, \$3.50 for Adults, All Day
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Thursday, April 9

High: 55 | Low: 28 | Partly cloudy

- Creative Drama Classes | Bullen Center | \$55, 4:00 pm
- EMT Training Program | EMT Utah Logan Campus | \$895, 6:00 pm
- 2015 F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour | USU Taggart Student Center Auditorium | \$15, 6:30 pm
- The Changing Climates of the Arts and Sciences | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
- Crafting a Continuum: Rethinking Contemporary Craft | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
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- Where We Live | Logan Fine Art Gallery | Free, All Day

This issue dedicated to:



Samantha Peterson | senior | photography | Nephi, UT

Wednesday, April 8

High: 46 | Low: 34 | Rainy

- Getting It All Done: Finishing the Semester Strong | Taggart Student Center 315A | Free, 12:00 pm
- Family Acceptance Project | USU Taggart Student Center Ballroom | Free, 3:00 pm
- Creative Drama Classes | Bullen Center | \$55, 4:00 pm
- Logan Iris Society Roundtable | North Logan City Library | Free, 6:45 pm
- Jazz Ensembles | The Performance Hall | \$0-\$10, 7:30 pm
- The Changing Climates of the Arts and Sciences | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day
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- Fifty Works for Fifty States | Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art | Free, All Day

Friday, April 10

High: 61 | Low: 34 | Sunny

- Story Time | North Logan City Library | Free, 10:00 am
- Storytime at Willow Park Zoo | Willow Park Zoo, Logan UT | \$0.50, 11:30 am
- Utah State Women's Softball | Utah State Softball Field | See Website, 3:00 pm
- Multicultural Night | Logan Tabernacle | Free, 7:00 pm
- The Antics Comedy Improv | Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre | \$5, 9:30 pm
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