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Navigating Logan’s housing laws

Students deal with a variety of problems when it comes to renting in Logan

► **By Danielle Manley**
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Coming to Logan to attend USU, Jake Robinson expected a steal of a deal with his housing choice — a room in a large six-bedroom house with a prime location for approximately \$200 a month.

Robinson didn’t know he would endure four years of city code violations and less-than-preferable treatment from his landlord.

“That first winter, the heater didn’t even work,” he said. “There were two heaters and the main one was broken, so the other one was doing all the work. It kept it a nice 58 degrees. We were still paying a ton of money for gas, so my roommate at the time called our landlord and she said — she pretty much called him a liar and said it was working without coming to look at it.”

It took multiple attempts for the tenants to have their house efficiently heated. Robinson said they saw results when they threatened to move elsewhere.

In addition to heat problems, he said they often experienced electrical problems.

“The whole half of the house is wired on one circuit,” Robinson said. “If someone ran the microwave and toaster at the same time, it would blow the circuit. Luckily it was a guy’s house, so there were no hair dyers going.”

While he was worried his house had code violations, Robinson never reported those problems to the city. He was more concerned the problem would come back to him instead of the landlord.

“There’s horror stories about getting audited because of zoning violations,” he said. “The majority of the people avoid those because it does come back to the landlord, but I think the mentality is it affects the tenants more than the landlord.”

Logan Neighborhood Improvement manager James Geier said there’s a process the city follows when a complaint is made concerning code violations, though it can become messy.

“It’s muddy because you are inserting yourself into a civil situation from the landlord and tenant,” Geier said. “We do our best to kind of work through it.”

In Depth

A closer look at issues affecting USU

According to Geier, when a livability complaint comes through the city office, the initial reaction is to do an inquiry. He said it’s important to determine the tenant’s standing with the unit and the landlord. For example, there may be tension in a landlord/tenant relationship because rent hasn’t been paid. Geier said those issues need to be worked out before the city gets involved.

After the inquiry, Geier makes contact with either the landlord, rental company or property owner to see how the issue can get resolved. The chief building official, Paul Taylor, will request an inspection with the party responsible for the property. As an inspector, Taylor has the authority to enforce the city building code.

“Municipality is not entitled to inspect without cause,” Geier said. “And then we have to provide notice to the property owner that we have cause to inspect. There’s a level on our part to inspect.”

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Governor appoints new chair of USTAR

► **By Jeff Dahdah**
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Utah Science Technology and Research, or USTAR, will have its first leadership change in June. Current chair Dinesh Patel has been in charge since the beginning of USTAR in 2006. He will be replaced by former Lt. Gov. Greg Bell.

Bell will work with Patel for the next six months until Patel’s term ends June 30.

“Every new leader will bring his or her own new experiences and insights,” said Robert Behunin, vice president for advancement and commercialization at USU. “Greg Bell has great expertise in state government, and USTAR is a unique state program.”

USTAR was created in 2006 by Utah’s state legislature to fund investments and research at the University of Utah and USU. Its objectives are to strengthen and grow existing Utah businesses, increase innovation, entrepreneurship and investment, increase national and international business and prioritize education to develop the workforce of the future.

USU has its own branch of USTAR and may see a change along with the new leadership.

“Greg understands USU as a land grant institution and will have key insights to help develop USU’s USTAR program further,” Behunin said.

However, with the change, people at USTAR are taking time to reflect on the work of Patel.

“He is a highly respected business leader in Utah and one of the first people to step up and support USTAR,” Behunin said. “He

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Board of trustees tweaks toxicology, psychology

► **By David Berg**
staff writer

The USU Board of Trustees met Jan. 3 and voted on changes to the toxicology graduate program and the psychology teaching major.

The board voted to terminate the psychology teaching major in the psychology department in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services.

“A psychology teaching major is not all that helpful to students who want to be high school teachers,” said Gretchen Peacock, psychology department head.

Discussion about this change has been going on for at least a year. Peacock said the main reasons for the change in the department stem primarily from the lack of both the availability and need for teachers who would exclusively teach psychology.

Peacock said psychology students who want the credentials to teach in high school would be encouraged to either minor in teaching or to dual-major in an additional subject. She said this second option should make them more marketable for any available jobs.

According to Peacock, the impact will be minimal because there are fewer than three students a year who join the program.

“My understanding is that they would be able to complete their degree,” Peacock said regarding the students currently in the program.

The changes to the toxicology program proposed by the board will also have little effect for students in the program. It was voted to terminate

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Int’l conference bound: Range Club fundraises

► **By Zack Oldroyd**
staff writer

USU’s Range Club cleaned up the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum after Saturday night’s women’s basketball game to raise funds for a trip to the Society of Range Management’s 67th International Meeting, Technical Training and Trade Show.

The volunteers went around the Spectrum putting up chairs, sweeping, picking up trash and doing anything else the maintenance crew asked of them. All the effort was to raise money to help send a few students to the society’s meeting in Orlando, Fla.

The group consisted primarily of club members, but others helped as well.

“There are some helpful people here that just want to help the Range Club; friends and family,”

said member Garrett Billings.

Cari Forsgren, a senior studying rangeland management and six-time attendee of the meeting, was one of the students helping to raise money. She said the meeting in Orlando has many different aspects to it, including multiple competitions and tests the students can participate in.

Many of the students cleaning the Spectrum mentioned the plant identification competition as one of the highlights of the meeting.

“There’s 200 possible plants, and then there’s 100 on the actual test. You have a minute to identify the plant either from a leaf or a twig,” Forsgren said.

At last year’s meeting in Oklahoma City, USU’s Range Club received many top awards, competing against students from 27 other schools.

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RANGE CLUB MEMBERS cleaned up the Spectrum to raise money for a trip to Florida.



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Campus & Community

USU-Online courses ranked nationally

Utah State University-Online was ranked 48th by the U.S. News & World Report for online bachelor's degree programs. It was the only institution from Utah recognized by the magazine.

"We have made great strides to become Utah's premier online university," said Robert Wagner, a USU vice provost responsible for its online programming. "The university views online course and degree delivery as an integral part of higher education's future. We understand the demands of our consumer students for flexibility and choices when it comes to pursuing a college degree."

Rating criteria was based on student engagement, faculty credentials, peer reputation, student services and technology. More than 200 universities were ranked including public, private and for-profit institutions.

New USU Tooele building receives \$100K donation

The USU Tooele campus received a \$100,000 donation from Joe and Rosalie England in December. The money will help fund a new 33,000-square-foot science and technology building. The \$9.8 million building will include classrooms and offices, a chemistry lab suite, two biology labs, an anatomy and physiology lab and physics laboratory suite and a research lab.

"Buildings like this would not be possible without the generosity of people like the Englands," said Donna Dillingham-Evans, dean of the Tooele campus. "Their commitment to higher education in Tooele will benefit students for generations to come."

► Compiled from staff and media reports

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The Police Blotter

Friday, Jan. 3

- USU Police responded to a fire alarm at the Industrial Science building. When police arrived, water flowed out of the mechanical room. They determined a faulty steam valve caused the room to overheat and set off the sprinkler.

Saturday, Jan. 4

- USU Police responded to Valley View Tower for a fire alarm. A resident was using a curling iron close to a smoke detector. The alarm was silenced and reset.
- A suspicious person was reported at the University Inn. Police responded and discovered the individual was looking for a place to sleep. The person refused help and left the area.

Sunday, Jan. 5

- USU Police responded to a suspicious odor at the Living Learning Center. Officers served a warrant to the specified room and found marijuana and alcohol with two underage students.

Monday, Jan. 6

- Custodial staff reported steam and water coming from a basement mechanical room in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building. Police, USU facilities and HVAC responded to the scene where pipes burst because an exterior door was left open. The basement was flooded and facilities staff and carpet crews cleaned up the water.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

- A complainant called USU Police to check on her daughter who's a student and was working on campus.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- USU Police received a report of a gate damaged by a vehicle in a parking lot. The vehicle pulled too far forward and hit the gate. The gate was repaired.

Thursday, Jan. 9

- USU Police and Logan Fire Department responded to an alarm at the Maeser Chemistry

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Laboratory. A main sprinkler was flowing, but it was a false alarm.

- USU Police responded to the HPER building for a medical assist. An individual was feeling ill and was transported to Logan Regional Hospital.
- USU Police responded to 700 N. 900 East for a traffic accident. A report was filed. A student received a check in the mail for an item she sold on the internet. The check was determined to be part of a fraud incident. Police are investigating.
- USU Police responded to Mountain View Tower because an individual was drinking in a room. The resident assistant contacted the students because of a noise problem. He observed alcohol containers in the room and called the police. Before officers arrived, the group left the room except a 19-year-old male found next door. He was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol with a .135 blood alcohol level.

► Compiled by Danielle Manley

Programs

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the interdisciplinary toxicology program and replace it with an identical program in the animal, dairy and veterinary sciences department in the College of Agricultural Science.

"Our department has the nucleus of the faculty for the program," said Dirk Vanderwall, interim department head of the ADVS department.

For the graduate students currently enrolled in the program, the change should be seamless. Also, undergraduate students wishing to take toxicology courses will still be able to enroll through the ADVS department.

The interdisciplinary toxicology program was started in the 1960s and had components in the colleges of Agricultural Science, Natural Resources, Science and Engineering, Vanderwall said. However, with changes in faculty due to retirement and departure, the ADVS department has become the primary component of the program.

In fact, 80 percent of recent masters and doctorate students, including the three currently in the program, have been based solely in the ADVS department. According to Vanderwall, the faculty who have been serving as mentors are also all members of the ADVS department. These professors are Roger Coulombe, Jeffery Hall and Abby Benninghoff.

When the topic of restructuring the program started to be discussed, Vanderwall said the other departments were polled for their approval. As part of their approval, three departments indicated they no longer had the sufficient means to keep the program.

"The change doesn't preclude us from involving other departments for interdisciplinary aspects (in the future)," Vanderwall said.

The changes to both the toxicology program and the psychology teaching major have not yet been put into effect. Now that the board of trustees has approved the changes, the vote will go to board of regents. If the board of regents approves, then the changes will then be put into effect.

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Range

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"We took first as a range team for both plant identification and range sciences," said T.J. Knutson, a junior pursuing a double-major in psychology and range resources. "We're looking to repeat this year. We're planning on taking 15 students; 15 of the best."

Knutson will be attending the meeting in Orlando and is very excited for the opportunity.

"I'm looking forward to hearing the seminars so I can learn how to improve my own ranch when I grow up," Knutson said.

Josiah Maughun, president of the Range Club, said the

thing he is looking forward to most is the range tours.

"We go out and look at different rangelands and how various people manage the rangelands," Maughun said. "That's exciting stuff to me."

Even with the fundraising efforts of the Range Club, the students who will be attending the meeting will still have to pay several hundred dollars for the trip.

The Range Club, also known as the USU Student Chapter of the Society for Range Management, "works to promote the development of future range science professionals, continuing education of members and the public, and sustainable rangeland ecosystems," according to the group's website.

"We all get together and we all love plants," Billings said.

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USU STUDENTS CRISTA VANCE AND HER HUSBAND, MATT VANCE, speak with Sabor Sahely, the owner and founder of local restaurant, Angie’s. The Vances came up with the idea to hold a contest among local artists to paint a bare wall outside the eatery.

Angie’s: Where the locals paint

Mural art contest invites community to make history

► **By Noelle Johansen**
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Just before Main Street on 700 North sits a long, barren wall. It is beige, windowless and lacks any distinctive features. The wall belongs to Angie’s Restaurant and will soon be the home to a unique collaborative mural by 12 local artists, young and old. The Angie’s mural art contest is the brainchild of Matt Vance, senior in business administration. A self-proclaimed geek, Vance makes a hobby of analyzing the flaws and strengths of commercial advertisements. He said he once emailed Low Book Sales to inform them that their ads are obnoxious.

“He analyzes every billboard,” said Crista Vance, Matt’s wife and junior in family consumer and human development.

It was this sort of observation through the eyes of a business major that the concept for the mural came to life. Last July she and Matt were driving south on Main Street and stopped at the red light at 700 North, facing the empty wall on the north side of Angie’s, Crista said.

“Instead of analyzing it like a billboard, he analyzed it as a potential billboard basically and was like, ‘Why is there nothing there? I mean, it’s just a blank wall. It doesn’t even have windows or anything. There’s no purpose for it,’” she said.

The vision of a painted mural in the “purposeless” space began to form in their minds.

“That’s when we started expanding the ideas and started the research,” Crista said.

Though Matt often dissected the efficiency of ads and billboards, he said his original idea for the wall was a mural, an artistic statement.

Matt said Crista did all the research, looking into details like city regulations and the price of paint. After about a month of research, Matt approached Saboor Sahely, founder and owner of Angie’s Restaurant, with the mural contest idea.

“I thought it was kind of a crazy idea, I mean, kind of unorthodox,” Sahely said of his first reaction to Matt’s idea. “The more we talked about it I thought, ‘You know, it would create some excitement.’”

It turns out, the idea to paint a mural on the wall was not unique.

“We thought about a mural on the wall a while back, but not in the context of having a contest,” Sahely said. “We thought we’d get an artist to put a mural on that and kind of depict the history of the valley.”

Sahely said he is excited for the final product, which will be painted in April.

“If we get a great product on that wall out there, it will create more interest,” he said. “It’s good for the local artists too, to get their work showcased there.”

On Oct. 10, 2013, Matt took his plans to the Logan Planning Commission in a public hearing for approval to have the mural painted. The project was approved unanimously by the commission on the condition that the final design be approved by the community development director.

The Angie’s mural art contest is based around the theme of “people, places and times of Cache Valley” and opened to art submissions in November. The contest is divided into four age groups: 12-14, 15-17, 18-30, and 31 years and above. Submissions will be on display in Angie’s for public viewing and voting throughout February.

Three finalists from each age group will be selected by public vote and a jury, including Sahely and a representative from the city council, according to Matt. The 12 selected artists will collaborate and paint their representations of Cache Valley on a landscape backdrop contributed by Matt’s brother, Spencer Vance, a junior in art education.

“After we’ve determined the 12 winners of the contest, before they actually start painting the wall, I’m going to go and paint in the background which will consist of basically a horizon line, a mountain range, the sky and a river,” Spencer said. “Then the 12 winners will be painting objects in the foreground that have to do with Cache Valley that people can relate to.”

Contest winners will receive cash prizes from \$50-100 as well as a permanent claim to local fame.

“We’re going to be working on a surface that’s 12 feet by 50 feet, so the mural is going to be very visible,” Spencer said.

He said he has worked previously on large projects but nothing comparing to the magnitude of the mural. He described the project as an “excellent opportunity for students as well as aspiring artists and lo-

cal artists who are looking to get more recognition, build their resumes,” and “also an opportunity to do networking and just a learning experience to be working with other artists.”

Chuck Landvatter, USU adjunct professor of painting and drawing, is a veteran in painting murals. He worked with several friends on a mural for the Salt Lake Running Company in 2010.

“I’ve collaborated quite a bit and I’ve had successful collaborations; I should say more successful and less successful collaborations,” Landvatter said. “Some of the challenges are trying to synthesize disparate ideas and trying to dovetail them to make a cohesive work of art.”

Rachel Holladay, a senior in painting and drawing, heard about the contest through an email from the art department.

“I thought it was a cool idea, but as I read the details for the contest and things, it sounded like a lot of work for not a ton of reward,” Holladay said.

She said she is stingy with her time, especially during school.

“I’ve done murals before, and it’s a huge endeavor time-wise,” she said.

Holladay said she liked the idea of the contest but lacks adequate time to dedicate herself to the project.

Matt said the contest has not received the quantity of submissions they originally expected, but he and Crista remain optimistic that last-minute entries will filter in before the deadline on Jan. 24.

The contest requires an entry fee of \$15 for the first submission and \$10 each for the second and third submissions.

“That’s not a very big price to pay for that type of exposure,” Landvatter said.

Spencer called the contest a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

“Having an opportunity like this to put your work in such a high profile location is a really unique chance, especially if 10 years from now they come back to visit where they came to school and they’re like, ‘That was me,’” Spencer said.

For more information on the contest, emails can be sent to angiesmural@gmail.com or readers can visit the Angie’s Restaurant Facebook event page.

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How to avoid social media from nixing your loan

As a rule, banks are scary. Few things come across more harrowing than sitting inside a dimly lit building entirely encapsulated on the frightening idea that you need money and they are the people who have it.

For those who find themselves jittery at the thought of financial interaction, the potential for situations to get worse could possibly be found no farther than your Facebook timeline.

By now, a grand amount of society is very aware of employers and otherwise human resource organizations monitoring social media activity as a determining factor for employment or termination. Seminars abound on the subject of using social networking accounts wisely so as to not jeopardize employment. As it turns out, financial organizations could be seeing to it that your credit value could be jeopardized as well.

The Wall Street Journal recently ran a spread about banks and loan entities monitoring social media accounts to determine a loan applicant’s actual financial needs. The overall message of the report claims more can be said about an individual’s social media activity than they may realize, and it’s much more than posting an Instagram of a four-course meal.

More particularly toward the end of their degree, college students are far from exempt to those looking into loan opportunities, and if you fall under that umbrella, here are a few things to keep in mind if don’t want your finances nixed by your Twitter feed.

– Keep posting from mobile devices to a minimum. According to several reports, one of the first things a social media-savvy financial institution will look at when monitoring an account is where posts are coming from. When an individual posts from a smartphone, it can easily be traced — Facebook even labels it at the bottom of the post even being as specific as displaying which exact phone was used. The mentality with banks is if someone can afford a high-end smartphone, perhaps borrowed money isn’t in their best interest.

– Avoid “checking in.” For fans of reward-yielding locations platforms such as Foursquare, checking into spots locally can reveal a big give and take. Where certain amounts of checking in can lead to certain rewards and discounts, it also gives the notion of where you are spending money and how often. Most banks will generally assume you check in to Starbucks four times a day for much more than just using their free Wi-Fi.

– Keep up-to-date with your job history. This is actually one to keep as detailed as possible, but be smart. If institutions see you have a well-structured job history and not just a chain of freelance hours at snow cone stands every two months, it will show a strong financial status and keep you in the clear.

– Be mindful of when you post. There is nothing wrong with having a healthy amount of posts and links on any profile, but remember that when you post can generate assumptions. Posting a heavy ratio of your time during typical working-man’s 9-to-5 hours may not necessarily prove your work schedule, but banks don’t know when you work and can only go from what they generally see.

As a whole, the infancy of this information shows there is no real go-to when it comes to proving financial stability online, but above all, always be aware of what I call the “financial mindset.” In all things, do your best to look organized and in control. Think of what financial-savvy parents would say if they saw your activity, and you’ll have a great chance of signing on the dotted line.

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Smith

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gree to doing the things that I enjoy, like working with my horses, farming and things of that nature.

US: If you could eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

CS: Steak and potatoes.

US: What would be a perfect way to spend a day?

CS: I’d wake up and have biscuits and gravy for breakfast, then I would load the horses in the trailer, drive up on the mountain, then once I got by Sheep Creek Park I’d hook up the team and go drive them for a while until I felt like I was content, and then set up camp, go fishing, catch dinner and sleep out under the stars.

US: Where’s your favorite place in the

world?

CS: South Valley or in the mountains by my house, the Uintas.

US: Best advice you’ve ever been given?

CS: When I was on my mission, we were visited by a member of the Seventy and he told us that everyone’s going to be offered offense, but to take it is an individual decision, and not to take it, is also a decision. So when offered offense, don’t take to it.

US: Do you have a favorite quote?

CS: “Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.” — John Wayne.

US: Who do you look up to most?

CS: I really look up to my dad, not simply because he’s my dad, but because he’s an incredible person. Because he’s a man, he’s morally good, he’s honest and good for his word. He’d give you the shirt off his back.

US: What’s a typical day like for you?

CS: Wake up and go to my classes in the morning, then immediately after that I go

to work, then after that it just depends on the day.

US: What’s been your greatest accomplishment in life?

CS: My mission, because it took me out of my comfort zone and it required me to do things I wasn’t familiar with and maybe didn’t even want to do, but also helped me see the value in different cultures and meeting people I maybe didn’t want to meet at first.

US: Do you like being the youngest child?

CS: I don’t really care, but I hate being eight years younger than my closest sibling.

US: What’s your most prized possession?

CS: Probably my truck and my .45 pistol.

US: How many Animals do you have?

CS: Three Belgian draft horses, nine quarter horses, a couple Scottish highland cattle, chickens, and my mom has mini horses, but I’m embarrassed to admit that.

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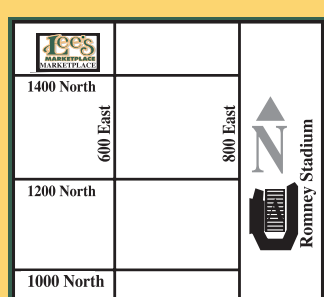
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GYMNASTICS

Upon further review: Aggies claim road victory after video replay results in Iowa score reduction



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THEN-SOPHOMORE SARAH LANDES CELEBRATES with coaches and teammates following a routine during a home meet last season at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

► **By Emily Duke**
staff writer

The Utah State gymnastics team defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes on Saturday 191.750-191.650 in Iowa City.

The Hawkeyes were up on the Aggies with 191.950 points when they asked for a video review. When the review did not go in their favor, Iowa was forced to take a .300 deduction, giving USU the win.

The victory marks the first season-opening win for the Aggies since 2007. With an overall score of 191.750, USU also notched its highest overall score in a first meet since it scored 191.925 in a loss to Utah in 2012.

Freshman Bailey McIntire made an impression in her first ever collegiate meet, taking second place in the all-around with a score of 38.750. She took home the only event win for the Aggies with her first place floor score of 9.850.

McIntire tied for second place with sophomore teammate Miranda Kerr on vault, both notching scores of 9.775. Junior Page Jones took third place on beam with a score

of 9.700 and sophomore McKinzey Martinez tied for second in floor with 9.725.

"I am so proud of the girls. They never gave up. We had our share of struggles, but it's nothing we can't fix," said first-year head coach Nadalie Walsh. "The thing that made me very happy was that they were happy, enjoying themselves and having a good time. They just need to learn how to compete well while having fun. We can only get better from here."

USU notched overall scores of 48.700 on vault, 47.750 on bars, 47.275 on beam and 48.025 on floor. Iowa ended the meet with overall scores of 48.275 on vault, 47.950 on bars, 47.975 on beam and 47.750 on floor.

USU started the meet on the bars and Iowa on vault. Even with strong performances from Jones and McIntire, the Aggies trailed the Hawkeyes 47.700-48.275 after the first rotation.

In the second rotation, USU moved to vault. Led by McIntire and Kerr's tied second place scores, none of the Aggies scored below a 9.600 on

their vaults. This gave USU a score of 48.700, enough to take the lead from Iowa, who had scored a 47.950 on the bars.

The Aggies moved to the floor next, where they notched a 48.025 overall score led by McIntire's first place score of 9.850. USU continued to hold the lead over Iowa, which scored 47.975 on its beam performance.

Finishing out the meet on the beam, the Aggies had a hard time holding their lead, notching a 47.275 overall punctuated by Landes 9.600 performance.

At the end of regulation, Iowa held the lead with its 47.750 performance on the floor in the fourth rotation, but after the video deduction, the Aggies came away with the win.

USU's next meet will take place in Cedar City on Jan. 17 when the Aggies will take on in-state rival SUU. The Aggies will return to Logan to host BYU at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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USU ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Brian Suite, football

Suite was named to CBSSports.com's and SI.com's 2013-14 All-Bowl team on Friday. In USU's bowl game against Northern Illinois, Suite had a season-high 11 tackles and also intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

Jennifer Schlott, women's basketball

Schlott scored 22 points in a loss to Nevada on Saturday. This kept her streak alive of scoring in double-digits in every game this year. She is also eighth in the country in scoring averaging 23.3 points per game.

Marcus Fritz, men's tennis

Fritz won his singles match against BYU's Sterling Galli 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday. The win put the match at 1-1 at the time in the tennis team's close loss to No. 45 BYU.

Star injuries decimate NBA rosters

► **By Logan Jones**
staff writer

Injuries have affected nearly every NBA team this season. Russell Westbrook, Kobe Bryant, Marc Gasol and Derrick Rose are sidelined with knee injuries. Chris Paul suffered a separated shoulder. Brooke Lopez is out for the season with a broken foot. Phoenix point guard Eric Bledsoe is out indefinitely after tearing his meniscus in his knee. Friday, New Orleans' Jrue Holiday broke his leg.

Sports injuries are both devastating and unpredictable. Although the NBA maintains the rate of players suffering "significant" injuries is consistent with the injury trends over the past five seasons, the loss of so many All-Star caliber athletes has exposed how well — and how poorly — certain teams handle the absence of their elite players.

In Rose's case, a knee injury just 10 games into the season robbed Chicago of the 2010-11 MVP, forcing the Bulls to spend \$17.6 million this year on a star athlete unable to play for much



Ron Cortes/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT photo

CHICAGO'S DERRICK ROSE is down after he injured his knee in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter against the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series at the United Center in Chicago, Ill.

of the season. The Bulls, despite early expectations to be Eastern Conference contenders, are a game under .500.

Rose isn't the only athlete drawing a major contract while on the injured list — Kobe Bryant tore his achilles tendon against Golden State last year, effectively cutting LA's season short and calling into question the aging star's worth. Despite the inju-

ry, the Lakers awarded Bryant a two-year, \$48.5 million contract extension.

He played just six games this season before injuring his left knee, joining fellow injured superstar Steve Nash on the Laker bench. The Lakers are 14-23 overall this season, good enough for the third worst record in the Western Conference.

The Oklahoma City Thunder

started the season 24-6, but are only 4-3 since losing point guard Russell Westbrook to arthroscopic knee surgery, with losses to Utah and Brooklyn. Matt Moore, senior NBA writer for CBS sports, summarizes the impact of the injured point guard:

"With Russell Westbrook, they have a title contender, without Russell Westbrook, they have the 2006 Cavaliers," Moore said.

NBA point guards seem particularly susceptible to injury. Nine starting point guards have missed games due to injury so far this year, including Boston's Rajon Rondo, New Jersey's Deron Williams and Cleveland's Kyrie Irving. The absence of these versatile guards leaves the respective offenses one-dimensional — not one of those teams is above .500 this season.

According to basketball-reference.com, a website that tracks NBA statistics and trends, the overall financial impact of the games missed by starting point guards this season totals \$22 mil-

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SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU at Boise State, 7 p.m.,
Boise, Idaho

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22
USU at UNLV, 9 p.m.,
Las Vegas, Nev.

Women's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15
USU at Colorado State, 7 p.m.,
Fort Collins, Colo.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU vs. Boise State, 7 p.m.,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22
USU vs. UNLV, 7 p.m.,
Dee Glen Smith Spectrum

Gymnastics

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 26
USU at UC Davis, 2 p.m.,
Davis, Calif.

Hockey

THURSDAY, JAN. 16
USU vs. Colorado, 7 p.m.,
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FRIDAY, JAN. 17
USU vs. Denver, 7 p.m.,
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SATURDAY, JAN. 18
USU vs. Colorado, 7 p.m.,
Eccles Ice Center

MWC Scoreboard

Basketball

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
Nevada 62, Utah State 54
Wyoming 52, Boise State 50
Colorado State 76, Fresno State 57
New Mexico 69, SJSU 65

SUNDAY, JAN. 12
No. 13 SDSU 79, Air Force 72

MWC Standings

Basketball

TEAM	CONF	OVERALL
NEVADA	4-0	9-8
SAN DIEGO STATE	3-0	14-1
NEW MEXICO	3-0	12-3
COLORADO STATE	2-2	11-6
AIR FORCE	2-2	8-7
UTAH STATE	1-2	11-4
BOISE STATE	1-2	11-5
UNLV	1-2	10-6
WYOMING	1-2	10-6
FRESNO STATE	1-3	8-9
SAN JOSE STATE	0-4	6-10

AP Top 25

Football

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	Arizona (61)	17-0	1,621
2	Syracuse (4)	16-0	1,560
3	Wisconsin	16-0	1,482
4	Michigan State	15-1	1,442
5	Wichita State	17-0	1,300
6	Villanova	15-1	1,289
7	Florida	13-2	1,205
8	Iowa State	14-1	1,048
9	Oklahoma State	14-2	1,046
10	San Diego State	14-1	1,020
11	Ohio State	15-2	979
12	Baylor	13-2	952
13	Kentucky	12-3	912
14	Iowa	14-3	831
15	Kansas	11-4	686
16	Massachusetts	14-1	579
17	Memphis	12-3	536
18	Louisville	14-3	525
19	Cincinnati	15-2	405
20	Creighton	14-2	329
21	Colorado	14-3	328
22	Pittsburgh	15-1	299
23	Duke	12-4	193
24	Saint Louis	15-2	148
25	Oklahoma	13-3	103
25	UCLA	13-3	103

Others receiving votes: Missouri 42, Oregon 39, Connecticut 35, Kansas State 25, Gonzaga 17, Michigan 11, California 10, Virginia 6, Louisiana Tech 5, Xavier 3, Illinois 3, New Mexico 3, Harvard 3, George Washington 2

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coaches set to face former teams

Morrill and Eustachy face off in role reversal

► By Jeff Dahdah
assistant sports editor

Though many current Aggie students may not remember an era before Stew Morrill, there was one. At the helm of that pre-Morrill era was a man named Larry Eustachy, the man who leads Colorado State into the Spectrum on Wednesday to take on Morrill's struggling squad.

Morrill replaced Eustachy in 1999, leaving behind a team he had just won 20 games with: Colorado State. That's right, there was a time in the '90s when Morrill was the coach of Colorado State and Eustachy was the coach of Utah State. They will face each other Wednesday in reversed roles.

USU is coming off a 62-54 loss to Nevada in Reno on Saturday. With the loss, the Aggies are 1-2 in Mountain West play. Colorado State is 2-2 in conference play this season, its only losses to perennial Mountain West powers San Diego State and New Mexico. The Rams are also coming off a 76-57 win over Fresno State.

In the loss in Reno, the Aggies shot just 31.3 percent

from the field, including going 2-of-16 from behind the arc.

"This might be the time that he really wants to come back," said Morrill about Eustachy's return to Logan. "I mean, he'll look at this team and think, 'Wow we can beat these guys.'"

Stew Morrill
USU basketball

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Colorado State made the NCAA Tournament last year and won a game in the first round. The Rams are 11-6 with three of those losses coming to ranked teams.

"Larry's teams are always physical. They always rebound the heck out of the ball. They knock you around, and if we cow-tow and just wilt, it will be a long night," Morrill said. "We've got to buck up and know that that is an issue right now and do the

things we need to do."

Colorado State is lead by junior forward J.J. Avila, who is averaging 18.6 points per game, and junior guard Daniel Bejarano, who is averaging 15.4 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. Avila is playing in his first season with CSU after transferring from Navy.

USU has only lost one game in the Spectrum this season and have won nine. They are struggling on the road, posting a 2-3 record.

This is Colorado State's third road game in 11 days. However, CSU has won its last two games. This will also be the first time Larry Eustachy has faced USU in his 23-year career.

The key to the game will be shooting for the Aggies. They are coming off their worst 3-point shooting outing of the season, shooting just 12 percent. The team usually shoots 41 percent from three.

They also average a 48 percent field goal percentage on the season and are coming off a game when they shot 31.3 percent.

Rebounding will also be a large factor in the game. Both teams have out-rebounded opponents this year, USU by an average 11.4 and CSU by an average of 5.7 rebounds.

Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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DeLayne Ripplinger photo
USU HEAD COACH STEW MORRILL screams during a game at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Morrill faces his former team Colorado State on Wednesday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Aggies lose to Nevada, first conference loss

► By Logan Jones
staff writer

A late surge fell short for the Utah State women's basketball team, resulting in a 76-72 loss to Nevada at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum on Saturday. The loss drops the Aggies to 2-1 in the conference and an overall record of 8-6.

"Our offense really struggled, but we've got some things that we can go to, some things that we can work on," said USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner following the loss. "Tonight's game was winnable. Credit Nevada. We took a calculated risk by fouling people, and they made their shots. We called a couple plays down the stretch that weren't executed right. The Mountain West, it's not going to get any easier."

USU closed in on Nevada with less than two minutes remaining, trailing the Wolf Pack 68-74 after a pair of Nevada free throws. Junior guard Elise Nelson scored a layup to bring the Aggies within four then blocked Nevada's leading-scorer Terilyn Moe on the other end, resulting in a turnover and a foul on Aja Johnson and sending junior

Aggie forward Franny Vaaulu to the foul line.

Vaaulu hit both foul shots, and the Aggies trailed by just two points with 52 seconds left on the clock. Nevada forward Emily Burns turned the ball over and gave USU a chance to tie the game, but a missed Aggie layup and clutch free throw shooting by the Wolf Pack carried Nevada to the narrow victory.

"I look forward to the challenges ahead, because we have a chance to get better by cleaning some things up," Finkbeiner said.

The Aggies struggled to contain Nevada's offense, which benefitted from balanced scoring and three players with double-digit point totals. USU also lost the rebounding battle 50-35, due in no small part to Nevada's 6-foot-8 center Mimi Mungedi, who snagged 16 rebounds in 23 minutes of playing time.

"We struggle with a big girl down on the block," Finkbeiner said. "(Mungedi) might have been the difference in the game, just because of how many rebounds she got."

Despite a six-inch height disadvantage when matched



DeLayne Ripplinger photo
SENIOR JENNIFER SCHLOTT is blocked by AFA's Cherae Medina during a Jan. 1 game at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

up against Mungedi, the 6-foot-2 Vaaulu still flirted with a double-double, scoring 18 points and grabbing eight rebounds all while shooting a perfect 6-6 from the foul line.

"Franny was big-time tonight, that's for sure," said senior guard Jennifer Schlott. "We've always needed a post

presence and I think she finally realizes it, and I think for the rest of the year, she's set an example for herself."

Finkbeiner agreed. "Franny's a winner, but we need her to play for 40 minutes," Finkbeiner said. "The statline for Franny looked pretty good tonight, but we'd

prefer her to do a lot more, too."

Nevada cashed in 32 foul shots for 26 points in the contest, doubling USU's 13-for-16 night at the line.

"That's just way too much," Schlott said. "That right there kind of cost us the game."

Schlott played almost the entire game, scoring a team-high 22 points and recording five assists, five rebounds and three steals in 38 minutes. Sophomore guard Stephanie Bairstow added 13 points on 5-for-9 shooting, and junior guard Ingrida Strikas dished out four assists and snagged seven rebounds, three of which were offensive.

"It's disappointing, that's for sure," Schlott said. "We're going to bounce back. We're going to learn from it. Down the stretch, we just need to execute a lot better."

USU faces 11-4 Colorado State Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Fort Collins. The Rams are 7-1 at home this season and 3-1 against conference opponents. The Aggies return to the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday, Jan. 18 to battle Boise State.

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Let's agree to disagree on our politics

The day when everyone in this fine country stops fighting, debating, and disagreeing and finally just agrees on everything will be a remarkable day. A remarkably terrible, no-good, very bad day.

One of the most essential ingredients of a free society is a healthy and thriving marketplace of ideas. Democracy is inherently cacophonous and dissonant — in other words, democracy naturally involves a lot of people with a lot of different ideas piping up and making their voices heard. Respectful disagreement isn't just "OK" in a free country; it's essential.

It's interesting to note the mistakes that are made by government when there is a lack of healthy discussion and disagreement in the decision-making process. The lack of serious, responsible debate in Congress after 9/11 led to the hasty passage of the USA Patriot Act



and the Iraq War Resolution, the soundness of both of which has come under question in years since. President George W. Bush would have been well served by having a few more courageous cabinet members who offered contrasting viewpoints on his Iraq policy; President Barack Obama would have benefited from hearing from a few more skeptics about the effi-

cacy of the Affordable Care Act.

My point really isn't to pass judgment on these policies. My point is that responsible policymaking and good leadership is much more likely to happen when decision-makers are surrounded by a lot of different perspectives. Issues in the real world are rarely black and white; in fact, they're rarely simple at all. The more diversity in perspective leaders can get — including from divergent and conflicting viewpoints — the better informed they will be to make smart decisions.

Frankly, this principle carries over into your life and mine just as much as it does for the president of the United States. The point of being in college goes beyond acquiring a set of major-related occupational skills. The point of a college education is to learn how to learn, how to think and what you think.

Briana Bowen

“Responsible policymaking and good leadership is much more likely to happen when decision-makers are surrounded by a lot of different perspectives.”

That's most valuable skill set I think you can receive from college.

A big part of developing this skill set is learning how to analyze others' ideas and

communicate your own. That's an invaluable personal and professional skill, regardless of your major. One of the best ways to develop this skill is by gaining exposure to a wide diversity of ideas, talking to people with whom you may disagree and learning about perspectives divergent from your own. Doing so will make you a better person with better job prospects. But you'll also become a better citizen of this American democratic republic. Remember, little is more important in a democracy than having a robust, well-informed marketplace of ideas. That figurative marketplace comes from citizens knowing how to think, actually choosing to think and then caring enough to share what they think.

Whether your thinking takes you to the right or the left of the political spectrum or anywhere in between real-

ly doesn't matter. The American marketplace of ideas needs bright, well-informed voices on all sides. What does matter is that you choose to think carefully; to listen carefully and respectfully to other people even if you disagree with them; and to pipe up when you have something to contribute even when others may disagree with you. Whether you end up in front of a high school classroom or in the Oval Office, the world needs you to have the courage to listen, to think and to disagree.

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Forum letters

This fight not a waste of \$2M

To the editor:

Let us forget for a moment that the issue of same sex marriage was put on a ballot during the last state elections. Let us also forget that the majority of Utahns also voted in favor for defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Hence, the bill passed. Then let us forget that a judge decided anyway, regardless of the peoples' voice, that denying same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, even though the people of Utah just voted to add Amendment 3 to the Utah constitution. So, the people added a statement to the constitution, by popular vote, and a judge then says that it isn't constitutional? How can that be? We just put it in there.

So, forgetting all of that, let's talk about what Mr. Christiansen said. Firstly, what is the Utah government really doing with \$2 million? They will be fighting a single judge's decision to overturn the constitution of the state without due process. Sounds like the Utah

government is spending money to overthrow a corrupt judge.

Secondly, the article's author claims there is no "medical, psychological or scientific evidence" stating that same-sex marriage is bad for the world. Wrong. Let's start with the oldest evidence we have, the Holy Bible. Since this topic obviously involves religion, I do not hesitate to use religious resources in my argument. Remember the story of Sodom and Gomorra? Remember how it was a place avoided by just about the rest of the world? Remember that when two men dared to visit a friend, the citizens of Sodom tried to break down the door so they could have their way with the visitors? Remember that God finally had enough of it and rained fire down on the two cities, utterly destroying them? Why do you think we have...

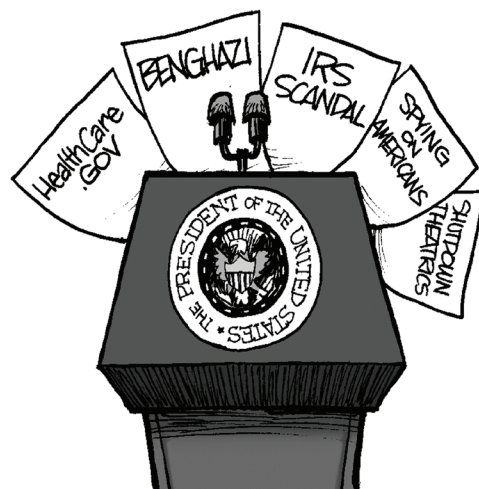
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The senators from each college, including the School of Graduate Studies, are members of the USU/SA Academic Senate within the student association. The purpose of the academic senate is to act as the student's voice concerning all academic-related student issues.

Senators have a very unique role; they have a strong voice within the student government and they also have the ear of the administration within each college. Senators serve as the advocate for students in their



colleges to their college administration. This type of representation is invaluable.

As a student government, we encourage students to take advantage of the representation they have within their colleges. Senators are uniquely positioned to take student concerns straight to the top and

work to resolve student concerns and make improvements within their colleges.

Some students wonder why the academic senate doesn't pass legislation very often. The reason being is that most academic issues can be addressed on a college-by-college basis, rather than university-wide. The majority of a senator's work falls outside of the weekly academic senate meetings.

Each senator has a college council to assist in representation. Often, college councils provide representation for clubs and organizations within their college as well as for the college's different departments. It is the college councils who plan and carry out the college weeks on campus, which provide programming events for students and highlight the different aspects of each college.

Casey Saxton

“As a student government, we encourage students to take advantage of the representation that they have within their colleges.”

To ensure proper focus is given to academic issues, the academic senate is represented by the senate pro tempore on the USU/SA Executive Council.

The senate pro tempore is a senator who is elected by the other senators for the purpose of representing them on the executive council.

The system we have at USU is unique and places academic issues in the forefront of focus for half of our student government. Many other universities don't have that type of academic representation.

Election of senators happens in addition to the other USU/SA elections, which will be held the last week of February. Only students who are declared majors within a certain college can vote for candidates running to represent that college.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in running for office to become your college's next senator, please have a read through the candidate requirements in the elections

packet found on the website listed above. Hard copies of the packet can also be picked up in TSC 326. The filing deadline for candidates is Monday, Jan. 27.

Please direct all questions about specific senator positions and responsibilities to the current senator holding office.

If you would like to contact your college senator, you can find contact information on the USU/SA website at www.usu.edu/usu.

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WASHINGTON — Halfway through the six-month enrollment period for private marketplace health insurance, just one in four new adult enrollees are between ages 18 and 34, the crucial demographic group whose participation rates are key to keeping monthly premiums affordable under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

In the first release of extensive demographic data about the new enrollee population, the Obama administration said Monday that 55 percent, or roughly 1.2 million of the nearly 2.2 million people who have selected a federal or state marketplace plan, are generally older adults, ranging in age from 45 to 64.

About 517,000, or 24 percent, of the new enrollees were young adults ages 18 to 34.

The administration also reported Monday that women make up 54 percent of new state and federal marketplace enrollees, 60 percent of enrollees have selected a "silver" plan that covers at least 70 percent of medical expenses, and nearly eight in 10

new plan members qualify for tax credits or other federal subsidies to help pay for their coverage.

The early influx of older enrollees comes as no surprise to most experts who predicted the Affordable Care Act's new consumer protections and beefed-up coverage requirements would initially attract older people who may have been denied coverage in the past or been unable to purchase affordable health insurance because of pre-existing health problems.

The health law outlaws coverage denials and guarantees access to individual and small-group coverage regardless of current or past health problems.

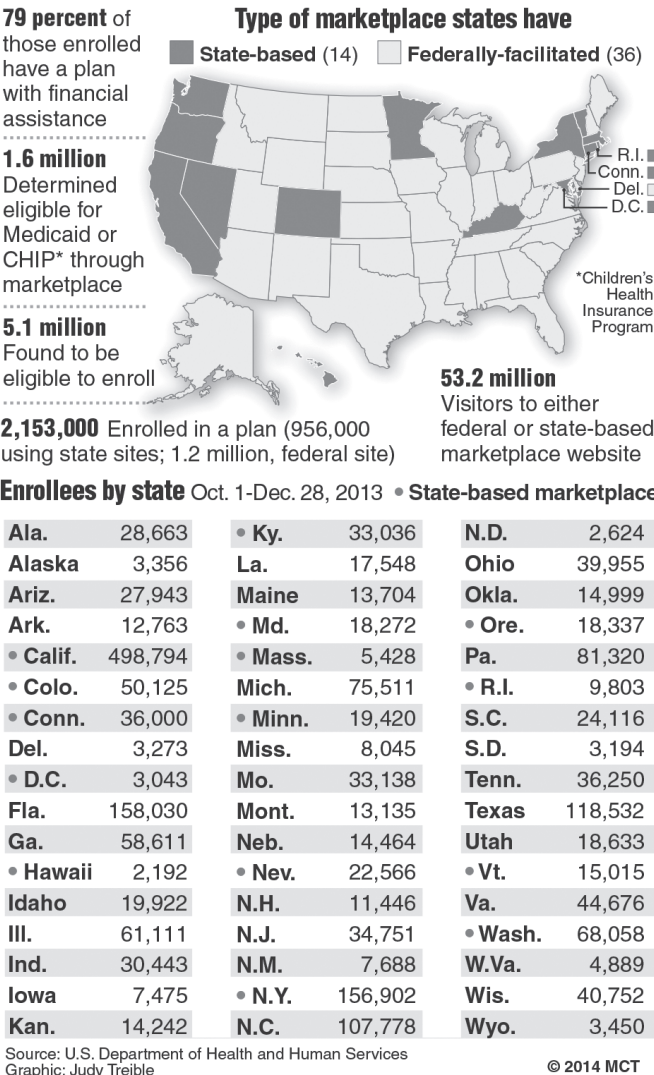
But in order to keep premiums for marketplace coverage in check, the Obama administration needs roughly 40 percent of new exchange enrollees to be under age 35. This group of younger, typically healthy plan members is cheaper to insure and would offset the coverage costs for older plan members, who are generally sicker and costlier to cover.

Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avalere Health, a health care consulting firm, said the early rush of older plan members isn't a problem — yet.

"I look at this and say it's a modestly negative sign, but it is not an indication of failure by any means at this point," Mendelson said. "It's older than what you want to see from an underwriting perspective, but if the younger population accelerates

Health insurance enrollments

Nearly 2.2 million Americans have successfully signed up for health insurance since Oct. 1 under the Affordable Care Act.



their enrollment between now and March 31, there won't be a major problem."

Administration officials said they were pleased with the mix of young people who have signed up thus far, saying the 24 percent share among 18- to 34-year-olds

is comparable to their 26 percent share of the general public.

"We are confident, based on the results we have now, that we will have an appropriate mix of individuals enrolled in coverage," Michael Hash, director of the office of health reform at the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said during a conference call with the media.

Aaron Smith, executive director of Young Invincibles, a national advocacy group for young adults, said he expected youth enrollment to increase in the coming months and was "encouraged to see young people enrolling at such a fast clip this early on in the enrollment process."

Mendelson agreed. "In our enrollment models, the younger people sign up at the end of March because they are more likely to procrastinate," he said. "That's how we have been thinking about this all along, so it's roughly consistent with what we expected."

Administration officials pushed back on reports that its Spanish-language website, which launched more than two months late, is written in "Spanglish" that some do not understand.

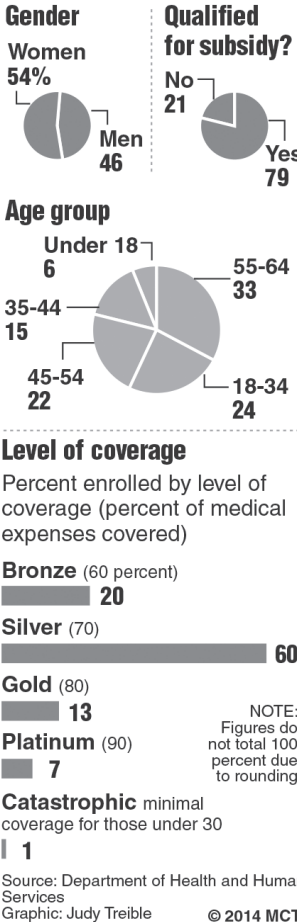
According to published reports, the site, CuidadoDeSalud.gov, is clunky and full of grammatical mistakes, and efforts to enroll Spanish speakers in states with large Hispanic populations have fallen short.

A senior administration official said a computer, not a person, translated the English into Spanish, but that someone is going through the translation to fix mistakes if needed.

But the official said many Spanish-speaking people are using the main website, not the Spanish-language one.

Who's enrolling

Demographics of the almost 2.2 million Americans who have successfully signed up for health insurance as of Dec. 28, 2013, under the Affordable Care Act:



The Obama administration will work with college fraternities and sororities and other grassroots groups to focus their enrollment efforts on 25 cities that have the largest numbers of uninsured. Those cities include Miami; Dallas; Houston; Detroit; St. Louis; New Orleans; Atlanta; Charlotte, N.C.; Austin, Texas; and McAllen, Texas.

Renting

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It's up to the inspector to relay the information to the property owner in order to fix the problem. Geier said they hear about leaky pipes, mold, pest control, electrical issues and most often, heating problems.

"Some landlords are better than others, as are tenants," Geier said. "We treat cases independently."

Robin Heaton is a communication studies professor at USU. She moved to Logan two-and-a-half years ago, and her renting experience has influenced her interest in advocating for students' rights ever since.

"I understand that sometimes students don't accept responsibility," she said. "They broke something, they weren't good tenants, whatever it was. But just a lot of the students, the stories were just

too bad to be entirely the students' fault. That combined with my own experience and my neighbor's just kind of, I thought this was a good opportunity for me to advocate on behalf of students."

Through her process of advocating, she's collected stories from her students.

"Our former student advocate told me a story of his fridge broke and the door wouldn't shut, and rather than getting a new fridge or fixing the problem, the landlord just came over and slapped a baby lock on it," Heaton said. "And it didn't work, and he ended up getting food poisoning three times."

She also said one of her students was without heat for three days because the landlord wouldn't respond to complaints.

"I've always been interested in advocating for students," Heaton said. "I have lived in a number of college towns. Portales, N.M. is the one most similar to Logan. I've lived in Salt Lake. I've been around students a lot. I taught in

California. I taught in Fresno. It just seems like the practices here are far worse than I've ever seen."

She advises students to do thorough walk-throughs before they move in and when they move out. She said it's important to document absolutely everything.

"Whatever it is about the apartment that they could potentially be accountable for when they move out, that needs to be documented," Heaton said.

She said the reason for this is because the big problem she sees is with deposits.

"The worst ones I've heard is that people just don't get their deposits back," Heaton said. "I think there was a house that was a five-bedroom house that 10 girls shared. Each of them gave, I believe, it was a \$200 or \$250 deposit and not one of them got

a dime back. Short of doing hard core damage, I couldn't imagine that they didn't deserve some of the money back."

She also said students should request an itemized reason for what their deposits are being used for and why they're not getting money back.

"If you broke a window, they're allowed to subtract money from your deposit to fix the window," Heaton said. "But they're not allowed to keep the deposit without telling you why they're keeping the deposit."

Robinson said he spent a week cleaning his house and garage when he moved out. He said he always helped the landlord move in other tenants across the street to help keep a good relationship.

"I was under the impression that I do this, I get my deposit

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back, and I got nothing," he said.

Both students and landlords have rights and responsibilities outlined in the Logan city code.

"What I'd really like to do is just to make sure students are aware that they have rights," Heaton said. "I think students should also know that there is legal counsel available to them on campus. It's part of their student fees. They can't represent you, but they can talk to you about legal advice through legal and student advocate services."

Geier's advice to students is to research properties and contracts.

"Make sure when you enter into a lease agreement — it's a binding contract — you should understand the language in there," he said. "At the same time, it's in your interest to know from the state side and municipality side what the owner's states are."

Robinson's advice is similar — talk to previous tenants and do plenty of research.

"If the deal sounds too good to be true, then it probably is,"

he said. "If you're paying cheap rent, you're going to be paying something else. It's vacant for a reason. If it was really awesome, it would already be taken up. Talk to previous tenants. Move into places that you've had acquaintances live in. Talk to your friends. See who's lived where. It'll definitely take a little more foot work on your part, but you'll end up living somewhere you want to live and enjoy living."

But Heaton wants students to know not all landlords are bad. After her first rental in Logan, she's moved to a house in Providence with a landlord she's had no problems with.

"I have a fabulous landlord now," she said. "They do exist. The ones that are not fabulous are doing a lot of damage."

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USTAR

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had the right business ideas to get USTAR off the ground."

"I greatly appreciate Dinesh's service and accomplishments

getting this exciting initiative off the ground and running," said Gov. Gary Herbert, who appointed Bell.

USTAR also announced the resignation of Ted McAleer, executive director of USTAR. McAleer has also been a part of USTAR since 2006 and oversaw the construction of USTAR

buildings at the University of Utah and USU.

"Mr. McAleer was instrumental in helping Utah State and the University of Utah get buildings up and operating," Behunin said. "He allowed USU to grow its USTAR portfolio."

"I am proud of our collective achievements, and as we close

out year seven together, I think it is time to enable a new leader and leadership team to build on our accomplishments and accelerate USTAR's next phase," said McAleer in his resignation letter.

The overall feeling of USU's USTAR branch is excitement about what the new change can bring, according to Behunin.

"Change is the only constant in the universe, and with change comes new opportunities," Behunin said. "We're looking forward to working with Greg Bell, and our USTAR program is excelling very well."

Many students work with USTAR at USU to further its research and get real-life experi-

ence.

"A lot of students both undergraduate and graduate are making a huge impact on USTAR," Behunin said. "We are excited about our USTAR teams."

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Heathen

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group."

Timo Patterson, a junior majoring in civil engineering, said the meetings provide students with the sense of belonging that people need to survive — something he and many members of the group believe can be achieved without the influence of a certain religion.

"I haven't really made it a habit of asking people what their religious views are," said Patterson, a former member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "I want to be beyond Mormonism and religion. It's not something I typically like to bring up in conversation."

Most of the university's individual colleges are represented by those in attendance and include students majoring in engineering, sociology, history, psychology, natural resources, English and business, Virgil said.

Members of the Cache Valley community used to frequent the meetings when they were held at Citrus and Sage, Virgil said, and he hopes to attract more of these people to the Quadside Cafe gatherings.

"We had families come and meet other families because their kids wanted to play with other like-minded kids," he said. "Everyone that showed up was friendly to everybody. There was no age discrimination. We had an elderly couple that would show up every week — they were really good folks and they had lived in the valley for 30-some years. They would talk about the hippie age, and it was so cool because they would reference conversations they were having in their age to what we were having today — about the government or about women's issues or about LGBTQA issues. It was just nice to see the community be involved and see that students want to get together and talk about common things that affect us all."

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Tuesday Jan. 9

- Entrepreneurship Club kickoff, 6-7:30 p.m., George S. Eccles Business Building 215
- Starting off on the right foot, 2-3 p.m., TSC 335
- Taste test on meat, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences 210
- Female + Form art exhibit 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art
- Reliefs: The Art of Woodcuts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art

Thursday Jan. 10

- True Aggie Night, 11:55 p.m. to 1 a.m., Quad
- Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, 5 p.m., TSC Ballroom
- Group meditation, 1:30-2:25 p.m., TSC 335
- NAMI club guest speaker, 6-7 p.m., Business Building 302
- Fry Street Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Chase Fine Arts Center

Friday Jan. 11

- Tuition and Fee Payment due tomorrow
- USU Big Band Swing Club opening social 7-9:30 p.m., HPER 215
- USU Ecology Center Seminary: Turkey's Globally Important Biodiversity in Crisis, 4-5 p.m., Veterinary Science and Bacteriology Building 130
- Demystifying the Defense: graduate student research training series, 1-2 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library 101



Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014.

Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Hillary Newton, a junior majoring in graphic design from Terre Haute, Ind.

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1 Took in

4 Cartoon huntsman

8 One of the five Olympic rings

14 ___ Harbour, Fla.

15 Memo term

16 Jeweled headgear

17 Electrical unit

18 France, in the time of the 6-Down

19 Julio's partner in wine

20 Sponge

22 The Beatles' "___ Just Seen a Face"

24 ERA and others

25 Enchant

26 Mark

28 Power units

30 Thought before taking a risk

34 Excessively affected

36 First name in Chicago politics

37 Pathetic

38 Good Friday mo., often

39 Lullaby setting, and a hint to the starts of 3-, 4-, 9- and 31-Down

41 Group ___

42 4-Across frame

43 Golden ___: Drake's ship

44 How aspirin is taken

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48 "We hold ___ truths ..."

49 Superfan

51 Art nouveau, say

54 Musical flip

57 Sumac of song

58 Man of letters?

59 Hard to believe

61 ___ B'rith

63 Down Under school

64 Mutual respect

65 Second

66 "Football Night in America" co-host Patrick

67 Envelop

68 List maker

69 More than scratch the surface

Down

1 Enola Gay payload

2 Lake bordering the Silver and Golden states

3 "Sesame Street" segment with Dorothy the goldfish

4 Combat with one survivor

5 Actress Merkel

6 Pre-Christian

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8 Citrusy drink

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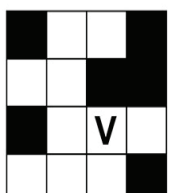
56 "___ la Douce"

60 Pipe cleaner

62 "Now it's clear!"

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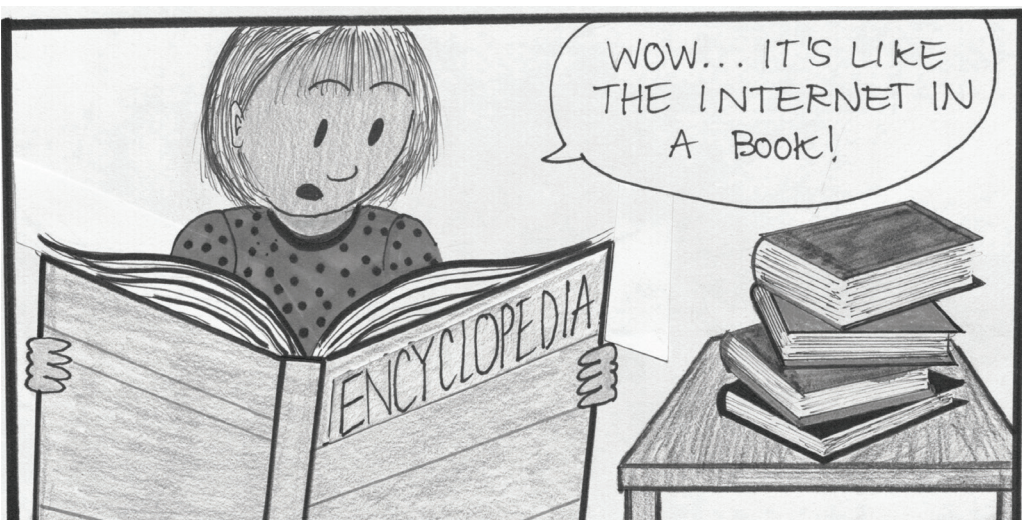
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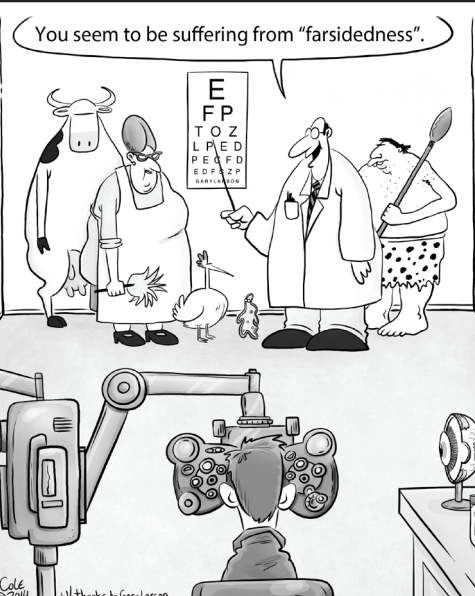


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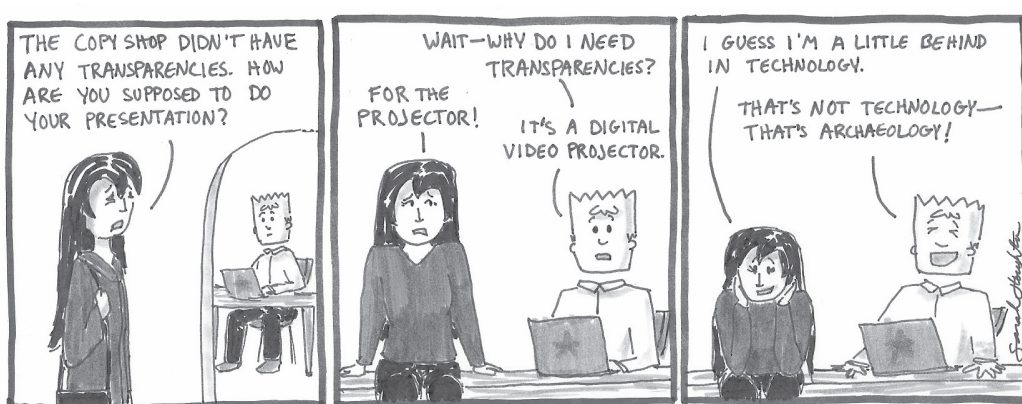
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Jan. 14 puzzle answer

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