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USU Wi-Fi getting an upgrade

Computers and devices will connect to worldwide network

By David Berg
staff writer

USU's Bluezone Secure Wi-Fi network is being replaced by a new system called Eduroam.

"The current system can't keep up with the demand," said Kevin Reeve, an administrator for the information technology department.

The main concern with installing the new network was placing special consideration on areas with that are used most, such as the Taggart Student Center and Merrill-Cazier Library. According to Reeve, the new system has been designed with approximately 50 percent more access points.

Installation of the new system has already begun and will be completed by the start of the Fall 2014 semester. According to Reeve, the installation is on schedule, and the transition between the two networks should be seamless.

There will be no additional student charges or fees for the installation, Reeve added. The project is being funded through the IT funding model. The IT department has also been in continuous contact with the student fee board of the USU Student Association.

The main problem with these high-usage areas is with only certain wavelengths in the radio frequency spectrum available for Wi-Fi, those wavelengths can quickly become saturated, Reeve said. One solution that is being used in the new network are spot beams, or receivers that work directionally to optimize in real-time.

As a courtesy to both students and faculty,

the IT department will place informative banners in buildings that are scheduled to receive the Wi-Fi upgrade. The development schedule is also available on the IT department's website: wireless.usu.edu.

Because Eduroam is a worldwide network, a computer or electronic device registered on the network will be able

Eduroam doesn't charge the user any additional fees.

Instead, Eduroam develops a database of universities and research institutions that are part of its service. Hanset said a user gets certified by his or her home institution. When the user is at another institution that uses Eduroam, the user's device would indicate their home institution, and the database is then checked to verify and the user is allowed access to the visiting network.

"The whole process takes maybe three seconds," said Hanset.

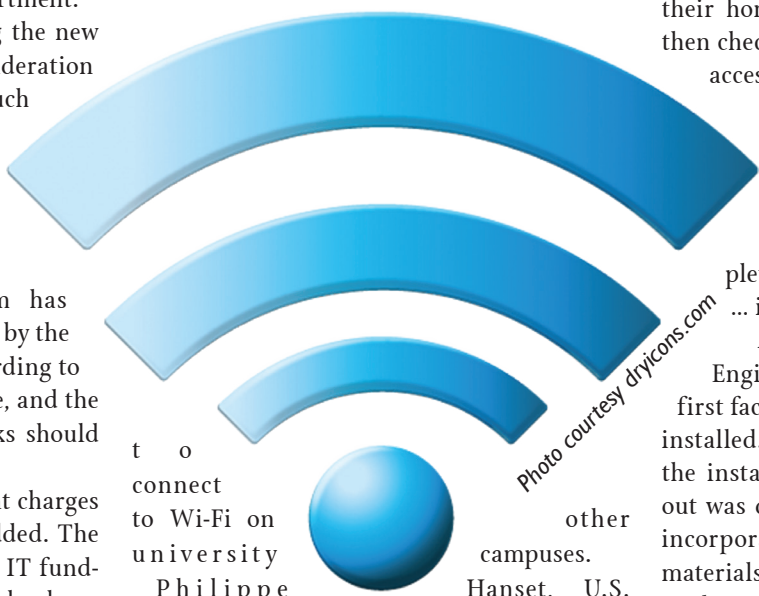
When talking about the goal of Eduroam in the United States, Hanset said the goal is, "complete mobility across the United States ... in a complete and secure fashion."

According to Reeve, the Science Engineering Research Building was the first facility at USU to have the new network installed. It served as an experiment to test the installation procedures. The system layout was designed by Aruba Networks, and it incorporates the building's blueprints and materials to optimize coverage areas.

The network change is only for the Bluezone Secure network. Those using the Bluezone Guest network will have no interruption in their service.

Although the IT department is expecting a smooth transition between the two networks, Reeve said there could be glitches that occur. If that happens, he encourages the user to contact the Help Desk at 435-797-4357 so the problem can be corrected quickly.

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to connect to Wi-Fi on university campuses. Philippe Hanset, U.S. project leader for Eduroam, said Eduroam is being used in more than 54 countries worldwide. It has existed in the United States since 2005, but it was dormant until 2009. For details on which US campuses use Eduroam, visit the company's website: www.eduroam.org.

According to Hanset, Eduroam is an important fix to a problem with Wi-Fi similar to the solution for roaming with cell phones. However, unlike with cell roaming, using

Jarred Shaw back in play for Utah State

Senior cleared to return to team after pleading guilty to reduced charges

By Jeff Dahdah
assistant sports editor

Utah State center Jarred Shaw pleaded guilty to third-degree felony marijuana possession charges and was reinstated to the team Friday.

Shaw, a senior on the men's basketball team, was initially charged for two other misdemeanors, one of possession and the other of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Both charges were dismissed.

Shaw was temporarily suspended from the team for "violating team rules" on Dec. 16. At the time, Shaw was leading the team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots.

The suspension ended up lasting five games. Shaw missed the entire Gossner Classic, which was won by Utah State, and the Mountain West Conference opener, a loss at Air Force. The

Aggies went 4-1 in Shaw's stead. However, the one-point loss to in-conference opponent Air Force was enough for Aggie fans to miss Shaw. It was the final game of his suspension.

"There has been lots of speculation and untrue rumors regarding Jarred," said head coach Stew Morrill in his statement reinstating Shaw. "Jarred Shaw is a student-athlete who graduates this spring and who made a mistake. This was his first offense, and he has served his penalty by missing five games. We will go forward from here, and our team is certainly excited to have Jarred back."

In his first game back, the Aggies faced San Jose State and won 86-67. Shaw played 26 minutes in the game. However, he struggled from the field, going 2-for-10. Shaw had six points in the game along with nine rebounds and two blocks. Before



DeLayne Ripplinger photo

JARRED SHAW waits to rejoin the game against San Jose State University on Jan. 4 after being suspended from the team for nearly three weeks due to drug-related charges.

the suspension, Shaw averaged 16.1 points per game, 7.8 rebounds and 1.4 blocks. Shaw will look to regain his scoring

prowess against the University of Nevada, Reno on Saturday.

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In brief

What you missed over the break

1. Same-sex marriage fight heats up in Utah

On Dec. 20, federal judge Robert J. Shelby struck down Utah's Amendment 3, making same-sex marriage legal. Utah government officials immediately asked the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals for a stay on marriages until an appeal could be heard. Gov. Gary Herbert said the decision "created a chaotic situation in our state that requires an expedited judicial resolution." After the appeal was denied four times, once by Shelby and three times by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, the stay was scheduled to be reviewed by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who turned the decision over to the entire court. On Monday, the Supreme Court halted all same-sex marriages in the state until an appeal decision is made by the 10th Circuit.

2. Utah gov. appoints new attorney general

Gov. Gary Herbert appointed Sean Reyes as Utah's new attorney general Dec. 23. After the resignation of John Swallow, the position was temporarily filled by Brian Tarbet. Reyes said he was devoted to eliminate any residue inflicted by the Swallow scandal.

3. Jarred Shaw charged

Utah State men's basketball senior center Jarred Shaw was suspended from the team Dec. 16 and later charged with distribution, possession of drug paraphernalia and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of possession or use of a controlled substance on Jan. 3, a third-degree felony. He was reinstated to the team the same day.

4. Emissions testing now required in Cache County

With the start of the new year, residents of Cache County are required to complete an emissions test. The Cache County Council approved the ordinance by a 4-3 vote in March 2013. The purpose of the test is to identify vehicles emitting high levels of pollution and make necessary repairs to lower the levels. For more information about the ordinance and how to get a vehicle tested, residents can visit www.aircheckcache.com.

5. No Coke — Pepsi

Coca-Cola products are officially gone at USU. The winter break saw Coca-Cola products and vending machines removed

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from campus and replaced with Pepsi products as part of a new contract between the university and Pepsi. Dr. Pepper is still available as a fountain drink.

6. ACA health care plans now in full use

As of Jan. 1, the Affordable Care Act is in full effect. Customers can now use the benefits of their health-care plans. Online registration started Oct. 1.

7. Arctic front freezes East and Midwest

A historic Arctic cold front is moving through half of the U.S., canceling flights and keeping people inside their homes. The Midwest, part of the South and the East are suffering from record single-digit and subzero temperatures. CNN reported at least 30 states issued a wind chill advisory or warning on Monday. This is the coldest weather some states have seen in 20 years.

Shaw

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According to the university, Shaw received the same treatment as any student or athlete would have given the circumstances.

“The university followed the same process as it would with any USU student to determine the outcome,” said USU Vice President and Director of Athletics Scott Barnes in a press release.

Shaw will deal with the legal ramifications of the charges, such as community service or counseling, and he will be sentenced in March.

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Utah same-sex marriages on hold

► By John Glionna
Los Angeles Times

Gay marriage advocates in Utah said thousands of lives have been thrown into disarray after the Supreme Court decided to put same-sex marriages on hold in the state while a federal appeals court weighs the legalities of the issue.

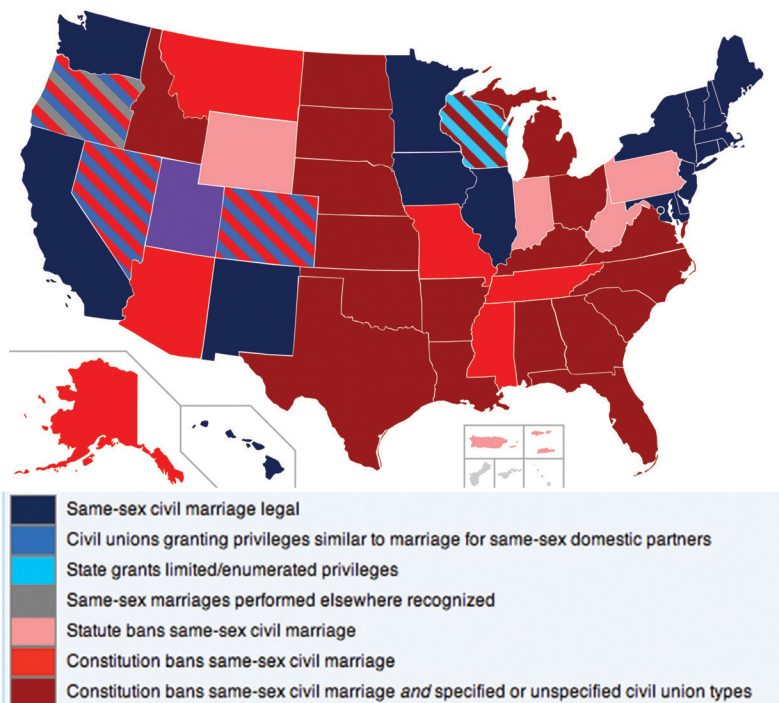
The high court’s ruling came just days after Utah officials filed an emergency appeal of a Dec. 20 decision by U.S. District Judge Robert J. Shelby, who ruled the state’s ban on same-sex marriage violated the constitutional rights of gay and lesbian couples. Shelby’s ruling marked a major expansion of gay rights beyond what the Supreme Court had ruled in two landmark cases in June.

Monday’s decision blocked new same-sex unions in the state at least for several weeks. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Denver, has told both sides in the dispute to submit legal arguments by the end of this month. The unsigned, one-paragraph order did not spell out the court’s reasoning in the case.

Since the federal court ruling, more than 1,000 gay and lesbian couples have married across Utah.

“This is very disappointing for same-sex couples in Utah, not only for the more than 1,000 couples who have already been married in the last two weeks, but the many couples who have not had an opportunity to marry yet,” said Clifford Rosky, a University of Utah law professor and chairman of Equality Utah, a group that is pushing for gay unions.

“These are couples who love each other, and many of them are raising



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THE STATUS OF SAME-SEX PARTNERSHIPS state-by-state is shown above. Utah is purple because legalization is on hold while the appeal is being heard.

children together,” he said. “Now that the stay has been granted, these couples have to worry about whether the marriage that they lawfully entered will be recognized by the state and the courts.”

Laura Milliken Gray, a Salt Lake City lawyer who represents numerous mostly lesbian couples, said the court decision threw countless lives into disarray.

“It’s crazy here, chaotic,” she said. “Clients are calling to figure out what’s up with lives. Are they’re legal rights evaporating again, or not? I’m telling

them that we’re all still waiting for the dust to clear on the Supreme Court decision but that we believe their marriages were valued when entered. It would be unprecedented and cruel to take them away now.”

She said many clients have adopted children, whose status is at risk.

“There is just so much anguish out there,” Gray said. “I got one phone message just a few moments ago that broke my heart. These couples want to protect their families. They want their children to have two parents and the full rights that other Utah citizens

have.” As she talked, her office phone rang again with another client. “Right now, this is giving me a big Monday morning headache. But for these couples, it’s incredibly significant. These kids are real live people, and their parents have been temporarily crushed.” But Rosky emphasized that the court decision was not the end of the battle, and he remained hopeful. “A stay is only a temporary order; it’s not the same thing as the appeal,” he said. “Because the Supreme Court did not offer any explanation for granting the stay, it doesn’t indicate that the state is likely to win the appeal,” he said. “Instead, the justices likely concluded that it was more prudent to press ‘pause’ for the moment, so that the courts have an opportunity to hear the appeal.”

Polls suggest a growing acceptance among Mormons in general regarding gays. Last year, hundreds of Mormons marched in the gay community’s Utah Pride Festival in downtown Salt Lake City, clapping as drag queens in high heels traipsed among the crowd.

Also, a 2012 poll on civil unions by Brigham Young University’s Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy found that more than half of Mormons favored gay civil unions. Opposition to legal recognition of such unions plummeted this year to just 38 percent, a fall from 69 percent just a decade ago, the poll found.

About 47,000 to 63,000 Utah residents are gay, lesbian or bisexual in a state with a population of nearly 3 million, according to a census analysis by the Williams Institute, a UCLA think tank. A majority live around Salt Lake City.



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Aggies looking forward:

What issues are on students' minds for 2014?

1. Same-sex marriage:

"I think the way that's going to affect 2014, it's definitely brought up a lot of passions on a more local-specific level than ever before. ... My hope is that it will show that human rights are not something that can be voted on. ... Beyond that, I'm really hoping that we can see a positive side of it of people coming out in support and showing that, although this is a state where the LDS religion is the majority, that there actually are people that are supportive."

— Alec Player, undeclared sophomore

2. Pepsi on campus:

"I don't think it makes a tremendous difference. ... If it means more Mountain Dew on campus, I think that's going to make people happy. However, I think there's bigger fish to fry. ... If you're more verbally passionate about your preferred soft drink over social issues, I think it's a red flag."

— Mike Rees, senior majoring in exercise science and communications studies

3. Affordable Care Act:

"I just think government shouldn't force people to buy health care. It should be their choice if they want health care or not. Honestly that's my opinion, simple and short. I think probably medical care is going to go down."

— Nicole Jaynes, undeclared freshman

4. Air Quality:

"I don't really know much about it. I just know that the air quality sucks here. I think there's a lot of students that travel to and from home, like I know I did that a lot during Christmas break. I just travelled by myself instead of carpooling, and a lot of car exhaust can add to inversion, so that definitely doesn't help it. Carpooling is much better."

— Hayden Loftus, sophomore majoring in pre-law economics

5. Count My Vote initiative:

"If Count My Vote is put on the ballot and passed, one opportunity it will provide is for students to vote in a primary, which students in the past who couldn't attend the caucus meetings because of military service, missionary service, late classes, jobs, being a young parent, they couldn't attend those meetings, and so there were barriers there. With the count my vote initiative, it would allow them to vote in a direct primary."

— Doug Fiefia, USU/SA president

6. Wolf overpopulation in Yellowstone:

"I'm a biology major, so the whole wolf thing interests me a little bit. I think it'd be interesting to let it play out because I feel like nature has a way of balancing itself out, so it will balance out eventually."

— Emily Anderson, senior majoring in biology

7. Sochi Olympics:

"I think it will be interesting to see how the Olympics play out considering recent developments with gay rights and Russia's take on homosexuality. I don't know if it will be better or worse than communism. Maybe it would lead to another world war."

— Casey Peterson, junior majoring in physics

8. Changes in campus Wi-Fi:

"I think it would help productivity for people that are actually trying to be productive, but also, in classrooms, it could be a distraction."

— Tyler Travis, junior majoring in computer engineering

9. Extreme weather:

"I think the extreme weather is very interesting. They finally got rid of the global warming because it's always so cold, but it's crazy. ... I think it's funny that it was so hot these last couple of winters and all of a sudden, everywhere it's negative degrees."

— Brian Speckhard, senior majoring in business

10. Recreational marijuana legalized in Colorado:

"In Colorado, they made marijuana legal for recreational use, and I went down this weekend because I figured it's kind of a big deal. ... The lines were super long, and I waited for maybe an hour in one of them. But it was really calm. ... I think what might happen with it is, I guess Colorado made a ton of money just in one weekend, and I think other states will see how much money they're making and the government will see how good it is for the economy, and other states are going to start legalizing marijuana."

— Kaitlyn Hunter, junior majoring in English education

11. Expansion in technology:

"I feel like those devices (Google glass, Samsung Galaxy Gear) might be sort of trendy. I'm not sure how far they'll actually get, but ... I think that could be really convenient. I think it's interesting how these are devices that are on people all the time, so it's like we're even more attached to our technology than we've ever been before because it's always there."

— Scott Sorensen, senior majoring in computer science

12. Aggie Radio applying for FM license:

"If we were to go FM, it would be a huge step for Aggie Radio because ... you could actually reach us in your car when you're driving around Logan. Students could actually tune in and listen to us. You don't have to go to an obscure part of the Internet to find us, ... and that's going to be huge because college radio is supposed to be a place where you find brand-new music and things along those lines."

— Zak Ricklefs, Aggie Radio Director

13. Wayne Estes Center opening in April:

"This is the biggest thing we've done to improve the volleyball and basketball programs in a couple decades. The spectrum, besides the new jumbotron, has been the same since like the '70s ... In all honesty, it will probably help out ticket sales. A better venue makes more people want to go."

— Charley Riddle, athletics and campus recreation vice president

14. Amazon Drones:

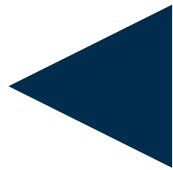
"I've heard a little bit about it. I think if it does come into play, it will change security and maybe it could change the postal system and those people that already do the delivering job."

— Jamien Herron, sophomore majoring in history

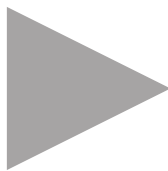
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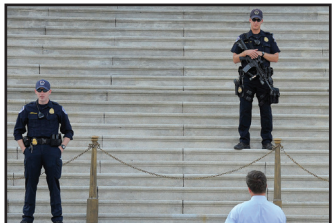
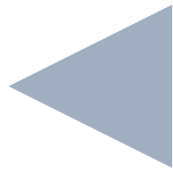
TRAGEDY STRUCK as USU student Eric Anderson passed away after an accident on Old Main Hill on Aug. 26, the first day of classes.



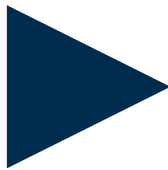
THE GUERRILLA GIRLS, a nationally-acclaimed feminist group spoke to students about activism on Sept. 10 and 11.



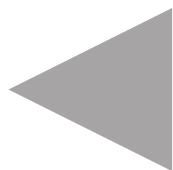
ASUSU ORGANIZATION officially changed its name to USU/SA to rebrand and better represent the entire student body in Oct.



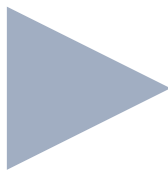
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN after members of Congress refused to support the Affordable Care Act on Oct. 1.



QB CHUCKIE KEETON suffered an injury that took the quarterback out for the rest of the season on Oct. 4.



USU TRANSITIONS TO PEPSI PRODUCTS, which replaced Coca-Cola as an official sponsor of Utah State on Dec. 18.



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Humans of USU: Kayla Meine

The Utah Statesman interviewed Kayla Meine, a freshman majoring in animal science, who grew up on a cattle ranch with her family in Dillon, Mont.

US: Being from out of state, what made you decide to come to USU?

KM: I wanted to go out of state, and when I came and visited Utah State, I just loved it. The campus is the perfect size and the people are all really nice, and of course I love the ag program.

US: What's your favorite thing to do here in Logan?

KM: Probably definitely country dancing.

US: What New Year's resolutions do you have?

KM: Well, most of it applies to this semester. I want to get really good grades this semester. For the whole year, I want to focus on living in the moment rather than always thinking about the future.

US: What are you most excited for in 2014?

KM: So many things. There isn't one certain thing I'm excited for. I'm just excited to see what's in

store for me and see what I can accomplish in a year.

US: What's something quirky about you?

KM: The first thing I notice about a person is their teeth and eyebrows.

US: What are you most afraid of?

KM: Snakes ... I'm beyond scared of them.

US: What's your most embarrassing moment?

KM: It was my freshman year in high school and my very first varsity basketball game, and I tripped down the stairs and fell on my face in front of the whole boy's varsity team.

US: Celebrity crush?

KM: Channing Tatum, of course.

US: What's the best advice you've been given?

KM: It would probably have to be last semester when I was really struggling with school and being away from home, and my best friend from home told me that college is just a piece of the puzzle in our lives. It is such a small space of time that we just have to buckle down and make a

priority.

US: How do you usually spend your days?

KM: I usually go to class, work out and take nice naps.

US: What would your perfect day be like?

KM: My perfect day is a summer day spent in the mountains fishing and checking cows, then ending the day with a big fire and roasting s'mores and hot dogs.

US: What did you love most about growing up on a ranch?

KM: I love the animals and everything about them, and it made me learn how to work hard.

US: Favorite childhood memory?

KM: Any time fishing and hunting with my dad and grandpa, or driving the feed truck when I was little in the winter.

US: Favorite place in the world?

KM: Well I've never been there, but I've always wanted to go to Australia.

US: If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

KM: Pink for sure.



USU FRESHMAN KAYLA MEINE first learned to tend to cattle on her family's ranch in Montana and now studies animal science to further develop her skills in the field.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Breaking down the Mountain West

An in-depth look at Utah State's conference opponents and how the Aggies stack up

► **By Calvin Makelky**
staff writer

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series detailing the Mountain West Conference men's basketball teams.

Utah State men's basketball is entering conference play in its inaugural season the Mountain West. With nonconference play wrapped up, we take a look at how each team in the conference has fared in nonconference play and their respective strengths and weaknesses.

How they're ranked

Sagarin rating is based off the computer formula by Jeff Sagarin of USA Today to rate teams. Ratings percentage index, or RPI, is one of the tools used by the NCAA Selection Committee to evaluate teams.

Nonconference strength of schedule, or NCSOS, ranks each team's nonconference

schedule with the hardest schedules having the lowest number.

Scoring margin is the average point margin between the team and their opponents. Each team's best and worst wins are listed and based off the Sagarin rating.



Air Force Falcons 6-5

Sagarin rating: 276 RPI: 315 NCSOS: 341 Scoring margin: -3.4 Best win: South Dakota (SR 261) Worst loss: UC Davis (SR 311)

After a successful year last season where the Falcons posted a .500 record in conference play, they will have to start from scratch this year after they lost their top six

scorers from last year's team.

The Falcons have an impressive four players averaging double figures and are led by sharpshooter and sophomore guard Tre' Coggins, who leads the team with 16.6 points per game this year.

Looking at how they have done so far in nonconference play, it is obvious the Falcons are one the worst teams in the Mountain West. Despite having a very weak schedule, they have a -3.4 scoring margin and their best win was against measly South Dakota.



Boise State Broncos 10-3

Sagarin rating: 51 RPI: 33 NCSOS: 23 Scoring margin: 8.5 Best win: at Hawaii (89)

Worst loss: Saint Mary's (48)

Boise State looks to be one of contenders in the Mountain West this year as they bring back all five starters from a team that made the NCAA Tournament a season ago.

They are led by their two dynamic guards in Derrick Marks and Anthony Drmic, averaging 16.3 points per game and 19.5 points per game, respectively. Marks and Drmic were all-conference last year.

The Broncos like to run a four guard scheme with Senior Ryan Watkins patrolling the paint. While perimeter shooting is their strength, interior defense tends to be their weakness.

In very tough nonconference play, the Broncos were decent. They posted solid wins over Hawaii, South Carolina and Utah, but lost their three toughest games against Kentucky, Iowa State and Saint Mary's.



Colorado State Rams 9-4

Sagarin rating: 137 RPI: 216 NCSOS: 296 Scoring margin: 4 Best win: New Mexico State (67) Worst loss: Denver (148)

After a hugely successful year where the Rams finished second in one of the toughest conferences in the nation, they look to rebuild after losing all five starters.

Leading the team in scoring this year is Navy transfer and forward J.J. Avila with nearly 20 points per game. Along with Avila, 6-foot-4 guard Daniel Bejarano sports an impressive double-double

with 13.8 points per game and 9.6 rebounds per game.

Scoring and rebounding have not been a problem for this team; they rank in the top-60 in nation in those two categories. Defense and 3-point shooting seems to be the Rams' weakness at this point.

The Rams posted a very good win against New Mexico State this year, but that is the team's only good win. They lost to two great teams in Colorado and Gonzaga, and lost to two average teams in



UTEP and Denver.

Fresno State Bulldogs 7-6

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FOOTBALL

DeMartino, defense carry Aggies to Poinsettia win

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
assistant sports editor

Utah State's football team made it back-to-back wins in bowl games with a 21-14 win over the No. 23 Northern Illinois Huskies on Dec. 26 in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl.

Aggie running back Joey DeMartino was the MVP of the game, which was held just a few minutes away from his high school. DeMartino racked up 143 yards and a touchdown in the game.

Linebacker Jake Doughty was named defensive MVP of the game after his eight-tackle performance with a forced fumble and 1.5 tackles for losses. Safety Brian Suite also had a stellar game defensively, recovering the Doughty fumble and intercepting a pass.

The win came just weeks

after the Heisman Trophy presentation, an event where Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch was an important guest. Lynch was second runner up for the Heisman because of his dual-threat ability. The Aggies stifled him in the bowl game, holding him to just 39 rushing yards. Lynch finished the season with 1,920 rushing yards, second in Division I football.

"I couldn't be prouder of everybody. Everyone worked their tails off," Doughty said. "Ever since the Fresno loss we worked our tails off, and we wanted to come back and prove to ourselves and the offense and our coaches and the whole nation that we are one of the top defenses. With a challenge like Jordan Lynch, he's a great player."

This was the Aggies' second-straight year with a bowl win, something they have



Delayne Ripplinger photo

SENIOR RUNNING BACK JOEY DEMARTINO eludes a pair of Wyoming defenders during USU's win over the Cowboys on Nov. 30 at Romney Stadium.

never done in program history. The win also gave the senior class their 31st career win, a total no other senior class has met at Utah State.

"It's those 22 seniors, and the way that they held

it together and the way that he they just willed it upon really themselves to find a way, to keep finding a way to win," said Utah State head coach Matt Wells. "They did it each and every week since

the beginning of the season."

The Aggies finished the season with a 9-5 record, a win total tied for second-most in team history behind only the 11-win 2012 squad.

"Words can't describe that feeling at the end, but as long as our team was winning and our seniors are going out like this is the best feeling in the world and putting our program on the map and showing that we can win in big-time environments, it means everything," DeMartino said. "Watch it go grow from four years, it's crazy going from four wins to three bowl games to two bowl wins. It means everything, just shows how much we've grown as a program. I'm just happy to be part of Utah State."

The Aggies finished the season on a high note after losing star quarterback Chuckie Keeton against BYU to a

knee injury. The team went 6-2 in his absence, won the Mountain West Conference Mountain division and beat a ranked team in their bowl game.

"It's just a good feeling. We got behind the offensive line, honestly, and they carried us the rest the way," said Aggie freshman quarterback Darell Garretson. "The defense is outstanding and they played lights-out, game-in and game-out and kept us in ballgames all the time. We stuck behind the line and ran the ball well and did a lot of things well. We kept going, kept moving along and kept winning ball games."

The Aggies finished the season winning six of seven games en route to the bowl win and improved to 2-0 all-time against the Huskies.

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THIS WEEK IN

UTAH STATE

ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NEVADA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7 P.M.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. COLORADO STATE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 | 7 P.M.
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Aggie Schedules

Men's Basketball

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
USU at Nevada, 8 p.m.,
Reno, Nev.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15
USU vs. Colorado State,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU at Boise State, 7 p.m.,
Boise, Idaho

Women's Basketball

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
USU vs. Nevada, 7 p.m.,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15
USU at Colorado St., 7 p.m.,
Fort Collins, Colo.
SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU vs. Boise St., 7 p.m.,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

Gymnastics

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
USU at Iowa, 4 p.m.,
Iowa City, Iowa
FRIDAY, JAN. 17
USU at Southern Utah, 7 p.m.,
Cedar City, Utah
FRIDAY, JAN. 24
USU vs. BYU, 7 p.m.,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

Track and Field

SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU at Cherry Silver Invitational,
All Day, Albuquerque, N. M.

Men's Tennis

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
USU at BYU, Noon,
Provo, Utah
MONDAY, JAN. 20
USU vs. Idaho State, 11 a.m.,
Sports Academy
THURSDAY, JAN. 24
USU at Texas A&M-CC, 1 p.m.,
Las Cruces, N. M.

MWC Scoreboard

SATURDAY, JAN. 4
Utah State 86, SJSU 67
New Mexico 80, Colorado State 73
Nevada 61, Wyoming 58
Boise State 86, Fresno State 79
Air Force 75, UNLV 68
No. 21 SDSU 61, No. 16 Kansas 57

AP Top 25

Basketball

RK TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1 Arizona (60)	15-0	1,620
2 Syracuse (5)	14-0	1,550
3 Ohio State	15-0	1,470
4 Wisconsin	15-0	1,427
5 Michigan State	13-1	1,378
6 Wichita State	15-0	1,203
7 Baylor	12-1	1,169
8 Villanova	13-1	1,141
9 Iowa State	13-0	1,076
10 Florida	11-2	1,052
11 Oklahoma State	12-2	934
12 Louisville	13-2	825
13 San Diego State	12-1	823
14 Kentucky	10-3	808
15 Colorado	13-2	752
16 Duke	11-3	745
17 Oregon	13-1	715
18 Kansas	9-4	367
19 Massachusetts	12-1	364
20 Iowa	12-3	261
21 Missouri	12-1	247
22 Gonzaga	14-2	241
23 Illinois	13-2	178
24 Memphis	10-3	126
25 Kansas State	11-3	112

Others receiving votes: Cincinnati 103, Creighton 82, North Carolina 79, UCLA 79, Pittsburgh 44, Connecticut 41, Harvard 41, Saint Louis 19, Oklahoma 15, Michigan 11, George Washington 9, Southern Methodist 9, Xavier 3, Notre Dame 3, Toledo 2, Arkansas 1

Dropped from rankings: Connecticut 17, North Carolina 19

SPECIAL FEATURES

Top 4 stories to keep an eye on in 2014

► **By Logan Jones**
staff writer

With 2014 just getting started, here's a few stories to look forward to in the world of sports in the coming calendar year.



Super Bowl XLVIII

On Feb. 2, two teams will square off in East Rutherford, N.J. for a chance to take home professional football's ultimate prize — the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The teams set to battle in Super Bowl XLVIII haven't been decided yet, and though No. 1 seeds Denver and Seattle finished the regular season at 13-3, last year's Super Bowl champions — the Baltimore Ravens — should serve as a reminder of just how unpredict-

able the single-elimination play-offs can be.

Peyton Manning and the Broncos boast an explosive offense, but will have to first beat San Diego, then either New England or Indianapolis; each dealt Denver a loss earlier this season.

The Seahawks will face Drew Brees and the Saints at home in Seattle, while San Francisco fights Cam Newton and the Panthers for a spot in the NFC championship game and ultimately a shot at the title.

On paper, some teams appear more highly favored to go the distance than others, but since the league realignment in 2002, just two No. 1 seeds have won the Super Bowl. In that same time frame, two No. 6 seeds have also won it all.

The 2014 Olympic Games

For two weeks this February, the city of Sochi, Russia will welcome the best athletes in the world to the 2014 Olympic games. Russia will be a first-time Winter Olympics host, and the U.S. will once again provide several athletes to watch for over the course of the games.

Jessica Jerome recently earned her way into the history books

by being the first U.S. woman to win a spot on the Olympic ski jumping team. Speedskater J.R. Celski will be tasked with continuing a U.S. speedskating legacy started by eight-time Olympic medalist Apolo Anton Ohno, qualifying for the 1500-meter and 500-meter events last Friday in front of an already sizeable contingent of fans.



The 2010 Olympic downhill gold-medalist Lindsey Vonn suffered a partial tear to her reconstructed right ACL just two months ago, but she continues to train for Sochi and expects to race the world's fastest downhill skiers just three months after major trauma to her knee.

bad teams they've faced but haven't had any victories over their tougher opponents.

New Mexico Lobos 9-3

Sagarin rating: 47 RPI: 50 NCSOS: 50 Scoring margin: 6.8 Best win: Cincinnati (31) Worst loss: New Mexico State (67)



The Lobos were last year's Mountain West champions, but they were promptly upset as the No. 3 in the NCAA Tournament. The Lobos had plenty of turnover coming in to this year as head coach Steve Alford left for UCLA and conference tournament MVP Tony Snell left for the NBA Draft.

Despite this, the team looks be one of contenders again this year as all-conference players Kendall Williams and Alex Kirk return.

New Mexico has easily the best "big three" in the con-



NCAA March Madness

College basketball takes over the sports world in mid-March, as the single-elimination March Madness tournament pits 68 teams against one another in an all-out battle for the NCAA championship.

Fans will be especially interested in watching how stand-out players Jabari Parker and Andrew Wiggins perform on the national stage. The high quality of college talent this season has already given rise to NBA Draft rumors and side-by-side comparisons of the young stars.

The NCAA Tournament could shed light on the ongoing effort to determine which athlete has the greatest potential to save a failing NBA franchise.

FIFA World Cup

The United States will have to find some way to win against the nightmarish Group G — nicknamed the "Group of Death" — to progress in the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament. The group features No. 2 Germany and a No. 5 Portuguese team lead by superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, with a No. 24 Ghana team also looking to make noise in the tournament.



The U.S. will have to prove it has the personnel to play with some of the best teams in the world this Summer in Brazil. Goalkeeper Tim Howard will be joined by Landon Donovan, Michael Bradley and Clint Dempsey, all looking to advance despite the difficult draw.

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MWC

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Sagarin rating: 151 RPI: 95 NCSOS: 28 Scoring margin: -3 Best win: at UC Irvine (103) Worst loss: Drake (116)

The Bulldogs come off a disappointing year where they finished seventh in the Mountain West and below .500 overall. The team is very young and inexperienced, but it does have some talent.

Even though it lacks the experience needed to contend in the Mountain West, Fresno sports the most balanced attack of any team in the conference with five players averaging double figures in points.

Their team is led by their two sophomore guards in Marvelle Harris and Cezar Guerrero with 16 and 14 points per game, respectively.

With a very tough early schedule, the Bulldogs missed their chance to get a signature win. They played six good-to-very good teams but lost all of them, highlighted by bad losses to Florida and Pittsburgh.

Nevada Wolf Pack 5-8

Sagarin rating: 199 RPI: 193 NCSOS: 161 Scoring

margin: -3.2 Best win: Iona (117) Worst loss: at Cal State Bakersfield (210)

Old WAC-foe Nevada was supposed to contend in their first year in the Mountain West, but it imploded early and stumbled to a last-place finish in the conference. They lost one of their best players to graduation and had three players transfer coming into this year.

However, they do not lack star power. Senior guard Deonte Burton is one of the best guards this side of the Mississippi and leads the team with 22.5 points per game.

Along with Burton is senior guard Jerry Evans, a big 3-point threat who averages 15.3 points per game. Despite having one of the top players in the conference, the Wolf Pack lacks the interior talent to seriously contend. Rebounding and passing the ball have been big issues; the Wolf Pack ranks at the bottom of the nation in rebounding and assists.

Similar to Fresno, the Wolf Pack has beaten most of the

ference, led by senior guard Williams, junior center Kirk and senior forward Cameron Bairstow with 18.6, 15.2 and 20.1 points per game, respectively. Both Kirk and Bairstow are double-double threats each night, while Williams provides the deep threat. Rebounding is the team's biggest strength; they rank in the top-35 in the nation. Their shooting as a whole is average at best, in the bottom 50 percent in nation.

So far, the Lobos have not proven to be an elite or top-25 team as some thought coming into the season. They had good wins against Cincinnati and New Mexico State, but they failed to play up with the big boys against UMASS and Kansas.



San Diego State Aztecs 11-1

Sagarin rating: 21 RPI: 49 NCSOS: 158 Scoring margin: 15 Best win: Kansas (7) Worst loss: Arizona (1)

The Aztecs didn't quite live up to expectations last year, but they still won 23 games and reached the NCAA

Tournament. Unfortunately, they lost key pieces in perimeter players Jamaal Franklin and Chase Tapley but have some fresh talent that should have them contend for the conference championship.

Senior guard Xavier Thames, sophomore forward Winston Shepard and Tulane transfer and senior forward Josh Davis are the key players this year for the Aztecs with 15.6, 12.9 and 9 points per game, respectively. Although their "big three" is not the most impressive, their depth is; they have seven different players averaging over seven points per game.

Along with depth, this team's strength is defense. The Lobos are the best defensive team in the conference, ranked No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense with 52.6 points per game. Their assist totals are far from impressive though; they average only 12 per game.

The Aztecs have been the pleasant surprise in the conference so far and are the only team currently ranked nationally from the Mountain West at No. 21. They have a great win against Creighton, and their only loss is to currently No. 1 and undefeated Arizona.

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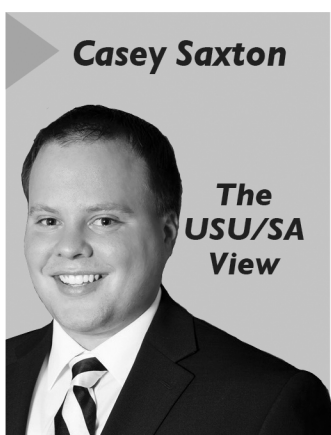
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Election bylaw changes good for USU/SA

Final approval of the 2014 election bylaws unanimously passed the USU/SA Executive Council at the end of last semester, and that approval brings a few changes to the elections process that students and potential candidates should be aware of.

Perhaps the biggest change was the removal of a restriction from potential candidates to state their intentions of running for office. Previously, the elections bylaws have been extremely confusing about what a candidate, or potential candidate, could or couldn't say. Potential candidates may now state their intentions to run for office to other students but may not ask for support. Once the filing deadline passes on Jan. 27, candidates may then ask for the support of other students. Candidates may not distribute any form of published material, neither digital



nor print, until weeks later. Another change, as previously reported in The Utah Statesman, is candidates may only campaign off campus in residential areas and not businesses or churches. Those who crafted this portion of the election bylaws believe this will hedge against straining the relationship between USU and the community.

Students who have more than one major were previously banned from voting for academic senate candidates in all but one of their respective colleges; the college of their first declared major. This ban has been lifted and students who are declared majors in more than one college may now vote for the senate candidates who wish to represent each college.

Other changes that were made were mostly for simple housekeeping reasons or clarification purposes.

For students considering running for office, the entire elections packet is available online on the student association's website at www.usu.edu/ususa. The packet includes a timeline, eligibility requirements, the bylaws and other information. Hard copies of the packet are also available in TSC 326.

There are, in total, 16 elect-

Casey Saxton

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ed positions that will be filled in this year's elections, ranging from graduate student representation to athletics and clubs to academics. Those who are interested in seeking office are encouraged to meet with the current office holder to help gain an understanding about the position. Current officer contact information can be found on

the website mentioned previously.

This year's elections will be chaired by Kaela Baucom and Shelby Frauen and an official elections committee will be put together to help facilitate a smooth and fair elections process. As has been in the past, the challenge for the elections committee will be turning out students to vote

in the elections and ensuring they have the necessary exposure to candidates. Students who are interested in serving on the elections committee should email ususaelections@gmail.com and ask for more information. All questions regarding the elections process may be directed to the same email address.

This year's Election Week will be held Feb. 24-27, with the primary election being held Feb. 24 and 25 and the final election being held Feb. 26 and 27.

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Take time to learn from other Aggie mistakes

Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt once wrote, “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.” As USU students celebrate the start of a new year, we can pick up a few pearls of wisdom via some of the more colorful mishaps of our political leaders in 2013.

1. Social skills are important.

If you neglected your studies in kindergarten of playing nicely with others, take a remedial class in college. The inability of congressional leaders to hammer out a deal over the federal budget crisis in the early months of 2013 led to the imposition of the “sequester” — a nastily damaging and poorly aimed series of spending cutbacks. While the federal budget certainly needs to undergo cuts in combination with revenue increases to reach fiscal stability, a much better solution than



the sequester could have been reached if, say, actual communication and compromise had been employed. We expect to see some of you proud Aggies serving in Congress a few years from now, and we'd be quite delighted if you made elementary social skills cool again.

2. Don't procrastinate.

You can't write that 20-page paper the night before it's due (Yes, we both know you actually can. But you shouldn't. A principle is at stake here, folks.) Procrastination won't serve you well in the long term; it leads to a lifestyle of crisis management rather than proactive control, and it might have some nasty unintended repercussions. Congress' procrastination of raising the debt ceiling led to the United States government being out of a job for more than two weeks in October 2013 due to the federal shutdown. Aggies: tackle problems and projects early and spare everyone, including yourself, the grief.

3. When your brilliant plans don't work out the way you had hoped, don't give up.

The much-anticipated launch of the healthcare.gov website in October 2013 was plagued

Briana Bowen

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with technical glitches for weeks, preventing many from signing up for the new health-care exchange. The site slowly

reached full functionality, though, and more than two million Americans are now signed up. Hey, life's tough. Whether it's your date last Saturday or your quiz next week that falls through, remember to keep your chin up.

4. When you hit a brick wall, brainstorm.

Whether it's bad case of writer's block on a research paper or looking for a suitable Friday night activity in Logan, sometimes you just pull a blank. Don't be defeated. Brainstorm with all the might of your silvery cerebral matter — the more ludicrous the tangents, the better. It never fails. Secretary of State John Kerry accidentally suggested the solution to the chemical weapons crisis in the Syrian civil war when he hypothesized an impending U.S. airstrike on the Assad regime might be forestalled if the regime forfeited its

chemical weapons. Kerry himself scoffed at the seemingly ridiculous suggestion, citing the unlikelihood that Assad would ever agree to such a course of action. But Russian president and tiger-wrestling judo master Vladimir Putin seized on Kerry's inadvertent suggestion, and — shockingly — so did the Syrian regime. Though a ghastly civil war still rages in Syria, the use of chemical weapons by the regime is at least out of the picture.

Learn from the mistakes of others, Aggies, then go forth and conquer. Happy 2014.

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More to think about in same-sex debate

The Judge on Dec. 20 no the state of ball. We broke marriages, but can of worms has been fighting

As the editorial staff of the newspaper, we feel it's important to bring to light a discussion for our audience and take a stand on the controversial issue at hand. We're not talking about whether the LGBT community should have the right to get married. We're speaking about a broader, larger, more important debate — the same debate our country fought a civil war over in the 1800s and struggled with during the 1950s and '60s.

Is marriage a civil right? The Supreme Court failed to take a stand on the issue. They struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act in June 2013, but specifically left it up to the states to decide. Doesn't that make Shelby's ruling unlawful? At face value, yes; but not if marriage is a civil right. Those rights should never be determined by a majority ruling. If they were, African Americans would probably still be segregated and given second-tier status.

What we desperately need is a ruling on whether or not marriage is a civil right, not the Supreme Court copping out yet again like they did on Monday when they sent the appeal back to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

If same-sex marriage is a civil right, then it is not an issue individual states can decide on. If it is, however, the \$2 million the Utah Attorney General's office estimates it will spend fighting to keep Amendment 3 might be worth it. However, if the state intends to throw \$2 million at a state rights issue, they might consider throwing an extra few million dollars in other places that affect a lot more people, like better air quality or education.

Our View
An Editorial Opinion

Shelby ruling doubt threw Utah a curve a record for reopened a the country for years.

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Tuesday Jan. 7

- Bingo, TSC Ballroom, two sessions 6 and 8 p.m.
- USU Hockey vs. Weber State, 7 p.m., George S. Eccles Ice Rink
- Reliefs: The Art of Woodcuts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art
- Female + Form art exhibit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Wednesday Jan. 8

- Dating Doctor Dave Coleman, 7 p.m., TSC Ballroom
- Financial Planning for Women workshop, two sessions 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m., TSC
- Know Before You Go: Avalanche Awareness Talk, 6-7:30 p.m., Swaner EcoCenter
- Reliefs: The Art of Woodcuts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Thursday Jan. 9

- Starting Off on the Right Foot workshop, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., TSC
- Throwback Thursday Dance, 8-11 p.m., TSC Ballroom
- Reliefs: The Art of Woodcuts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art
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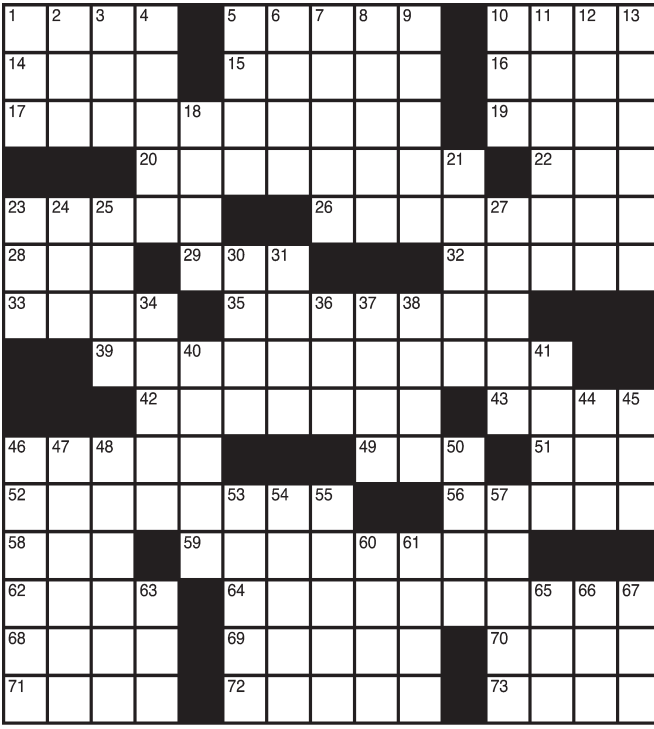
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1 Bailiff's repeated cry
5 Captain's order to stop
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14 Prefix with scope or meter
15 Like many pretzels
16 Money owed
17 Gradually and steadily
19 Nebraska tribe
20 Fellow members
22 "Ben-___"
23 2000s White House nickname
26 Like a private tutoring session
28 CIO partner
29 Not used
32 Senior-to-junior address
33 Betty of cartoons
35 Lantern fuel

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1 Chances to get pics
2 Up to now
3 Before, in odes
4 Go past fast
5 "___ sow, so shall ..."
6 Expansive
7 Even if, briefly
8 Violinist Isaac
9 Melville work subtitled "A Peep at Polynesian Life"
10 "Much ___ About Nothing"
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48 Most senior
50 When doubled, tot's train
53 BBC sitcom, to fans
54 Andes pack animal
55 Permitted by law
57 Get by reason-



ing
60 Sleeveless garment
61 "The ___-bitsy spider ..."
63 "The Crying

Game" actor Stephen
65 Pie ___ mode
66 CBS series with Miami and NY spin-offs

67 Wiggly swimmer



UTAH REAL ESTATE CHALLENGE

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Winning Team Receives \$20,000 Cash Prize

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Or Contact Danny Wall
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Jan. 7 puzzle answer

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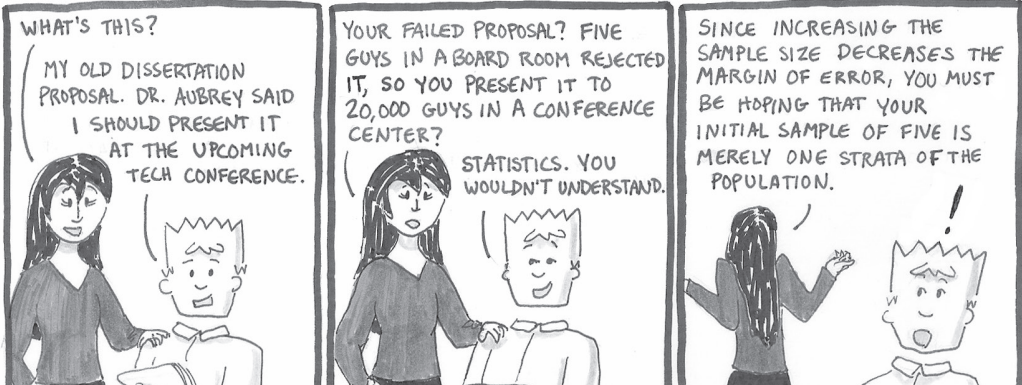
The Deep End • Tyson Cole



NO NO NO WAIT STOP!!!

Why Santa doesn't use lemmings.

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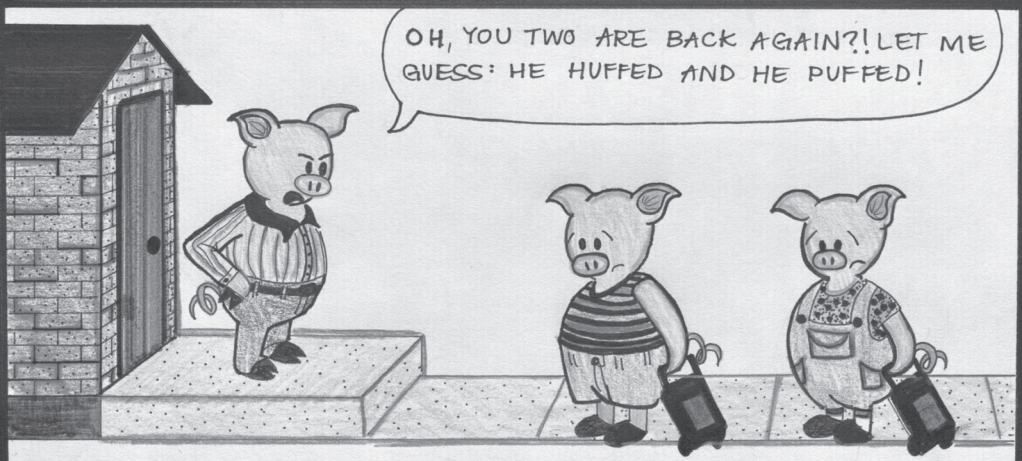
WHAT'S THIS?
MY OLD DISSERTATION PROPOSAL. DR. AUBREY SAID I SHOULD PRESENT IT AT THE UPCOMING TECH CONFERENCE.

YOUR FAILED PROPOSAL? FIVE GUYS IN A BOARD ROOM REJECTED IT, SO YOU PRESENT IT TO 20,000 GUYS IN A CONFERENCE CENTER?

STATISTICS. YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

SINCE INCREASING THE SAMPLE SIZE DECREASES THE MARGIN OF ERROR, YOU MUST BE HOPING THAT YOUR INITIAL SAMPLE OF FIVE IS MERELY ONE STRATA OF THE POPULATION.

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OH, YOU TWO ARE BACK AGAIN?! LET ME GUESS: HE HUFFED AND HE PUFFED!

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