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# USU building ‘a total loss’

Utah State University’s St. George extension structure catches fire, burns throughout

► Staff Report

A fire broke out at the USU Extension in St. George Wednesday morning. An employee saw smoke exiting an air vent in the ceiling around 9 a.m. Three employees attempted to put out the fire but were unsuccessful. They immediately called 911.

Fire crews arrived at the scene a few minutes after the call came in. They said the fire was started by a ventilation fan in the building that short-circuited, causing the blaze. All three employees in the building made it out safely with no injuries.

The building is considered a total loss. Rick Heflebower, county director of the St. George extension, said most of the meeting rooms and classrooms in the building were completely destroyed.

“I think it is time for us to find a new home,” Heflebower said in an interview with Utah Public Radio.

The St. George extension is one of 33 extension offices USU has around the state. They offer online and broadcast classes for students across the nation. They are home to a variety of programs, including Utah 4-H, a program designed to help youth learn more about the field of agriculture.



USU’S ST. GEORGE EXTENSION BUILDING caught fire Wednesday morning. All three employees were evacuated from the building safely and no one was injured, but the building is permanently damaged and was declared “a total loss.”

Photo courtesy Jed Burkett/The Spectrum and Daily News

## Executive council changes house rules

► By Danielle Manley  
assistant news editor

The USU Student Association Executive Council met for the first time this year and changed its house rules to allow proxy voting. Though they met for 30 minutes, but the group resolved an issue from last semester.

Proxy voting allows a representative of an elected official to vote on council matters in place of said official in the event of their absence.

At the last meeting before the winter break, Sonina Hernandez, organizations and diversity vice president, brought to attention a schedule conflict. In order to graduate in May, she needs to take a class during the normal meeting time at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

President Doug Fiefia used the break to look at all the schedules and figure out the best time to meet. Unfortunately, there is not a time everyone is available. An option discussed at the

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# USU ranks low in sexual health

► By Morgan Pratt  
staff writer

USU’s sexual health was ranked 104 out of 140 colleges and universities, with 140 being the worst, according to the Trojan Sexual Health Report Card released in November.

The eight-year study, sponsored by Trojan Brand Condoms, was performed by independent researcher Bert Sperlings, president of Sperling’s Best Places.

“Basically what we’re measuring are the resources and the services and the information to be sexually healthy and aware,” Sperlings said.

He said the study is a great way for universities to see how they measure up to other schools.

“Some universities with low rankings view the report card results as a red flag to improve their sexual health at their school,” Sperlings said. “They then take steps to improve their school’s sexual health.”

He said researchers in the study don’t visit campuses and measure the sexual

health of students.

Christine Rouselle, web editor for Townhall.com, said she disagrees with the way Trojan performs the study and distributes the information, claiming they don’t acquire important information which actually deals with sexual health. Universities are critiqued on health centers’ hours of operations, quality of sexual health information on the web, contraceptive availability, condom availability, outreach programs, overall website usability and quality.

“Out of the 140 schools ranked on the list, the first school affiliated with a religion, Georgetown, appears at 96th,” Rouselle said. “Three schools in the bottom 10 are affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church and the lowest-ranked school, which is Brigham Young University, is affiliated with Mormons.”

Rouselle said she thinks the study is more of a marketing scheme for Trojan to sell its product. In order to view a score, a virtual Trojan e-toolkit must be purchased.

James Davis  
Wellness Center

“Because of the nature of our clientele, we are somewhat strict about sexual health.”

“I don’t have a lot of respect for that survey,” said James Davis, executive director for USU’s Student Health and Wellness Center. “It is sponsored by Trojan, and it has a bend toward free sexuality, and so Utah State has traditionally ranked low on the study.”

Davis said the SHWC understands the needs of Aggies better than Trojan does. According to Davis, the SHWC performs a study every other year to analyze students’ sexual health needs to find out who is having sex and sexually transmitted infections they’re facing.

Through the biannual study, they also evaluate students’ attitudes and standards regarding sex.

“Because of the nature of our clientele, we are somewhat strict about sexual health,” Davis said. “We don’t hang condoms from the trees around the health center. We don’t throw condoms at the basketball games because of our student body and their beliefs. We are a sturdy and strong resource, but we don’t advertise or politicize or publicize sexuality.”

Though USU ranks low on the study, Davis said the SHWC provides students with plenty of information.

“We actually do area prevention where we go out and do outreach,” Davis said. “I myself have gone out to dorms and talk about sex and answer any questions out there. We also provide one-on-one information, and we take those questions very seriously. I think we do a much better job in terms of sexual education than other institutions in the study.”

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# Plans revealed for new CHaSS building

► By Lindsey Snyder  
For The Utah Statesman

A new building is in the works for USU’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The college has never had its own building.

According to CHaSS Associate Dean Charlie Huenemann, the building will sit among and wrap around the Ray. B West Building. Huenemann said the discussion of a new building has been going on for about a year. It is tentatively expected to be finished within five years.

“The idea is to have a new building that is a teaching and learning center,” Huenemann said.

The classrooms will be built to encourage discussion with aisles in the middle of lecture halls and rooms that can be broken into smaller classrooms, Huenemann said.

“What we’re really excited about is state-of-the-art teaching rooms big and small,” he said.

Huenemann said while the new building will feature classrooms, the college administra-

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tion offices will remain in Old Main.

The building will also include a common place for students to gather and a cafe.

“We’re thinking about the CHaSS cafe as being a place to have international news playing,” Huenemann said. “We want this to be a focus center for international education.”

Professors and students are excited for all the departments to be housed in the same building.

“It’ll be nice to have a center for our college, because humanities at the moment are scattered everywhere,” said Candi Carter Olson, a journalism professor.

The college held a meeting last semester with faculty and students to generate ideas and receive student input for the building plans.



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Same-sex marriages no longer recognized in Utah

The governor's office announced Wednesday it will not recognize any same-sex marriages performed after Judge Robert J. Shelby's ruling on Dec. 20. The decision was made two days after the stay to halt same-sex marriages was granted by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The chief of staff for Gov. Gary Herbert said this is an issue for the courts to decide. Those marriages will be on hold until a decision is made in Utah's appeal to the U.S. District Court. In the 29 counties in Utah, clerks said they issued more than 1,300 marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Former Lt. Gov. Greg Bell new chair of USTAR

Gov. Gary Herbert has announced the appointment of former Lt. Gov. Greg Bell as chair of the Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) Governing Authority. Bell, now president and CEO of the Utah Hospital Association, takes the place of outgoing chair Dinesh Patel, a business leader who has led USTAR since its inception in 2006.

USTAR also announced the resignation of executive director Ted McAleer, who has served since October 2006. McAleer had committed to a four-year term, but continued for an additional three years to complete the construction of USTAR buildings at the University of Utah and Utah State University, and initiate other programs.

USTAR is a 30-year program designed to create high-quality jobs and improve Utah's economy through commercialization of university research and by supporting high-tech start-ups in rural areas of the state.

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Polar freeze stalls Midwest

► By Molly Hennessy-Fiske  
Los Angeles Times

A frigid weather system called the polar vortex gripped much of the Midwest on Monday as temperatures dropped to near-record, subzero lows, canceling school classes, grounding thousands of airline flights and prompting authorities to urge residents to stay home or go to emergency warming shelters.

In Chicago, temperatures dropped to a record 16 degrees below zero at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, spawning a new National Weather Service Twitter hashtag: '#Chiberia.' In Minneapolis, it was minus 18, minus 40 with wind chill.

"The big story was the wind chill factors," said Jim Keeney, a meteorologist at the National Weather Center's regional headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., adding that the subzero temperatures were "something we haven't seen in 10 to 15 years."

As one result, about 3,300 flights were canceled nationwide Monday, and more than 2,000 were delayed, according to flightaware.com.

In Kansas City, the overnight low Sunday was 25 below with wind chill, Keeney said.

Mike O'Connell, a spokesman for the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, said officials were prepared for the deep freeze.

"The good news is that this wasn't an ice storm, so we don't have massive power outages," O'Connell said, "The people of Missouri did a really good job of



Michael Zajakowski/Chicago Tribune(MCT) photo  
**WITH THE ACTUAL TEMPERATURE** settling at minus 12, it took Francisco Noriega in Hammond, Ind., about 2 1/2 hours to dig out his car after snowplows blocked it in on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014.

staying off the roads and allowing road crews to do their jobs."

He said officials also attempted to aid those who might not have a place to shelter from the cold.

"The city of St. Louis made an especially strong effort to take care of homeless people and bolstering their shelters," O'Connell said.

In Indianapolis, where the temperature dropped Monday to 14 below, minus 40 with wind chill. Mayor Gregory Ballard, calling the weather "unprecedented," issued a warning that barred all but emergency travel until at least noon. The last time city officials issued such a travel warning was during a blizzard in 1978.

In addition to frigid temperatures, the city also was hit Sunday with about a foot of snow, which downed trees and power lines and left about 30,000 people without power, said Marc Lotter, a spokesman for the mayor's office.

He said Indianapolis police and social services staff went out last week to warn the city's homeless to take shelter ahead of the storm, and that officials opened additional shelters.

"Really, it's the severe cold that's the real threat. It can cause frostbite in a matter of minutes," he said, noting that temperatures in the area are not expected to climb above zero until Wednesday.

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end of the fall semester was having an individual in Hernandez's council represent her in the meeting to speak her opinions and vote for her.

"We still need to give her a voice because she has so many constituents," Fieffia said.

Robert's Rules is the system of rules the council uses to conduct its meetings and has no specific guideline for proxy voting, only that it has to be stated in the house rules.

They decided to change the house rules to allow Hernandez's unique situation, but she wasn't present at the meeting.

There was initial concern about her representative having speaking rights. Charley Riddle, athletics and campus recreation VP, said it wouldn't be a problem as long as Hernandez and her representative met before the meeting and decided what needed to be said on her behalf.

The group ultimately decided not to give speaking rights to the individual Hernandez chooses to represent her.

The executive council will meet again at 5 p.m. Jan. 14 in the Neil O. Gruwell Senate Chambers, TSC 336.

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# Study abroad broadens perspectives

► **By Marissa Neeley**  
staff writer

USU Study Abroad offers opportunities around the world for all students. There are semester-long opportunities, short-term faculty-led opportunities from those interested in languages or business opportunities for those who want to travel or do service.

USU has partnerships with institutions in various countries so they can provide the opportunity for students to participate in an exchange program, which allows them to change places with a student at the school in their desired location. This keeps it affordable, according to Kay Forsyth, director of USU Study Abroad in the Office of Global Engagement.

The other options are short-term programs lead by faculty of USU. These programs can take place over spring break or during the summer. Faculty-led trips are generally less expensive if there is a big group going, Forsyth said.

"There are 20-25 faculty-led short-term opportunities," Forsyth said. "Most are in the summer, being about four to eight weeks long with students earning school credit."

Nancy Hills, an associate professor for the theatre arts department, has led a study abroad for humanities for thirteen years. In this particular study abroad, participants fly to Rome, take a train to Florence, then Paris and end the trip in London.

"It's important for it to really

the Spanish language study in Chile. She said England and Japan also tend to be popular destinations, but it changes every year.

"I went over there to study Chinese, and I only studied Chinese," Stanger said. "Class was from 8 a.m. in the morning to the afternoon. I took a d - just - in - g t o the pollution and always being lost. I had so much fun."

Forsyth said students who study abroad learn a lot about themselves.

"You can do things you never thought you could do," Forsyth said. "It's amazing how energizing and good people feel with basic accomplishments like getting a train ticket to Switzerland on their own. It's great for academics. Employers may ask about your experience, and it helps you decide on a real focus for a career."

Stanger said studying abroad helped him gain a broader perspective.

"It is a good idea to get out of the Utah bubble and the American stereotype and see ... world issues and open your mind to things you had no idea were problems," Stanger said. "You're obviously going to learn about your classes, but also yourself. You have no friends or family with you. Every day was an adventure. Nothing was

the same. I went there not really knowing the language. Don't let that stop you. Everybody is so nice. (The) first thing you should learn is, 'Where is the bathroom?'"

Hills said she and her colleague Adrienne Moore try to give students the whole experience on these trips.

"I teach a variety of classes for general education and non-major students," Hills said. "We take classes in the morning from about 8 a.m. to noon, then we go some places. We end up seeing a lot of the city and landmarks."

There will be a study abroad fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the Eccles Science Learning Center foyer, according to Forsyth.

"If you are interested, March 1 is the deadline for summer, and most other deadlines are in February," Forsyth said. "Start investigating options six months to a year in advance to know when to go and what your schedule will be. Plan on two to three months of preparation when getting ready to go."

be a positive experience," Hills said. "I've gotten great feedback over the years."

Funding for studies abroad is important. There are national scholarships that students, including students who already get pell grants from the government, can apply for.

"99 percent of the time, students will be able to use financial aid and scholarships to pay for it," Forsyth said. "Some partner institutions offer scholarships just for USU students."

Brady Stanger, a senior majoring in international business, said he was able to do this when he studied abroad.

"I did my study abroad to Beijing Spring 2012," Stanger said. "I just used my financial aid money and money I saved up for."

Hills said the cost is for her study abroad is about \$4,200 without airfare, and that amount pays for hotel, passports and visa expenses. It also provides students with 12

it hours. She said they try to keep the cost as inexpensive as possible.

There are around 200-250 study abroad opportunities from partner institutions with pricing based around USU tuition and a little on the provider, Forsyth said.

"When I went, we lived in international housing," Stanger said.

"Most of my friends were from Saudi Arabia or Russia, not Chinese. It became a big family out there. Chinese food is much better there. (The) hardest thing was to get food due to not knowing the system, language or cost. By the end, I could get around as long as it wasn't too specific."

As for the most common or popular programs, Forsyth said it just depends on the student's interest and where they want to go. She said the innovation design studies opportunity in Switzerland always fills up along with

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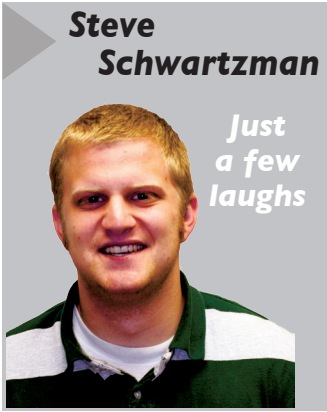
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# Schwartzman’s bold predictions for 2014



Let’s be real with ourselves: 2013, pretty blah. Now, before all the 2013-istas come at me with hate, backlash and various Daft Punk music videos, know you only act in such defiance because you know I’m correct. To live in this fast-moving, miracle-prone technological age and the biggest breakthrough of the year was the Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Taco — which, by the way, was clearly a “meh” at best? We simply underperformed.

I suppose the beauty of our calendar system is the concept of starting over and seeking redemption in hope we can somehow outlive the perils, disasters and Kanye-Kardashian children that drove 2013 into the damp, dark soil. We build these hopes and expect the downward spirals

in a lil’ ditty I like to call “Steve’s Bold Predictions for 2014,” starting with ...

1. News
- This year’s main development unfolds when White House representatives deliver a shocking announcement that presidential elections will be pushed up to 2014, thus deeming those intending to run in 2016 unfunded and ill-prepared and leveling the largest playing field in the history of the electoral college. Following several intensely watched debates and 34 states refusing to submit an electoral vote, all eyes are on final candidates Michael J. Fox and that Geico lizard thing. When technological glitches abound, Congress makes the decision to overthrow all votes and choose the ruler of the free world in an all-parties foot race. I won’t fully ruin the result for you, but let’s just say you’ll want to get your “I Voted for Usain Bolt” T-shirts ordered on Amazon Prime sooner than later.
- In public policy news, legislation will soon be passed to ban all variations of mixing chicken and steak in Cafe Rio smothered burritos. Quoting a prominent senator, “Show me a scenario where it is

fair that someone get two meats when all other potential combos are gross and I’ll strike this bill right now. What’s next, guacamole and sour cream for free? This nation was built on order, for heaven’s sake.” Speaking of the enjoyment of individuals making a scene for pointless reasons, let’s move on to ...

2. Entertainment
- Before I start here, no twerking jokes. Seriously, stop asking.
- In an effort to boost NBC’s ratings and change entertainment landscapes, on-brink television programs “Community” and “Parks and Recreation” write, produce and debut an hour-long episode portraying both shows at once entitled “The Greendale Human Beings meet Pawnee Park and Recreation.” It mostly goes about as expected, except Britta sings the entire time and Will Arnett spends the episode perplexed as to which show he is guest starring on, leading to a courtroom scene that organically becomes the most dramatic part of the episode. Also Tina Fey is there, though we’re not sure why.
- Following in the spirit of collaboration, music icons

Eminem and Justin Timberlake decide to come together on, for all things, a country album. This leads to a whole ton of jokes, so I’ll just let you insert your favorite here. While you work on that, it’s about time we talk about ...

3. Sports
- Looking to make their installment the greatest Olympics of all time, the Sochi 2014 Olympic Committee announces the return of trampolining/ basketball conglomerate Slamball. In one of the greatest underdog stories in sports history, the Croatian tram defies all odds and completes a trampoline routine that wins both the gold medal and “America’s Got Talent,” yet again boosting NBC’s ratings.
- Also, LeBron James does a lot of things right around the time Tiger Woods does things, and in a move that warms every viewing heart, quarterback Johnny Manziel finally admits to being the inspiration for Cory Matthews from “Boy Meets World,” thus becoming America’s hero. Not a BMW fan? You must not be trendy, which is the perfect segue into ...

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“Overnight corduroy sales sail through the roof, being noted by fashion magazines as ‘the new khaki,’ ‘jeans with corn rows’ and ‘the Allen Iverson of pants.’”

4. Trends
- Patterned leggings quickly fade out of fashion culture once magazines portray the realization it’s much more cost effective to just paste wallpaper directly to the legs. Also, old fashioned glaze donuts become the new fast food bun craze and the phrase “more than puppies” becomes a widespread euphemism for “a lot of something.” Closing with the most prominent topic of the year ...

5. John Stamos

Listen, work with me on this. It’s going to be hard to believe, but all things must come to pass. In a move that sends waves through Twitter and pre-empt’s all network television programs — though still somehow boosting NBC’s ratings — Stamos publicly admits to wearing corduroys. Overnight corduroy sales sail through the roof, being noted by fashion magazines as “the new khaki,” “jeans with corn rows” and “the Allen Iverson of pants,” as well as the all-approved change to the new historical timeline from B.C. and A.D. to B.S.C. — “Before Stamos in Cords” — and A.S.P. — “After Sexy Pants.”

And there you have it. No matter how accurate these predictions may be, one thing is for sure; this year is promised to be fun. Very fun. Like, more than puppies fun. Just trust me on this. Enjoy 2014, everyone.

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## Service a popular holiday pastime

► By Chelsea Hunter  
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There are opportunities available to serve others during the holiday season, whether it’s a family tradition or helping individuals in passing.

A sophomore in business marketing, Tucker Cottrell has been participating in the same service-oriented family tradition his whole life. However, he was on vacation this year and couldn’t contribute.

“It’s like the coolest thing ever,” he said. “I was really sad I couldn’t go this year, but I go every other year.”

This good deed has been going on for 23 years now and continues to grow. What first started out with a few less-fortunate people, a guitar and a pot of chili has now grown to buses full of people who come to be served.

“It first started with my grandparents who felt they should do something extra for Christmas,” Cottrell said. “They felt like they should invite some close friends that were struggling in their church. They had a way fun time and decided to do it every year.”

The gathering grows in size every year. Cottrell’s grandparents coordinate with the local homeless shelters to transport people to and from the event. The shelter gets buses to bring these people to his grandparents’ couple 100-acre horse ranch in Farmington.

“Last year when I went there was close to 2,000 volunteers and a little over 2,000 homeless,” Cottrell said. “It’s crazy how much it’s grown over the years, what started with a campfire and a guitar to hosting thousands of people.”

He said his grandparents have four large garages they turn into Santa’s workshop where kids are given toys donated from places like Deseret Industries. There is also a garage set up in an assembly line where the volunteers help families get toiletries, clothing and other supplies.

There is also food and entertainment, including a horse drawn sleigh, Santa Claus, a local marching band, live bands and slow cookers full of soups and stews.

“It’s just way neat, because you feel like this is what Christmas is supposed to be, touching as many people as you can possibly touch through an act of service, and the fact that it was started by my family I think gives me that tradition sense and makes it so special,” Cottrell said.

Cottrell said family tradition can be a good way to serve others over the break, but tradition isn’t needed to serve others in need.

A few small acts of service were witnessed by Bailey Thomas, a junior in the aviation program, like helping a neighbor move or some guys pushing out a car on their way up to Beaver Mountain.

“Christmas seems to be a stressful time for lots of people, and by doing service for others, hopefully some of that stress can be reduced for the person giving the service and the person receiving the service,” Thomas said.

Lauren Abigail, an undeclared sophomore, does some kind of service with her extended family as a tradition every year instead of buying presents for her cousins.

“This year we did something a little different,” Abigail said. “We donated a tree we decorated to the Festival of Trees in honor of my cousin that passed away last summer.”

The Festival of Trees is a charity event put on by volunteers at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah. Every penny raised is given to Primary Children’s Hospital to help families and children in need.

“My cousin was always serving others,” Abigail said. “So what better way to honor her love of life and service than by decorating a tree and donating it to a good cause in her memory?”

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## “Matched” just another dystopian love story

► Gillian Ponce  
Good reads

“Matched” by Ally Condie is another dystopian society book, a genre that seems so popular right now. The book follows Cassia Reyes, who lives in the “Society,” which controls every aspect of your life: who you marry, where you work, how you eat, what you say and when you die. It begins with Cassia’s Match Banquet, where she gets to find out who she will spend the rest of her life with. She ends up being matched with someone in her city, which is rare, but it happens to be Xander, her best friend. They both get a microcard in order to learn more about each other, like all other matches do. However, when Cassia puts her microcard in to read, it doesn’t show Xander’s face, but another boy, Ky Markham, who lives in her city.

Cassia tries to put this new knowledge aside, but when she sees him, she can’t help wondering. She begins to spend more time with him, and as she gets to choose a summer activity, she finds herself in the same one as Ky. Curious about him, she befriends him, learning how to write for the first time. She begins to fall in love with him quickly and struggles between her feelings for both Ky and Xander as well as wondering if the Society really is perfect. She does know what her life should be like.

At around the same time, Cassia’s grandfather approaches his Final Banquet, which is when a citizen in the Society dies. In a final gift to Cassia, he shows her that her artifact, an old object passed down from generation to generation, contains two poems. The Society has 100 Poems, 100 Stories and 100 Pieces of Art it allows everyone to see, because they believe there was too much for anyone to truly be able to enjoy things before. But the poems aren’t like anything Cassia had read before, and one line hit her in particular. “Do not go gentle into that good night.” She begins to realize her life doesn’t need to be defined by the Society, and begins to wonder how she can fight back.

“Matched” is a great book to read if you’re into dystopian societies and romance. Like many other dystopian society books, such as ...

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## GYMNASTICS

# Springing into action: USU set for season

► **By Emily Duke**  
staff writer

Under the direction of first-year head coach Nadalie Walsh, the Utah State gymnastics team is anxious to begin its 2014 season. The Aggies kick off their season Saturday, Jan. 11 when they go up against Iowa on the road in their first meet.

"I feel like the team has really taken to the changes that we have brought," Walsh said. "They're motivated and happy and pretty healthy for the sport of gymnastics, so I feel really good going into this first meet. I think that they are definitely prepared."

USU returns 13 letterwinners including three 2013 NCAA Regional participants in senior Paige Jones, junior Sarah Landes and sophomore Stephanie Daley. The Aggies also added five freshman for this season in Charly Belliston, Makayla Betz, Katie Brown, Bailey McIntire and Keri Peel, all of whom expected to compete and contribute to the season.

"We have a pretty big variety of who will be making the lineup on different events," Walsh said. "We have Sarah Landes and Bailey McIntire as all arounds for this first meet, and we feel really confident in those girls," she said. "We have freshmen contributing and upperclassmen all across the board."

USU gymnastics meets will flow like a typical meet, with the teams rotating between four events: uneven bars, vault, balance beam and floor exercises. The individual exercises are evaluated by judges and given a score out of 10 possible points, with all of the scores combining to provide the team's overall score.

The Aggies placed fourth in the Western Athletic Conference championship at the end of last season. USU will compete in the inaugural year of the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Championship and have been picked in the preseason coaches poll to finish fifth. The MRGC is not officially recognized by the NCAA, but preparations are underway to have it official for the 2015 season.

"We are not in a conference this season. We're working on that, but honestly, I feel like Utah State is a really great place," Walsh said. "We have great athletes, and we have a ton of talent. Last year the students ended their season scoring in a 195, and I feel very confident that they can do that multiple times this year."

USU gymnastics will host their first home meet against in-state rival BYU at 7 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"With the new culture of the Utah State gymnastics program the girls, they want to have a good time. They want the crowd to have fun. I have lot of giveaways, and we have things that we will be throwing into the audience," Walsh said. "We want them to come and be loud and proud as they are when they go to a basketball game because gymnastics is pretty exciting, so come and feel the spirit students."

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**THEN-SOPHOMORE SARAH LANDES COMPETES ON THE FLOOR EXERCISE** during a USU gymnastics meet last season at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

# Top-five stories to watch at Utah State in the year 2014

► **By Logan Jones**  
staff writer

Here are some of the most intriguing stories in Utah State sports this coming year.

### Men's basketball in the Mountain West Conference

The men's team is 11-3 overall and just earned their first Mountain West victory last Saturday over San Jose State, lead by senior TeNale Roland's career-high 20 points off the bench. All 20 of Roland's points came in the second half, which contributed to the Aggies season-high 56-point half.

Senior guards Preston Medlin and Spencer Butterfield each scored double digits in the 19-point victory, as did sophomore forward Kyle Davis and freshman Jalen Moore.

Center Jarred Shaw has since rejoined the team after a five-game suspension for violating team rules. The Aggies won four of five without Shaw and will need to keep the wins coming in order to return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2011.

The Aggies have made six tournament appearances in the past decade. Their last tournament win was an overtime victory over fifth-seeded Ohio State back in 2001.

Marquette narrowly avoided falling to USU in 2009, beating the Aggies 58-57.

### Women's basketball in the Mountain West Conference

USU women's basketball is also making their presence felt in their inaugural season in the Mountain West. At 2-0 in conference play and 8-5 overall, the Aggies average the No. 2 scoring offense in the conference, second only to San Jose State.

The high-powered offense is due in part to standout senior guard Jennifer Schlott, who's already shown her ability to score in bunches this season, dropping 44 points against UC Santa Barbara in their own building.

The Aggies beat SJSU 78-65 last Saturday, holding the Spartans to 18 points fewer than their season average and bringing head coach Jerry Finkbeiner his 500th career win.



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**SENIOR DANNY BERGER ATTEMPTS** a layup against San Jose State on Jan. 4 at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. USU ran past the Spartans 86-67.

### Gymnastics

Three NCAA Regionals participants return to USU's gymnastics squad in addition to

10 previous letterwinners and four new freshmen. Preseason polls rank the Aggies No. 5 in their first year in the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Championship.

New head coach Nadalie Walsh will take USU on the road first on Jan. 11 at Iowa then on Jan. 17 at Southern Utah. The Aggies' first home competition is Jan. 24 against BYU.

### Women's soccer

After a strong push last season in its first ever Mountain West soccer tournament, USU women's soccer anticipates a breakout season later this year. The Aggies lost 3-2 in a tight match against top-seeded San Diego State in the semifinals last fall, ending hopes of an unlikely run at the title.

Head coach Heather Cairns expects a lot from her players, demonstrated by the team winning an award from the National Soccer Coaches of America for an overall team grade point average 3.29 — an award USU women's soccer has now won 11 years in a row.

Expect to see Cairns' team playing strong out of the gate next season.

### Keeton's return

It's not too early to start thinking USU football. After

finishing this season with a Poinsettia Bowl win and the No. 7 scoring defense in the nation, USU will welcome back junior quarterback Chuckie Keeton this fall in hopes of rising even higher on the national radar.

Keeton will take the lead of the Aggie offense following a solid season from backup quarterback Darell Garretson. It's expected that Kyler Fackrell and the Aggie defense will still be a force to be reckoned with, though they'll be without linebacker coach Kevin Clune, who took a job as defensive coordinator for Hawaii.

After being an early season Heisman candidate, Keeton suffered a knee injury in the opening quarter at home against BYU. The Aggies started junior Craig Harrison just one game before moving to true freshman Darell Garretson for the remainder of the season.

Utah State has high expectations in every sport as the Aggies continue their inaugural season in the MWC.

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# UTAH STATE

ATHLETICS

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NEVADA**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7 P.M.  
DEE GLEN SMITH SPECTRUM

**MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. COLORADO STATE**  
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#### Gymnastics

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**FRIDAY, JAN. 24**  
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#### Men's Tennis

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## 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

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Breaking down the Mountain West

*An in-depth look at Utah State's conference opponents and how USU stacks up*

► **By Cavin Makelky**  
staff writer

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

With conference play under way, here's an in-depth look at each team in the conference and how they fared during non-conference play.



#### San Jose State Spartans 6-6

Sagarin rating: 232 RPI: 238  
NCSOS: 295 Scoring margin: -2.7 Best win: Pepperdine (186)  
Worst loss: James Madison (250)

Joining the Mountain West at the same time as Utah State, the Spartans are in complete rebuild mode under new head coach Dave Wojcik. The team saw four players graduate and five players transfer out the past season. Because of this, this year's team looks very green with seven true freshmen on the roster.

The Spartans are led by Rashad Muhammad, true freshman guard and brother of the NBA's Shabazz Muhammad. He provides most of this team's scoring punch with 17 points per game, and junior guard Jaleel Williams chips in about 12 points per game. While this team is No. 27 in the nation in rebounding, it lacks scoring and is one of the worst shooting teams in the country.

The Spartans played a rather pathetic nonconference

schedule this season and lost as many games as they won. San Jose looks to be the cellar dweller of the Mountain West this year.



#### UNLV Rebels 9-4

Sagarin rating: 63 RPI: 100  
NCSOS: 93 Scoring margin: 11.3 Best win: Nebraska-Omaha (112) Worst loss: UC Santa Barbara (70)

UNLV comes off another great year which included a third place finish in the Mountain West and an NCAA Tournament appearance. They lost a lot of talent from last season; Anthony Bennett departed for the NBA Draft and Mike Moser transferred to Oregon.



The Rebels lack a big time scorer this year. UCONN transfer and junior forward Roscoe Smith leads them in scoring with just 13 points per game.

They are extremely tough on the boards, however; Smith averages 13 rebounds per game, and fellow junior forward

ward Khem Birch averages 12 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

Consequently, this team is No. 9 in the nation in rebounding, but is average offensively and have only one 3-point threat in senior guard Kevin Olekaibe. He averages 2.5 3-pointers per game.

UNLV probably has been the biggest disappoint so far in the Mountain West, but a closer look at their schedule shows their only head-scratching loss was their 21-point loss to UC Santa Barbara, a solid team. The Rebels have been playing better as of late, and only lost to No. 1 Arizona by five. The Rebels are still contenders.



#### Utah State 10-2

Sagarin rating: 68 RPI: 75  
NCSOS: 207 Scoring margin: 10.1 Best win: UC Santa Barbara twice (70) Worst loss: Pacific (97)

The Aggies enter their first year in the Mountain West and are coming off a season where the team got off to a promising 14-1 start only to be stricken heavily by injuries and limp to a 21-10 record. They have plenty to look forward to this year with four of five starters returning, including a healthy senior trio of Preston Medlin, Jarred Shaw and Spencer Butterfield.

Utah State has plenty of experience with their own formidable "big three" that includes center Shaw with 16.1

points per game and guards Butterfield and Medlin with 14 and 13.8 points per game, respectively.

This trio, combined with the emergence of Southern Utah transfer Kyle Davis are the key cogs running this machine.

Both Davis and Shaw are constant double-double threats and Butterfield and Medlin can get to the rim and shoot well from deep. This team as whole excels at passing and shooting.

The team is No. 9 nationally in assists per game and No. 21 in field goal percentage. Stopping guards from penetrating into the paint has been their weakness this year.

The Aggies have two quality wins against UC Santa Barbara this season, and their two losses have been against good teams in BYU and Pacific.



#### Wyoming Cowboys 9-4

Sagarin rating: 91 RPI: 98  
NCSOS: 134 Scoring margin: 6.5 Best win: Arkansas State (159) Worst loss: at Denver (148)

Last year was a tale of two halves for the Cowboys as they started out 13-0 only to go 7-14 the last 21 games of the season. They lost their top-three scorers from a year ago.

The Cowboys are clearly led by junior forward Larry Nance Jr., who basically averages a double-double with 16.9 points and 9.9 rebounds per

game. Second leading scorer and team sniper from deep is junior guard Riley Grabau, who complements Nance's interior game.

Interestingly enough, the team is one of the best shooting teams in the nation at No. 17 in field goal percentage, but average less than 70 points per game. Unlike most of the other Mountain West teams,

Wyoming is not good at rebounding and are one of the 50 worst rebounding teams in the nation.

The Cowboys lack any top-100 wins this season and have lost to elite teams in Colorado and Ohio State. Look for Wyoming to keep games close with their slow tempo, but rebounding and their heavy reliance on Nance Jr. looks to do them in this year.

#### Predicted Order of Finish:

- San Diego State
- New Mexico
- Boise State
- UNLV
- Utah State
- Wyoming
- Colorado State
- Fresno State
- Nevada
- Air Force
- San Jose State

The Mountain West is not quite the conference it was a year ago, but still has plenty of solid teams. San Diego State and New Mexico seem to be the cream of the crop right now; they are the only teams with any top-50 wins this season. Boise State's experience should also have them contend at the top, while UNLV and Utah State are in the second tier of teams right now.

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# Coaches equal success, especially for these guys



This is the first of a series of "top 10" columns that will run every Thursday.

In America head coach success rates change on a yearly basis. With that in mind here is a list of the best coaches in American sports right now:

#### 1: Mike Krzyzewski, Duke Blue Devils

Coach K is the best coach in America right now. He has made Duke a consistent power

in college basketball. Duke's streak of 122 straight weeks in the AP top ten ranking just ended this week; that is the second-longest top ten run in history behind the great John Wooden's UCLA team. Any time a coach can be second to Wooden in anything, you know it is an amazing feat. Coach K has been to 11 NCAA Final Fours and won the championship four times, and not to mention he is the all-time leader in Division I basketball wins with 957. Oh, and he has two gold medals with the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team.

#### 2: Gregg Popovich, San Antonio Spurs

Popovich has been a beacon in the NBA for years and has been at the helm of the Spurs since 1996. In that time span, he has claimed four NBA championships and earned the NBA Coach Of The Year award twice. Popovich is one

of two coaches in NBA history to win 900 games with the same team, and the Spurs are still going strong under Pop too. Popovich and the Spurs have managed to bore people with how good they are.

#### 3: Nick Saban, Alabama Crimson Tide

Since 2008, Saban has a 72-9 record and three championships with Alabama. That isn't a typo. That is six seasons with nine losses and three championships. The other thing about Saban that makes him so good is the droves of players he sends into the NFL; there have been 33 Alabama alumni drafted in the last five NFL Drafts.

#### 4: Joel Quenneville, Chicago Blackhawks

Quenneville is an under-appreciated coach in North American sports. In the last five seasons he has led the

Blackhawks to two Stanley Cup Final appearances and won both of them. He currently has Chicago two points away from the lead in the Western Conference and finished last season with a winning percentage above .800.

#### 5: Terry Francona, Cleveland Indians

Francona has won two World Series titles, both with the Red Sox. However we all know how that ended; a beautiful collapse in 2011 and Boston missing the playoffs earned him a spot in the unemployed manager club for 2012. Francona then led an Indians team that won 68 games in 2012 to a playoff birth. He also won the MLB Manager of the Year award in 2013.

#### 6: Tom Izzo, Michigan State Spartans

Izzo is the face of Michigan State. He led the Spartans to seven NCAA Final Fours and won one championship there. Michigan State has been to 15-straight NCAA Tournament berths. Izzo has made the Spartans an automatic contender each year.

#### 7: Chip Kelly, Philadelphia Eagles

Take a step back from the Eagles recent loss in the first round of the playoffs a week ago and see that Kelly has proven what many doubted; he and his upbeat style can win in the NFL. Kelly in one season has made himself a novelty in modern football, a coach who can have success in the NFL and college using an offense based on tempo.

#### 8: Joe Girardi, New York Yankees

Girardi is one of those

coaches who is in the limelight of New York and has succeeded. The Yankees saw Curtis Granderson, Kevin Youkilis, Mark Teixeira, Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez all miss significant time, if not the season. Despite all of their injuries, the Yankees somehow almost made the playoffs with an 85-77 record. He also has a World Series title under his belt.

#### 9: Jason Kreis, Real Salt Lake/ New York City FC

Kries has been coaching since 2007. In that time, he has been to two MLS championships and won one, including Real Salt Lake's appearance in the MLS Cup this year in what was supposed to be a "rebuilding year." Kreis has also been selected to be coach of the new MLS team in New York affiliated with the English Premiere League team Manchester City. Kreis appears to be on the forefront of a new trend for the MLS: a farm system for the EPL.

#### 10: Andy Reid, Kansas City Chiefs

The Chiefs were 2-14 last year. They were the worst team in the NFL. They were 11-5 this year. I feel like that is reason enough to be on this list.

#### Honorable Mentions:

Pete Carroll, Jim Harbaugh, Doc Rivers and Rick Pitino

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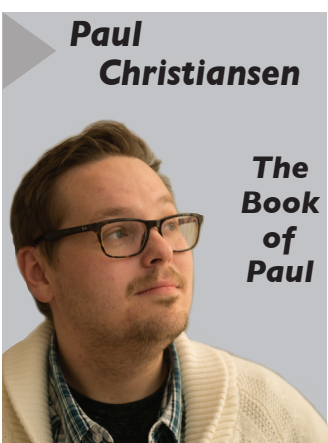
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## Same-sex debate is waste of Utah's \$2M

Earlier this week — in response to District Judge Robert J. Shelby's decision that Amendment 3 of Utah's state constitution violated individuals' inalienable rights to due process and equal protection under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution — the U.S. Supreme Court stayed any further same-sex marriages from taking place within the state while the Utah government spends upward of \$2 million in an appeals process to overturn Shelby's decision.

Let me break this down for you, my fellow Aggies: the Utah government is going to spend your tax dollars to combat a decision based on the idea — one that isn't supported by any medical, psychological or scientific evidence — that homosexuality will corrupt children and violate the sanctity of traditional marriages, defined as those



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between one man and one woman.

Organizations like the politically conservative Sutherland Institute, which has built itself up on the idea that less government is best, called for Utahns to donate what they could to promote the "natural family" as the cornerstone of a strong society and fight against Shelby's "dubious decision."

Am I the only one who hasn't forgotten that Utah was founded by those who once believed polygamy — essentially, one man with many wives and an exorbitant number of mouths to feed — was what society should be founded on? Am I the only person who recognizes the irony in the Sutherland Institute's belief that less government — unless said government is needed to keep those seeking marriage equality from getting it — is essential to keep Utah society strong?

At this point in my argument, I feel it is important to tell you a bit about my personal history. Please don't confuse my statements to be those made by someone who knows little about Utah's history or those saints who made their way west to find a place free of religious persecution. I was raised as a member of the Church of Je-

sus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For nearly 25 years I paid my 10-percent tithe, took the sacrament every Sunday morning, attended Sunday school and seminary and met with the my bishop regularly.

That being said, let's examine the issue as it relates to the dominant religion throughout the state.

Even the LDS church — an outspoken and steadfast contributor to California's Proposition 8, the infamous and short-lived ban on same-sex marriage that was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in June last year — has distanced itself from Utah's current debacle, with church officials stating they are hopeful the decision will make its way through the proper judicial channels and give validation to the belief that marriage should be between a man and a woman. But it's hard for the church to be removed from the ar-

gument altogether because its members make up nearly two-thirds of the state's 2.8 million residents, and Mormons control many of the state's political and legal circles.

But isn't the belief in the agency of individuals one of the key fundamentals of Mormonism? According to the teachings of the religion, God put us on this planet to gain a body and make a set of decisions throughout our lives that would in turn lead us back to be with him once again in Heaven. Even if you are a firm believer in the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, aren't you taking away the agency of others who might choose to live their lives differently?

In any case — and before I get too philosophical — the Utah government is going to throw millions of dollars away in an attempt to drag its heels as the future becomes

the present, and it's basing its reasoning for such action on muddled beliefs of traditional marriage. As wrong as it is, nearly 1,000 same-sex couples were wed between Dec. 20 and Jan. 6.

These same individuals know Utah's attempt to keep the state from progressing will only be a temporary setback. Love is love, and everyone should have the opportunity to enter into the bond of marriage with the person they wish if they so choose. It's time we, regardless of our individual sexual orientations, stood up and recognized that our individual choices shouldn't inhibit those freedoms of others.

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## Reyes needs to restore trust in Utah AG office

Welcome to Pierucci's Politics. This is the first of many opinion pieces I will write for this column. I love public policy and politics. It is important that we as citizens of a representative democratic republic maintain at least a basic awareness of our government's actions. I hope this column will be a place for you to come and learn about local, state, national and international issues. January is a great month, because it marks the start of a new year. New Year's Day brings new beginnings like my new column.

For the state of Utah, the new year has brought an end to the controversial service of the state's attorney general and seen the rise of a new attorney general. These recent events may have gone unnoticed by many of you, which is completely understandable since they took place while we were in the midst of finals and winter break.

John Swallow announced his resignation as attorney general in late November, and officially resigned Dec. 3. Swallow's resignation spared taxpayers millions of dollars from ongoing investigations related to alleged violations of campaign finance fraud. Interestingly enough, it has been reported that Dec. 3 also marked the date which Swallow could qualify for a state pension.

At this point you might be asking yourself, what in the world does the attorney general do, and why should I care? Well, according to the Utah state constitution, the attorney general "shall be the legal adviser of the State officers ... and shall perform such other duties as provided by law."

In addition, the attorney general prosecutes or defends all causes in which the state or a state agency is a party, initiates legal proceedings on behalf of the state and performs many other necessary and vital duties. Essentially, the attorney general is the state's lawyer.

With the Swallow's resignation, Gov. Gary Herbert had to appoint an acting attorney general. He selected Brian Tarbet, an adjunct



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professor here at USU and former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard for the job. Tarbet was to hold the position until a new attorney general could be selected by the Utah Republican Party State Central Committee. The SCC is the governing body of the state GOP. It is made up of locally elected delegates from

around the state. Nine candidates initially filed for the position, but two dropped out of the race for varying reasons.

All of the candidates running for attorney general were extremely qualified. A former Utah Supreme Court justice, an associate dean of BYU's law school and a Fraternal Order of Police attorney were just some of the few experienced attorneys who threw their hats in the ring. There was some controversy over whether or not it would be better to select an attorney general who would not run in the special election that will be held in November 2014.

A televised debate between the candidates was held the Wednesday before the SCC voted. The SCC met to consider the candidates and to vote for who they wanted to be the next attorney general. After many rounds of voting, three finalists were chosen: Sean Reyes, Brian Tarbet and Robert Smith.

On Dec. 23, Herbert announced his decision to appoint Sean Reyes as the new attorney general. Reyes was then sworn in Dec. 30 and immediately got to work dealing with recent controversial court decisions. It is my hope that our new attorney general will restore the public's trust in the office and perform his service beyond reproach. The people of Utah deserve high-caliber public servants; we must work together to ensure that those we elect meet and maintain such standards.

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### OBITUARY

## Wife of former Statesman adviser dies

SMITHFIELD — Denise Rae Wamsley, 58, died early in the evening of Jan. 6, 2014, after fighting a four-year battle against lung cancer and several subsequent and related health issues. Taken too soon, her family was caring for her in her Smithfield home when she returned to be with her Heavenly Father and departed family members.

Denise was born July 23, 1955, in Albuquerque, N.M., daughter of Ronald Ray and Barbara Wynn Midkiff. Denise and her siblings were able to live in many different locales across the nation as they followed her father's military career. Dear to her heart was the time Denise was able to spend living with her family in northern Italy as a teenager. She graduated from Olympus High School and Olympus High Seminary in 1973. She received an associate degree in secretarial science from the College of Business at Utah State University in 1975. While at Utah State, she began a 38-year journey through life with her husband Jay, whom she married in the Logan Temple on Sept. 4, 1975.

Denise is the mother of four children: Daniel Clayton, Adam Jay, Sheena Marie and Carianne Elizabeth. Additionally, she opened her home and heart to grandchildren

whom she helped raise, including Kason, who was cared for as a son by Denise for more than 10 years. She is grandmother to nine grandchildren, all of whom were a treasure to her. She loved her one-on-one time with each of them and large family gatherings did not come often enough for her liking.

Denise was a woman of many talents and ambitions. She was an executive secretary to the Bear River Association of Governments and the Community Action program. For many years while living in Logan, Denise offered day-care services out of her home, loving and caring for dozens of toddlers as special guests in her life. Before her health declined, Denise was an instructor at Bridgerland Applied Technology College, teaching medical transcription, medical coding and medical office procedures. She loved her time with the students and other faculty there.

Denise had and frequently bore a strong testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She loved giving compassionate service and teaching her sisters. She was a Primary president, Relief Society counselor, secretary and instructor, as well as being ward historian for several bishops. In 2010, she wrote and published a book, "The Christmas

Experiment," in which she was able to share a part of her special relationship with and feelings toward her Savior and his birth.

Throughout much of her married life, Denise struggled with chronic health issues, meeting each one with a desire to improve her knowledge, to help others with similar struggles, and to never be a burden. She bore many pains and ailments with a smile and hard work.

Denise is survived by her husband Jay, Smithfield; children Daniel (Cindy) of Austin, Texas; Adam (Nicole) of Soda Springs, Idaho; Sheena, Logan; and Carianne Bolton (Brandon) of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Services will be held at noon, Friday, Jan. 10, in the Smithfield 18th Ward meetinghouse, 625 E. 600 South, Smithfield. Friends may call Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 162 E. 400 North, Logan and at the church on Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Smithfield Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.nelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfuneralhome.com).

Editor's note: This obituary was originally printed and obtained courtesy of The Logan Herald-Journal.

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Thursday Jan. 9


- Starting Off on the Right Foot, 10-11 a.m., TSC 315A
- USU Dancers Club Info Session, 8:30-9:30 p.m., HPER 114A
- Throwback Thursday Dance, 8-11 p.m., TSC Ballroom
- Dance United Club (Dancing), 8 p.m., Fine Arts Building at the Tippetts Gallery

Friday Jan. 10

- Last Day to Add Without Instructor's Signature
- Martin Luther King Celebration, 7-8 p.m., Logan Tabernacle
- 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

Saturday Jan. 11

- Instructor's Signature Required to Add a Class
- Poetry and a Beverage, 9-11 p.m., TSC Lounges
- The Maya of Guatemala with UHC Speaker, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Anthropology Museum at Old Main 245
- Jett Fessler performance, 6-8 p.m., Pier 49 San Francisco Style Sourdough Pizza



Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Denise Wamsley, the late wife of former Statesman publisher, Jay Wamsley.

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15 Letters for debtors

16 Big name in computer chips

17 Sighting in the Scottish Highlands

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21 Gallop or canter

22 "By Jove!"

23 Cream of the crop

24 Like plugs vis-à-vis outlets

25 Using only ones and zeros

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29 Recipe amt.

32 Air freshener targets

33 Sighting in

Douglas, Wyoming

35 Belgrade citizen

36 Singer Horne and actress Olin

37 Continental coin

38 Sighting in the Pacific Northwest

40 Grammy winner

41 Pub brew

42 Christie's "Death on the \_\_\_"

43 Large crowds

44 Mani's salon

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46 Find a new table for

49 Gaucho's weapon

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Down

1 Run the kingdom

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4 Essen exclamation

5 Madison Square Garden hockey team

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8 Piña colada liquor

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57 Corn unit

58 Shade of green from Ireland

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61 Lauder of cosmetics

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19 Missouri range

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actor

34 Apartment contract

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39 Still on the plate

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43 Expanse near the Capitol, with "the"

44 Coke competitor

45 Churlish types

46 Sales slip: Abbr.

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Elba"

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49 Tub toy

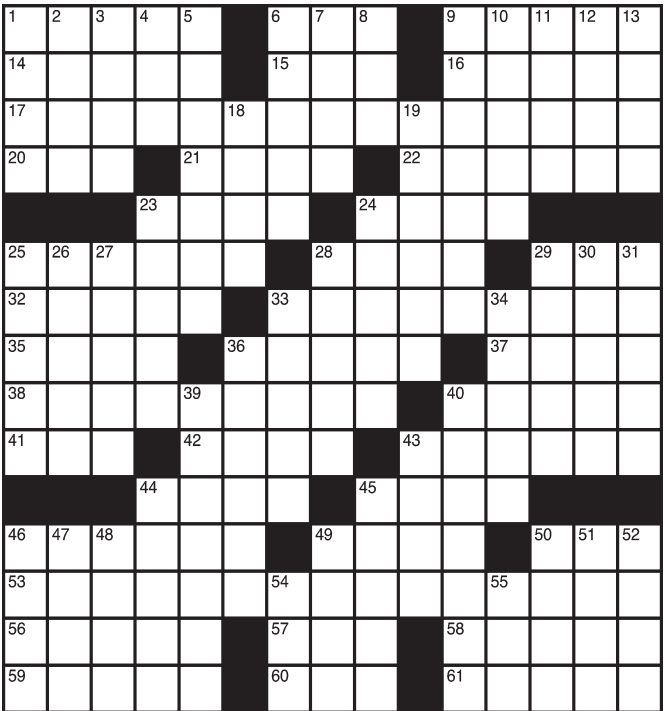
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55 Some refrigerators



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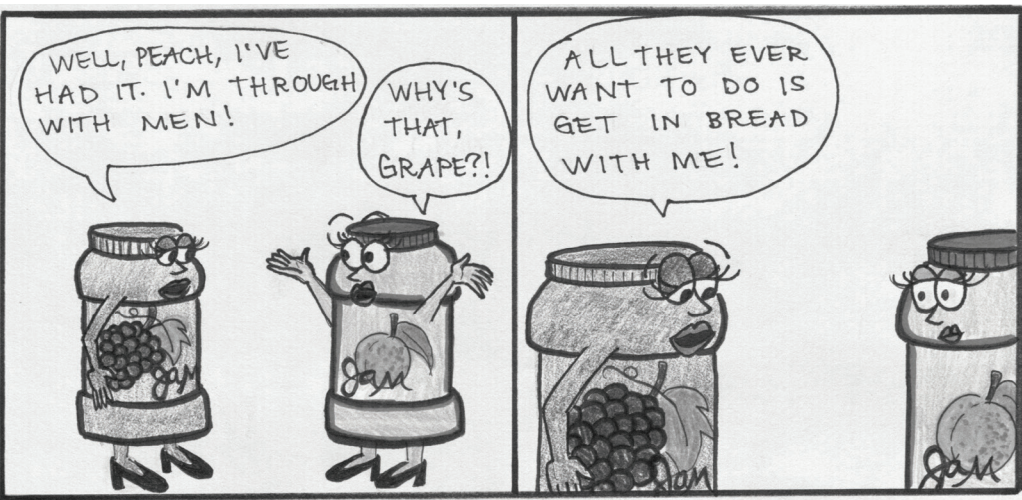


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I KNOW! I WAS IN SCHOOL THEN, TOO!



WELL, PEACH, I'VE HAD IT. I'M THROUGH WITH MEN!

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