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USU has the youngest starting lineup in the country, and they call it a strength.

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# THE UTAH STATESMAN

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## POTATO CHIP ON THEIR SHOULDER:

### Aggies heading to Potato Bowl for third time in five years

By **Kalen Taylor**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Mountain West Conference in the 2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl,” said third-year Utah State head coach Matt Wells. “This bowl game is a great reward for our team and its accomplishments this year, and solidifies the strength and consistency of this program.”

Utah State entered the 2015 season as one of just four FBS programs to win at least 30 games and record three bowl victories in the past three years, joining Clemson, Michigan State and Oregon. USU is also looking to expand the current record of three-consec-

For the first time in Utah State University history, the football team will go to its fifth-straight bowl game.

The Aggies will travel to Boise, Idaho to take on Akron in the 19th-annual Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho.

For USU it's the fourth overall appearance in the Potato Bowl and the third time in just five years.

“We gladly accept the invitation to represent Utah State University and the

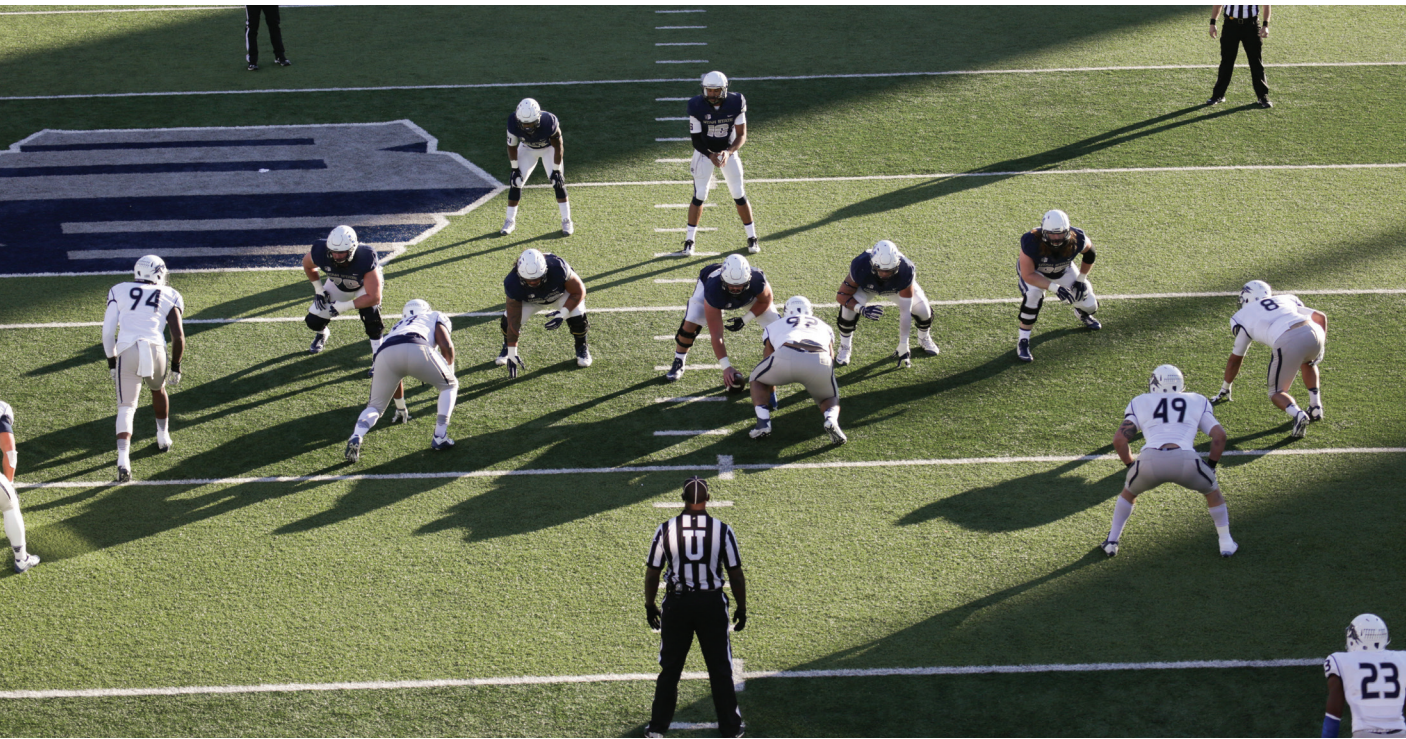


PHOTO BY **Johnny Morris**  
THE UTAH STATE OFFENSE LINES up against Nevada at Maverik Stadium on Nov. 21. The Aggies won 31-27.

utive bowl wins with another win in Boise.

“On behalf of Utah State University, we are thrilled to represent the Mountain West Conference at the 2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl,” said USU Vice President and Director of Athletics John Hartwell. “Utah State has a great history and relationship with both the

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl and the city of Boise. The proximity of the bowl will give our loyal fans a great opportunity to witness the Aggies play in a school-record fifth-straight bowl game.”

Akron is 7-5 on the season and finished 5-3 in the Mid-American Conference. Currently riding a

four-game winning streak, the Zips only lost to bowl-eligible teams this season. They ended the year with a 20-0 shutout win at home over Kent State.

“We are excited to prepare for a quality Akron team that had an outstanding season,” Wells said. “Our staff has great respect for Akron head coach Terry

Bowden and the Zips team with the success they had this season.”

The bowl appearance is Akron's second since moving to Div. I play in 1987. The Zips' first bowl appearance was the 2005 Motor City Bowl in Detroit. The game is the first meeting between the two schools.

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## AGGIE TERRACE PARKING OPEN DUE TO GATE MALFUNCTIONS, PARKING PERSONNEL CHECKS PASSES



PHOTO BY **Matthew Halton**  
A CHEVY TRAIL BLAZER LEAVES the Aggie Terrace parking garage. The gate has been open for three weeks requiring parking employees to check passes as people pull in.

By **Mandy Morgan Ditto**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Aggie Terrace parking garage located next to the Living Learning Center on campus has been open for about three weeks due to broken parts in the gate arm.

However, many students with an Aggie Terrace parking pass only know that the gate broke and that no timeline was announced for when it would be fixed, leaving many with passes frustrated.

“Yesterday was actually the first day I couldn't find a spot,” said Amanda Jack, a senior majoring in exercise science who has an Aggie Terrace parking pass. “With the gate, when they're down and you swipe your card, if it's full it will say it is.”

It's still been frustrating, however, to see those who didn't pay for a pass parking in the terrace, Jack said.

“I've been kind of like, what's the point? I might as well tell my roommates to come park here,” she said.

Originally, a mechanism in the arm broke and the parking office fixed it with parts from storage the same day, but the parts didn't work. When they went to order more, they found out the parts they needed were no longer made, said Afton Seibold, the staff assistant in the parking office. They then had someone manufacture a new motor for the gate arm, which also didn't work.

“It just seems like one thing after another,” Seibold said. “We assumed with all of this information that it would be a quick fix... It has caused quite a bit more inconvenience and frustration than we imagined.”

The parking office was aware that if the problem was long-term, those without passes would start parking in the terrace, which is something they wanted to prevent.

As of Dec. 3 there has been a person from the parking office monitoring those who come into the terrace, so that only those who have a parking permit or are willing to pay may park there.

Getting to the terrace to park early enough has been helpful for Jack to guarantee a parking space, though she said she hasn't seen anyone checking for passes when she enters around 7 a.m.

The colder weather is also a possible reason the terrace fills up, since there may be more students who are driving to campus, rather than walking, said Jessica Christensen, a receptionist in the LLC housing office.

Christensen bought a parking pass at the beginning of the semester and has noticed that the terrace is more full since the gate broke.

“Before when I'd get there around 9 a.m. there'd be a couple spots on the first or second level,” Christensen said, “now I have to look at lot more.”

The LLC housing office was informed of the broken gate when it occurred and were told it would be fixed as soon as possible, but haven't had any details to share with students since, Christensen said.

“I've heard a few comments from people around campus, but not any really specific frustrations,” she said.

The terrace is always monitored at night, whether the gate is functioning or not, for those who have a pass to park overnight, Christensen said, so those living in the LLC don't have to worry about fewer spaces then.

The parking office will do all they can to monitor the terrace until the problem is resolved, Seibold said.

“We will try to have physical bodies at both entrances, east and west, to restrict it to those who want to pay or have permits, and that will definitely lessen frustration for permit holders,” Seibold said.

There is still no timeline on when the gate repairs will be made with the correct parts.

For more information on parking visit: [parking.usu.edu](http://parking.usu.edu) or contact the office at 435-797-7275.

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# CHANGES MADE TO USU BLUE CREW, MORE INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMMING

By **Lily Wachtor**  
WRITER

The Utah State University Blue Crew is looking to restructure and revamp their efforts on Utah State University’s campus. The students involved with the USU Blue Crew have evolved the program to fit the needs of students before.

Originally, the Blue Crew was under the admissions office and was used to document events and the day-to-day life of an Aggie, to recruit junior and seniors from surrounding high schools. But Sawyer Hemsley, the programming vice president for USUSA, wanted to bring the Blue Crew closer to home.

“The USU Blue Crew is going to help promote the programming office and everything we do,” Hemsley said.

The Blue Crew is a group of students that help plan and promote events on campus. They give fellow USU students a look behind the scenes of the programming office and show they plan and produce events on campus.

They have covered all the events — from Week of Welcome, to the Howl and True Aggie Night. They offer an insider’s view of USU events and expose the hilarious, exciting and potentially insightful moments.

Sarah Keyes, a member of the Blue Crew, wrote a blog post about the USU 80s throwback dance. She wrote, “Any gathering that makes wearing neon spandex over leggings socially acceptable is a gathering worth attending.”

They have the task of making students aware of any events, where the events are going to be held and what you need to know about the event. They accomplish these goals by running multiple social media platforms as well as advertising and word of mouth. They are the face of Utah State events.

Hemsley and the participants of the Blue Crew have further reorganized the structure by combining multiple committees into one. They had a freshman committee, a mid-week committee, a volunteer committee and more. They have recently decided to combine all committees into one governing body to better communicate and execute their objectives. They are bringing together the efforts of the Programming office and the Blue Crew so they can all focus on a centralized mission, Hemsley said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF **USU BLUE CREW**

The Blue Crew is a great leadership and service opportunity on campus, Hemsley said. “I’m all about being involved and getting more students involved,” Hemsley said. The group is currently accepting applications to become a member of the Blue Crew.

Students can apply online at [bluecrew.usu.edu](http://bluecrew.usu.edu) or in person in TSC 326. Students can also follow the USU Blue Crew on Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat @usubbluecrew.

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# Festival of Trees brings holiday cheer to campus



PHOTO BY **Johnny Morris**

**THE VARSITY INTER-CHRISTIAN FAITH** organization setting up their tree at the Festival of Trees Monday evening.

By **Jillian McCarthy**  
WRITER

Amid the twinkling lights and Christmas tree décor this holiday season, Utah State University celebrated its annual Festival of Trees tradition. Fifty clubs and organizations came together on Monday to each decorate a tree for the Festival, which lasted all week with different festivities happening each day.

Alexander Aburto, the traditions director for programming and a senior at USU, said that this year the traditions committee wanted to add more activities throughout the week to get more students involved in the holiday cheer.

Monday was decorating day where any USU club or organization could sign up to decorate a tree. Signing up was free and USU provided the trees. The clubs and organizations had to provide the decorations.

Tuesday was Giving Tuesday and was put on by USU’s advancement department. It was a day that promoted donors, and community members came and donated funds. The money that was donated will be given to the university’s clubs and organizations.

Wednesday was Christmas with the kids where students from Edith Bowen Elementary School came and participated in some activities. The

younger students came in the morning and iced cookies, and some of the older students came in the afternoon and wrote letters to Santa.

Thursday was Big Blue Christmas. Utah State’s mascot, Big Blue, dressed as Santa and a photo booth was set up for students to come take pictures with Big Blue Santa.

Friday was pajamas and Christmas movie day. The movie “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” played in the Taggart Student Center Ballroom. Students were encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring pillows and blankets; free popcorn was provided.

On Saturday, the traditions committee teamed up with PoBev, an open mic event at USU, and they put on a special holiday edition where students came and enjoyed some holiday music and poetry.

The Festival of Trees event was not just for the students. It also gave clubs and organizations the opportunity to give back to the community. At the end of the week, Bear River Head Start program will donate the decorated trees to families in Cache Valley.

“The last couple of years we have been looking for more ways to become involved with the community, and since the majority of our members are USU students we thought we should grow our club and friendships through

more USU events,” said Emma Martino, president of the USU Country Swing Dancing Club. “We want to show that we are not just all about the dancing, we like to be involved in community events as well.”

The event also allows for advertisement for different clubs and organizations.

“We really wanted to represent our President Cabinet family at USU, just to put ourselves out there and we are glad that we got the opportunity,” said Lizzie Allen, a senior at USU and President Cabinet committee member.

Voting for the trees went on all week. People could vote by liking the picture of their favorite tree on USU Student Association’s Facebook page or by ballot votes where the trees have been on display in the TSC International Lounge.

Aburto said that the tree with the highest number of votes will win the People’s Choice award and be given a \$100 gift card. The ballot votes will then determine which tree won for “Aggie Spirit” and which tree won for “Most Decorated.” The winners of these two trees will receive gift baskets. Winners will be announced on Saturday at PoBev.

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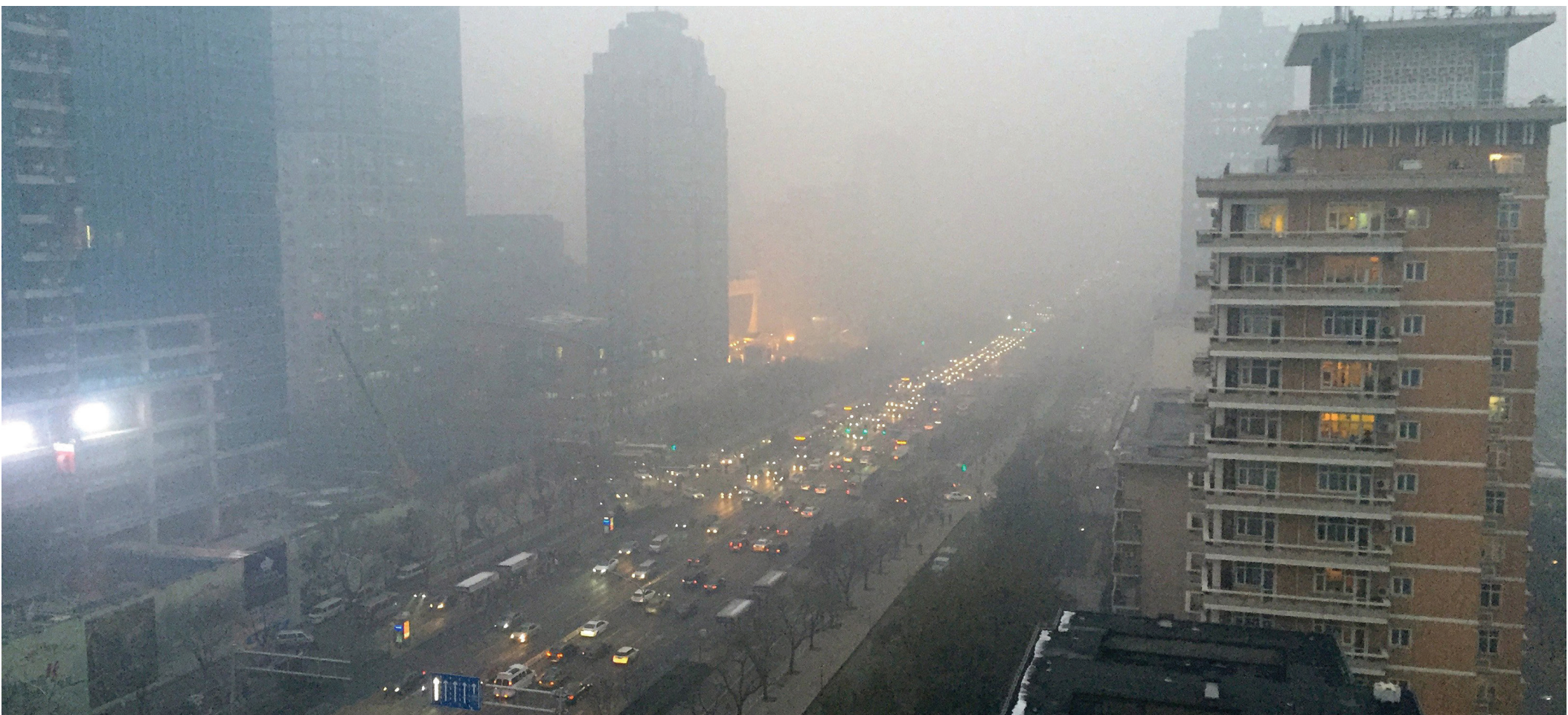
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# NATION&WORLD

## IN BEIJING, SMOG IS POTENT REMINDER OF CHINA’S ROLE IN CLIMATE TALKS



**SMOG HANGS OVER BEIJING’S MAIN BOULEVARD**, Chang’an Avenue, looking west toward the Forbidden City, on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. Although the city is cracking down on dirty vehicles and some power plants, the smog of the last week has demonstrated Beijing’s pollution-control efforts have yet to produce lasting results. It comes as Chinese President Xi Jinping is in Paris pledging that China will reduce emissions linked to global climate change.

By **Stuart Leavenworth**  
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

BEIJING — A day after Chinese leader Xi Jinping arrived in Paris for the United Nations climate conference, his country’s capital was smothered Monday with some of its worst smog of the year.

Levels of tiny particulates \_ known as PM 2.5 \_ topped 600 micrograms per cubic meter in Beijing by late afternoon, according to monitoring by the U.S. Embassy and other institutions. That’s about 24 times higher than the level considered safe by the World Health Organization,

The stench of soot hung over the city of 22 million, with the pollution obscuring visibility and prompting some citizens to question the government’s well-publicized claims of working to clean up the air.

“It is almost impossible to breathe

in Beijing now,” wrote Tianxuan Ke’aiduo, a resident of Beijing’s Haidian district, on Weibo, China’s main social media platform. “Even our right of breathing freely is deprived. I call for the government to really treat the air.”

Beijing’s pollution comes partly from vehicle exhaust, but the recent smog is more likely the result of seasonal burning of coal \_ China’s main form of energy and a major source of greenhouse gases, the focus of the Paris summit. Northern China was unusually cold in November, and once the government cranked up coal-fired boilers to provide residential heating, smog levels spiked and have continued to climb.

Beijing issued an orange alert for the smog over the weekend, the highest alert of the year. Under the designation, factories must reduce production and heavy vehicles are

banned from the city, although enforcement of such measures is thought to be uneven.

According to China’s Ministry of Environmental Protection, the heavy smog in Beijing extends across a vast swath of northern China, covering more than 204,000 square miles, an area larger than California. Winds predicted for Wednesday are expected to clear away some of the pollution, but until then, residents are being warned to stay inside.

Xi, China’s president and general secretary of the Communist Party, is expected to be in Paris for less than 48 hours. He met briefly with French President Francois Hollande on Sunday and is expected to confer with Hollande, U.S. President Barack Obama and other world leaders at the conference.

On Monday, he’s scheduled to deliver a speech to the conference, reaffirming China’s commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

As part of the Paris talks, China has promised to cut emissions at least 60 percent per unit of GDP compared with levels during 2005. It also has promised that its carbon dioxide emissions will reach a peak by 2020.

But in a report this month, Greenpeace East Asia found that China had granted environmental permits to 155 coal-fired power plants during the first nine months of this year, or about four per week.

“If they go into operation, the power plants would have serious environmental and health consequences,” Greenpeace said in a news release.

It added that the 155 plants would emit an annual quantity of carbon dioxide “equivalent to 6 percent of China’s current emissions and seriously exacerbate water scarcity issues.”

In Beijing, the United Nations used its China Weibo account to post a photo of the city’s smog on Monday. It noted the Paris climate conference was about to start and posed a question: “What expectations do you have?”

Hundreds of Chinese netizens responded, some questioning why the U.N. was highlighting their country’s pollution problems.

Still, some said they were hopeful the Paris summit would result in an agreement that might help the environment, worldwide and in China.

“Today’s air pollution is very bad, fog filling the sky,” wrote one commenter, using the pseudonym of Heaven’s Eye. “As a nature lover, I expect that the Paris climate change meeting will reach an agreement to cope with our challenges.”

## GOP vote to gut Obamacare is moot without 2016 election wins

By **William Douglas**  
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Republicans got the closest they’ll ever get to repealing Obamacare Thursday \_ unless and until they win the White House or bigger majorities in Congress.

The Senate voted 52-47 to gut the Affordable Care Act \_ and strip federal financing for Planned Parenthood \_ by using a budget process allowing the Republican majority to bypass Democratic filibusters, which have stalled all repeal efforts in the past.

The budget process required just 51 votes, not the 60 needed to overcome a filibuster. The House of Representatives has repeatedly passed repeal measures only to see them die in the Senate.

However, the Senate approval late Thursday and the all-but-certain House approval soon are at best a moral victory and talking point for Republicans in the coming campaigns for president and control of the Congress.

The bill will go at last to President Barack Obama. But the White House guaranteed Thursday that he will veto it. And the GOP lacks the two-thirds votes needed in each chamber to override his veto.

“Rather than refighting old political battles by once again voting to repeal basic protections that provide security for the middle class, members of Congress should be working together to grow the economy, strengthen

middle-class families and create new jobs,” the White House Office of Management and Budget said in a statement.

Republicans were undeterred by the symbolic nature of their action, using the vote to bash the law they say is driving up costs and limiting choices for consumers.

“The value is to let him know, the president, and others, that there’s a big division in this country, and a lot of us don’t like it, and the American people don’t like it,” said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

Americans indeed do not like it, but not by anywhere near a wide margin. A recent Gallup Poll found Americans disapproving the law by a 52 percent to 44 percent margin. A Quinnipiac poll in July found them opposing it by 52 percent to 43 percent.

“It’s defined by failure,” said Senate Majority

Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. “It’s punctuated with hopelessness. And the scale of its many broken promises is matched only by the scale of its defenders’ rigid and unfeeling responses to them.”

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called it an “absurd attempt” because the law’s critics lack the votes needed to override Obama’s veto.

“Republicans are forcing another show vote on repeal,” Reid said. “This will be the 16th in the Senate, and honestly, I have lost track of how many in the House. Everyone knows this bill can’t become law.”

While the Republicans had the necessary votes in the Senate to pass the bill, leaders had to work to round them up from some high-profile dissidents such as Sens. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Marco Rubio, R-Fla.,

both candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, and Mike Lee, R-Utah.

The three opposed a House version earlier this fall, complaining it didn’t go far enough.

All ended up voting for it Thursday. Lee said the vote “lays the groundwork for Obamacare to be erased from the books altogether.”

One key to gaining their support was the decision to add the language stripping federal financing for Planned Parenthood. The health care provider gets \$450 million of its \$1.3 billion annual budget from the federal government, though none by law can be used to pay for abortions.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, a group that opposes abortion, pressed Cruz and Rubio to support the legislation. “Without their leadership and support of this effort, this bill likely cannot get to 51 votes,” Dannenfelser said on the conservative Red State blog.

Two Republians voted against the measure \_ Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Mark Kirk of Illinois.

A Democratic proposal to restore the funding, and approve \$1 billion for security at women’s clinics, failed 54-46.

“I’ve heard from so many women and men who are tired of women’s health being undermined, threatened and used as a political football here in Washington,” said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington.



**U.S. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL**, R- Kentucky, waits for the start of the State of The Union address by President Barack Obama on January 20, 2015, in the House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



# STUDENT LIFE

## HUMANS OF USU: The figure skater



PHOTO BY **Johnny Morris**

**MADISON MONTGOMERY, KNEELS TO THE ICE** at the finish of her well performed routine during the 14th annual Winter Wonderland, presented by the Cache Valley Figure Skating Club. Montgomery is coached by USU student Sydney Longhurst.

By **Ashley Stilson**  
WRITER

Crowds bundle together in the frigid stadium, watching the ice with bated breath.

The spotlights blaze to life, illuminating the silhouette of Sydney Longhurst on gleaming skates. Music sends the figure skater coasting across the floor. With sashays, jumps and spins, the skater introduces the audience to the art of figure skating, which she has been intrigued by since kindergarten.

Last Saturday, Longhurst performed at the 14th annual Cache Valley Figure Skating Club show. She is also the club's coach.

The family and consumer sciences education freshman discussed her passion for skating and coaching.

**UTAH STATESMAN:** How long have you been coaching?

**Sydney Longhurst:** I've been coaching group lessons for two years. I started picking up private students in June just this summer. There were three of my students in the show.

**US:** Who were they?

**SL:** Little Andie Shepard, Camie Yuan and Acacia Yuan. It was fun to see them perform

and be successful.

**US:** What did you think of when you saw the performance?

**SL:** I think it's so rewarding for them and I love seeing how much fun they have. We coach and we work on things and we practice so hard, and it's so fulfilling to see the smile on their face. To see how much fun they are having, that they really do love it.

**US:** Why do you skate?

**SL:** I grew up in Logan, and [Cache Valley Figure Skating Club] sends out flyers to elementary schools to teach skating classes. We do school outreach here — elementary schools can come and coaches like me can teach them for 30 minutes. We let them play and mess around on the ice. We show that ice skating is a fun thing to do. That's what sparked my interest. I was in kindergarten, got a flyer, learned to skate for two years then started taking private lessons. And now I'm here after 12 years.

**US:** What are the skate levels of figure skating?

**SL:** Obviously there are basic skills. Then it goes into jumping. There's different jumping

levels: single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps. As far as competitions go, I've competed in Idaho, California, Nevada and Arizona. That's our region. Then there is sectionals, nationals, worlds, but that's not for me.

**US:** Where do you want to go with skating?

**SL:** I reached my peak when I was about 14 so I just do shows, I don't compete anymore. I've tested out. I just like to do shows and coach. I love to share my passion for skating with little ones and show them how. That's what my goals are for now. I come here to skate twice, three times a week. I also work here. I coach and work at the front desk. I basically live here.

**US:** What are some difficulties in skating?

**SL:** It's very mental. Because it's an individual sport, it's all on you. When you go to competitions and someone's judging you and you're the only one out there, it feels like you're under a lot of pressure. But obviously everything can't be perfect. It's definitely a mental health sport. We have tons of adults who take learn to skate to recover from an injury. It's just strength training and balance.

**US:** Do you get nervous performing?

**SL:** I'm not really nervous anymore. At the beginning I shake, in my starting pose, but once I get started it's OK. The spotlight's kind of hard sometimes. It kind of blinds you sometimes and you lose where you are.

**US:** How often do you practice?

**SL:** Two hours a day, four or five days a week. I'm here a lot. If I have a day and I just am so exhausted, I will come skating. I just needed to come and skate around. I do a lot of off-ice training a lot too.

**US:** Off-ice training?

**SL:** You do off-ice jumping with shoes on instead of skates. Strength training. You train yourself all around.

**US:** What would you say to someone who aspires to be a skater?

**SL:** Have a love for it. First you have to love something, be passionate about something. That's what I believe in all of life, really. If you're passionate about something you'll be able to do it. So just come into public and have a good time and love it.

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## BROKE AS A JOKE: HOW STUDENTS CAN BUDGET BETTER.



PHOTO BY **Kyle Todecheene**

**BRAYDON MERCHANT (LEFT) AND JEREMY LITTLEWOOD (RIGHT)** looking through the iPad products at the book store.

By **Whitney Howard**  
WRITER

Most students don't have a lot of money, a fact that doesn't surprise some.

College is often the first time many students are responsible for their own finances.

Working a low-paying job, scraping by and having student loans awaiting after graduation can seem overwhelming. However, students can build better financial habits regardless of income.

### Make a budget

Sit down and figure out where money is going. There are fixed expenses that are consistent from month-to-month, such as rent or utility bills. Set aside money for these expenses first, said Kathleen Riggs, an extension professor for Utah State University's Cedar City

campus.

### Next, factor in the expenses that fluctuate.

"Sometimes the flexible ones are the ones that catch people by surprise," Riggs said. "For example, a cell phone bill might fluctuate. One month it might be \$25 and the next \$50, depending on how often you're on your data plan," Riggs said.

### If the budget isn't working, reevaluate

Actually sticking to the budget requires self-discipline, said Chris Skousen, the Associate Department Head for the School of Accountancy at USU.

One reason a budget may not work at first is because it's unrealistic.

"One of the first things you have to ask is, 'Do I have a realistic budget? Is it really attainable? Is it practical?' It may not be," Skousen said. "You really need to set up a practical

budget that is really within the financial parameters that you have."

### Avoid impulse spending

Paul Owen, a masters of accounting student at Utah State, has a motto: "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." Owen avoids impulse spending by taking the time to think over purchases.

"Whenever I'm thinking about buying something, even if sometimes I feel like I really need it, like that's the first thing I kind of look at," Owen said. "I think that's the thing that gets the most people, when they can't avoid that impulse. Even if it's just two minutes, step back from the purchase and kind of analyze, 'Why am I getting this?'"

### Consider the long-term

Spending loan money or swiping a credit card may

see **BUDGET** page 9



# The Parade of Gingerbread Houses takes over Main Street



(left) **STORK LANDING HAS A GINGERBREAD** house like the house in the Disney film "Up". Many local businesses downtown have a variety gingerbread houses on display through the holiday season. (top, right) **ANDERSON'S SEED AND GARDEN** gingerbread house display is themed for the upcoming Star Wars film. Many local businesses downtown have their gingerbread houses on display through the holiday season. (bottom, right) **U&I FURNITURE'S GINGERBREAD HOUSE** is elaborately decorated with all kinds of eatable treats. Many local businesses downtown have a variety gingerbread houses on display through the holiday season.

By **Miranda Lorenc**  
SENIOR WRITER

Gingerbread houses — a holiday tradition on par with paper snowflakes and decorated trees have once again paraded downtown to stores along Main Street.

A local holiday tradition, the Parade of Gingerbread Houses is organized every year by the Logan Downtown Alliance.

"They do it every year," said Lydia Tullis, a freshman in the art department. "Local businesses house them, people in the valley volunteer to make them, they pay for the materials."

This year eight stores along Main Street have volunteered to showcase the sugary homes, made and donated by members of the community.

"We just like to cruise around downtown and check out all the shops and walk around and

see them and support it so everybody does it," said Taia McGinnis, a Cache Valley resident.

The event is a great way to support the local businesses that give downtown Logan the historic and independent business feel to it, said Pat McGinnis, Taia's husband.

"I mean, that's why we come," he said, "because it's a good part of our community, so you kind of have to support it and it helps remind you to come to these stores and support it. I think it's a good thing."

Each gingerbread house has a different, creative design. Some were based on movies like "Star Wars" and "Up," and others others took the form of a gnomeshouse, a barn, a garden and more.

"This one is probably the most elaborate I've ever seen," said Nate Bosworth, co-manager of U&I Furniture, "and she's got a lot of cool faces and owls and I can see like the little elf guy

here on the side. She's really talented as far as that kind of looks."

Bosworth said the artist of the gingerbread house in his store had finished the house the night before she had to go in for breast cancer surgery.

"Apparently she stayed up really late doing it, like the night before it was like due here or whatever," he said, "I guess it got her mind off the surgery."

Materials used to make and decorate the gingerbread houses were as varied as their artist's designs. Rice crispy treats, chocolate, coconut and jelly beans were common in addition to the traditional gingerbread.

Brianna Anderson, employee and architect of the gingerbread house at Stork's Landing, chose to recreate the house from "Up" at the North Pole entirely out of rice crispy treats and gum.

"My husband and I made the house, but there were other people that put money in towards it so that we could make it, so we put their names on it too," she said. "We used close to 250 pieces of gum. It was pretty fun though, we used so much stuff."

The gingerbread houses will be on display until Dec. 31, Anderson said, and visitors are able to vote for their favorites. Three winners will be chosen at the end of the month.

"it's just a fun local event and a lot of work and creativity that goes into them," Tullis said, "and it's just fun to get into the Christmas season and look at them, a nice walk down Main Street."

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## NINE FESTIVE DATES THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK

**Kortni Wells**

You know how everyone likes to mention there isn't much to do in Logan unless there is a sports game or something huge going on up on campus?

Well I just wanted to say I'm pretty sure I just proved that theory wrong, because there is more to do than meets the eye.

Are you looking for something fun to do that will allow you that perfect first date with the girl or guy you've had your eye on during class or that study group you attend every week? Look no further!

There are several things going on in and around Logan that may ap-

peal to your interests while also allowing you the perfect opportunity to ask your significant other on a date. Try catching a play or choral Christmas concert at the Logan Tabernacle or the Ellen Eccles Theatre. How about ice skating at the Ellen Eccles Ice Center? Or maybe a night in with cheesy Hallmark movies and indoor s'mores? Maybe one of the following will suit your fancy:

1. Take a night to drive around in a warm car looking at all the Christmas lights and displays in and around Logan. Make a game out of it and try to find the best display.
2. Invite some friends over for a hot chocolate bar. Make it a white elephant gift exchange and a Christmas party.

3. Go to a nursing home and sing Christmas carols. Invite the residents to sing along or go room-to-room spreading Christmas cheer throughout the halls.
4. Snuggle under a blanket next to a real crackling fire (inside or outside) and read traditional Christmas stories together.
5. Recreate your favorite childhood Christmas memories, whatever they may be. Maybe you really enjoyed the cute Christmas movies of your childhood like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" or "Frosty the Snowman." Watch them together or any other movies you liked as a child.
6. Of course you can never go wrong with anything creative in-

volving food like making gingerbread houses and decorating Christmas cookies then delivering them to people.

7. You're never too old to play in the snow. Make a fort. Build your own Olaf snowman. Go sledding or tubing down Old Main Hill. Have a snowball fight or make cute snow angels. If you're adventurous, go skiing or snowboarding at Beaver Mountain.
8. Become your own hot chocolate critic. Go to five local coffee shops, split a hot chocolate at each one and rate them to find your favorite.
9. If you're looking for something outside of Logan, you can always take a trip to Temple Square in Salt Lake City and spend the day together. Walk around the temple and

look at all the fun lights and Nativity sets. My personal favorite is to take a sleigh or carriage ride around downtown Salt Lake while enjoying your date's company.

I wish all of my fellow Aggies a happy holiday season, and remember, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

— Kortni Wells is a sophomore aspiring to be a journalism student in the spring. She is a proud Idaho 4-H member hailing from Burley, Idaho. She believes you can never go wrong binge watching Netflix, blogging or eating double-stuffed Oreos. Follow her on Twitter @kortniwells.



# SPORTS

## NOT HORISING AROUND

By **Tristan Boyce**  
WRITER

When you have been around horses as long as Carina Marsh has, you gain a certain “horse sense.”

Marsh has used the talents and abilities she has gained throughout her life to help the USU Western Equestrian team return to Nationals in her three years in Logan.

Marsh, a senior from Meridian, Idaho, has been riding horses as long as she can remember.

“I started out doing 4-H and stuff like that,” Marsh said. “Just local shows at home.”

Marsh said the main reason she came to Utah State was for the Equestrian team, and she never even considered any other schools.

Utah State head coach Jason Romney is glad she came.

“She’s had a great impact on the team,” Romney said. “She’s been here awhile now and been an outstanding member of the team ... The kids like to look up to someone, kind of that best rider, which has been Carina this last year. [She] really sets the tone for the rest of the kids on the team.”

Marsh was able to fill the spot that had been left by previous riders who had graduated. She was the only rider on the team that rode in the



**CARINA MARSH, MEMBER OF THE** USU Western Equestrian team, preparing to ride before her practice with one of the teams horses. **PHOTO BY Johnny Morris**

Open Level, the highest level of competition.

“It’s crucial to have a top open division rider for our team, which she has been,” Romney said. “She comprehends, she’s very competitive. That’s very nice to have someone like that ... She’s just a humble student that’s worked her way up and really become successful in what she’s done, so we’re really glad to have her around.”

Last Spring, Marsh was the high-point rider for the entire region. She won the all-around, which qualified her for an individual spot at the national competition in May in Springfield, Massachusetts.

“It was really exciting,” Marsh said, regarding her regional victory. “Overall I was just happy for what I accomplished.”

Marsh added that she’s been working toward it for a long time.

Marsh led multiple riders from Utah State to the national competition.

“The team did awesome,” Romney said. “Everybody placed in the top 10. They really represented last year well at nationals.”

The level of competition increased when Marsh and the team got to Springfield.

“Our region is smaller, and there weren’t very many open riders,

which is the division I was competing in,” Marsh said. “Also, a lot of schools practice every day, and we only have the opportunity to practice once a week. It was a lot stiffer competition, but I still managed to get third out of 25 at nationals.”

Marsh’s third place finish at nationals was good enough to qualify her for the American Quarter Horse Association’s Collegiate Challenge **see HORSE page 9**

## NATION’S YOUNGEST STARTING FIVE HEATING UP

By **Logan Jones**  
WRITER

Teams don’t generally lose four out of five starters at the end of a season, but replacing them with four untested freshmen is especially peculiar.

Such is the case for Utah State women’s basketball, a squad that added nine newcomers in the offseason. By virtue of the influx of young talent, USU now boasts the nation’s youngest starting unit in terms of eligibility — and they’re off to a 3-3 start.

“I think as a whole our freshman class is starting to get some juice going and starting to get some confidence and having some fun out there,” said USU head coach Jerry Finkbeiner.

Stuck in the unique position of building a team from the ground up in his fourth season at USU, Finkbeiner is trusting in his lone second-year starter Funda Nakkasoglu to lead by example. While the sophomore guard certainly has the talent to score in bunches — averaging 18 points per game before her 27-point showing on Friday — her inexperienced supporting cast isn’t far behind.

“I’m most proud of the freshman class, and I’m very content with Funda with her constant leadership and her constant solid play,” Finkbeiner said. “Funda’s very consistent with her game.”

Freshman guard Rachel Brewster has already established herself as the Aggies’ defensive captain early in the season while averaging over 10 points per game. The Melbourne native shot 5-of-8 from the floor in the Aggies latest outing, including 3-of-4 from beyond the arc. Combined with fellow freshmen Katie Toole, Victoria Price and Deja Mason, the nation’s youngest starting five produced 77 points in their last outing — 85 percent of the team’s final score.

And it could’ve been more.

“We want to get better,” Nakkasoglu said. “We want to start running more often.”

Coach Finkbeiner’s run and gun offensive philosophy has the Aggies averaging 73.4 points per game this season while shooting 42 percent from the floor. With an increased emphasis on forced turnovers and transition buckets, those numbers both have yet to reach their ceiling.

Utah State scored 28 points off of 22 forced turnovers Friday, including 17 steals. Defensive tenacity and easy points on the offensive end is a calling card for any team looking to be successful in the MW — for a team notching a little over 7 steals per game it appears as though coach Finkbeiner has the defense moving in the right direction.

“We worked hard on that for a day and half,” Finkbeiner said. “We even had a legit 45-minute workout today where we got after it. We’re trying to get the A-word involved in our game — aggressiveness.”

The Aggies aren’t much of a three-point shooting team, averaging just 28 percent from distance this year, but they do make a habit of getting to the foul line regularly. USU shoots an average of 15 shots from the foul stripe per game, with Nakkasoglu accounting for over half the team’s attempts through six games.

While the Aggies remain unproven against MW foes, coach Finkbeiner’s squad of freshmen aims to turn heads in January. Utah State, ranked 9th in the preseason media poll and just a vote away from being tied with Nevada for 10th, still have three weeks before conference play begins at home against SJSU.

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**VICTORIA PRICE LAYS IN THE BASKETBALL** against Haskell Indain Nations University Friday in the Dee Glenn Smith Spectrum. Price is one of USU’s four starting freshmen. **PHOTO BY Jessica Barber**



# Slaps or snaps: A look at the Aggies preferred hockey shots



**ALEX HERMAN TAKES A SHOT** in the George Eccles Ice Center against Arizona State on Nov. 21.

PHOTO BY **Annie Hall**

By **Kenna Cook**  
WRITER

Slapshots require a lot of force shooting the puck, generally a speed between 60 and 90 miles per hour following a windup.

“When you take a slapshot,” said Aggie forward Alex Herman. “You usually put all your power into it because it needs to beat the goalie based off of speed and power.”

Unfortunately, slapshots often lack accuracy. Videto said that even though you may get a harder shot off with a slapshot, it is less accurate and, due to the windup, takes longer to get a shoot off than a wrist shot or a snapshot would.

Captain Cooper Limb doesn’t take fondly to slapshots.

“I never use them,” Limb said. “They are hard to aim and they take a long time to get off your stick.”

Sometimes with a slapshot, a player will get lucky. Even with the amount of force that goes behind the shot, the

distance from the goal and the time it takes to get the shot off as well as the limited ability to aim make the chances of scoring that way very minimal.

Videto, Herman and Limb are all in agreement that they want the quickest and most accurate shots.

A snapshot, which is most players’ preference, takes key components from both the wrist shot and slapshot. From the wrist shot it takes the accuracy and the quick delivery and the puck speed from the slapshot.

Herman said he usually uses a snapshot because it is his most accurate shot.

“I prefer taking snapshots,” Limb said. “They are more accurate, and they release a lot quicker.”

Videto said that he doesn’t use the slapshot as often as other people.

“Being a forward, I’m usually trying to get quick and accurate shots,” Videto said.

Slapshots tend to occur most often during power plays. They are also a shot choice for defensemen standing at the blue line in the attacking zone. In hockey, slapshots are more talked about and fill up highlight reels, but not the most commonly used shot in the game. They are part of hockey skills competitions for youth as well as Hardest-Shot competition during NHL’s All-Star weekend.

Still, most players do not prefer the use of slapshots. They are meant to startle the goalie with the amount of power behind them for the puck to possibly tip off a part of the goaltender and find its way in to the goal. It’s just chance.

The idea of the snapshot, though, is basic: Get rid of the puck fast and hard.

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## BOWL from PAGE 1

“We are excited to be going to Boise to play in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl,” Bowden said in a press conference on Sunday. “It’s been around for a long time ... It will be an exciting player for our players to go. We obviously are excited for our players to go out there as a

reward for their accomplishments.”

The Zips feature a third-ranked rushing defense that allows just 89.8 yards per game. They are also ranked 17th in total defense giving up 328.5 yards per game. Senior linebacker Jatavis Brown is the star of the de-

fense and was the MAC Defensive Player of the Year and earned first team honors.

Utah State enters the game with the 14th ranked pass defense allowing only 180 yards per game while also holding a top-40 rankings in 16 different categories. Se-

nior linebacker Kyler Fackrell and junior Nick Vigil lead the Aggie defense. Fackrell ranks No. 1 in the nation with five fumble recoveries and Vigil is tied for fifth in the nation in total tackles at 11.7 tackles per game.

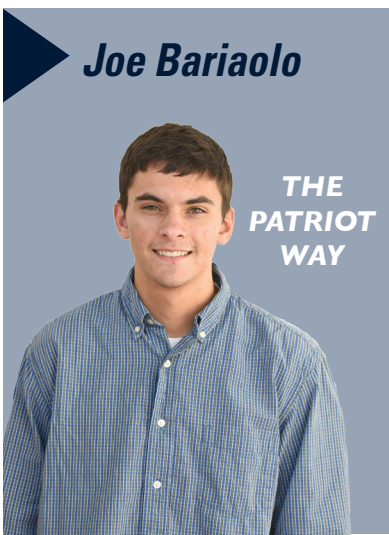
“We are really excited

about this year’s matchup between Utah State and Akron,” said Kevin McDonald, Executive Director, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. “It will be great to have Utah State return to the bowl since they have a fantastic regional fan base and always bring excitement to Boise. We are

also thrilled to host Akron for the first time and look forward to their big defensive play on the field.”

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# Goodbye Kobe: I’ll always love to hate you



When you grow up as Celtics fan, you learn to hate the Lakers around the same time you learn the alphabet.

Most other NBA fanbases have a similar opinion, but when you’re born in New England, it’s tradition to hate the purple and gold. The rivalry goes way back to the ‘50s, but for our generation, Kobe Bryant was our reason to hate the Lakers. Kobe was cocky, arrogant, and he seemed to think that he levitated above everybody else.

He was also very good. Bounces always seemed to go his way, refs liked to protect him, and he has five rings. He was the perfect candidate to be the most hated player in the league.

Kobe rekindled a seemingly dead rivalry when he entered the league in 1996. It’s a rivalry that started back in the ‘50s and ‘60s, where the Celtics won 11 NBA Championships in 13 years, with seven of the wins coming against the Lakers. The rivalry continued in the ‘80s were eight of nine championships were either won by the Celtics or the Lakers. Kobe blessed our generation with the re-

birth of the greatest rivalry ever. He allowed me to enjoy the same rivalry that my parents and grandparents saw decades ago. First it was Russell-Wilt, then it was Magic-Bird, and my generation finally got to enjoy a rivalry of our own in Kobe-Pierce.

When I heard the news that he was retiring after this year, I couldn’t help but feel sad. As much as I hate him, I can’t help but respect him as a basketball player. He played the game with passion, grace and the perfect amount of flash. The night that he scored 81 points was the single greatest performance I’ve ever witnessed, but that’s just the type of player he was. He was an explosive scorer who could find a way to take over the game. If his team wasn’t playing well, he had the ability to go out and win the game on his own.

Kobe had that killer instinct that was only ever seen before in Jordan. He didn’t beat you because he was better at basketball, he beat you because he wanted to win more than you. He would stop at nothing, even if it meant taking every shot for his team. That is what truly separated him from everybody else. He was a winner. That’s the type of player I love, and that is the type of player that everybody wants on their team.

I still hate him with all of my heart, but I appreciate what he has done for the NBA and the world of sports. After 20 years, two numbers and one horrible rap album, it’s been a hell of a career. The NBA will never be the same.

— *Joe is a senior majoring in finance. He would like to point out that Larry Bird is still the best basketball player of all time. Any comments or disagreements can be tweeted @joefish\_2 or emailed to joebaraiolo@gmail.com.*

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# OPINION

## Jewelry ads getting awfully aggressive this Christmas

Logan Jones



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Alright, Kay Jewelers. We're fighting. Here I am, wrapped in blankets on a chilly Sunday afternoon enjoying the unholy beatdown the Seahawks are dealing Minnesota, when a commercial plays — and plays, and plays and plays again. It must have aired a dozen times over the course of one football game. It was a Kay Jewelers

advertisement, claiming we're all currently in the middle of what they term "engagement season." Engagement season? Who gave Kay Jewelers the right to just up and declare us all a part of its so-called engagement season? Since when was fabricating an entire season an acceptable marketing strategy? It can really only be so many seasons at once, and this particular time of year is already packed full of seasons that actually exist. It's the holiday season, football season and pie season all rolled into one glorious winter season. So way to pick the busiest season of all to push your agenda on everyone already broke from Christmas shopping. But perhaps more egregiously, Kay didn't even bother specifying when exactly engagement season started — or when it ends. How simple it

would've been to say "December is engagement season," but nope. The higher-ups wouldn't want to limit such a lucrative ad campaign to one month out of the year, would they? That's some twisted logic, Kay Jewelers. Breast Cancer awareness seems content with just the month of October, but I guess you think engagement season is much more important. From what I can tell, your advertisement is suggesting engagement season spans the entire holiday season before rolling right through January and into Valentine's Day — which I'm still not entirely convinced isn't just another thing you made up to boost sales. So when does it end? Springtime? You can't fool me Kay Jewelers. If winter is engagement season, the transition between spring and summer is almost certainly wedding season. I don't know how you conned

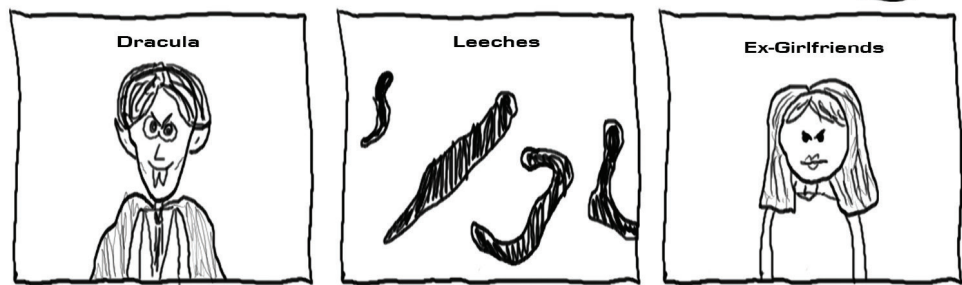
us all into agreeing a wedding ring and an engagement ring needed to be two different rings, but bravo — you're literally the worst. Now engagement season spans half the calendar year. Nevermind your entire business is founded on the principle of guilt-tripping people into assigning their love a monetary value. Nevermind the fact that diamonds aren't actually all that rare, and lab-grown gemstones have been around longer than The Rolling Stones. Nevermind your marketing campaign unintentionally suggests there is an opposite, disengagement season at some point during the year. While all valid reasons to harbor animosity toward your ill-thought-out ad campaign, your sorry excuse for a market research team is what really irks me. It costs a ridiculous amount to advertise during a day-

time NFL football game, and you bought like 12 spots over three hours. Why? Look, I'm as annoyed by sports fan stereotypes as anyone, but there's a reason football commercials lean more toward trucks and beer and less toward jewelry stores. It's true, sports fans were utterly fooled by Rocktober back in 2007, but we've since learned not to put a lot of faith in clever marketing, specifically when it comes to fabricated seasons. If you're trying to get an entire demographic to lap up this so-called engagement season, you're looking in all the wrong places.

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### HASLAM COMIC

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### USUSA VIEW

## THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

By **Madison Maners**  
USUSA PUBLIC RELATIONS AND  
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Last Thursday I left my class at 4:15 and wandered through the first floor of the library. The past week has really kicked my butt. I'm ready to eat Christmas cookies until I pass out from sugar. I found my way to the first floor bathroom and headed to a stall, but something stopped me in my tracks: a sticky note was on the door. "You are worth fighting for," it read. Then a second person had added, "We all are." And a third wrote, "Thank you." Whoever left these notes changed my semester. This reminder of human kindness and vulnerability was just what I needed last Thursday. It's so easy to get trapped in the endless pit of assignments, expectations and GPA calculations — especially when there's

only 10 days left in the semester. And no, I'm not counting. I hope I'm able to remember that every person is worth fighting for. I hope I'm able to be better. And I hope I'm able to pay forward the goodwill that was shared with me. To all the fellow Aggies out there: Our Canvas to-do list might be long right now but it's going to be worth it when we click "submit" on that final assignment. Let's enjoy the hectic pace while we can and remember that at the end of the day, while we're wishing we were home with our families, we're surrounded by our Aggie family every day. And each of us is truly worth fighting for.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## THE LINK BETWEEN IDLING VEHICLES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

What's the link between idling vehicles and global climate change? Both deal with quality of life for which each of us has responsibility. As the winter inversion season sets in with a vengeance, we need to drive less, chain our trips to reduce cold starts, car pool, take the bus, and, easiest of all: STOP unnecessary idling, especially when the engine is cold! Placing an old towel or blanket over the windshield will keep it frost free and prevent the need to scrape the window. Be kind to your vehicle; cold idling is bad for the engine. How is this linked to climate change? Taking responsibility for reducing toxic air pollution at home is the first step to acknowledg-

ing our over-use of fossil fuels. Simple steps can help reduce both local air pollution and the effects of climate change. In "Global Climate Change and Children's Health" the American Academy of Pediatrics describes how children will be disproportionately harmed by climate change: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/120/5/1149>. full. Climate change is scientific fact. Acknowledge your personal responsibility and take a small step to minimize the negative effects of driving.

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# BACKBURNER

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## GET CAUGHT READING



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“I really like the sports section.”

## HORSE

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**A HORSE STARES DOWN** a Statesman photographer. The horse is a member of the USU Western Equestrian team.

in Oklahoma City. The Collegiate Challenge invites the top 16 riders in the country from both the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association to compete. “Down there, I was competing against NCAA riders that get scholarships. They got recruited to their schools,” she said. As tough as the competition was at Nationals, it was even tougher in Oklahoma. “It’s a lot bigger show,” Marsh added. “Every year, my goal was to make it to nationals, and that only happened my junior year. I honestly only found out about the Oklahoma competition a month before, so that was another intimidating thing.” Marsh graduates this spring with a degree

in exercise science. “I haven’t asked her to coach. I’ve been wanting her to be on the team though,” Romney said. “As far as her being here, it’s really been beneficial. She’s always so supportive.” Her future holds trail rides with her soon-to-be husband, Kaden Price, and hopefully living in a house with a couple of acres and a few horses, including Price’s mule. “I went for just the experience because not many people have the opportunity to go there,” Marsh said. “The show was a lot of fun, and I had a good ride.”

## BUDGET

from PAGE 4



**KYLE TODECHEENE** | PHOTOGRAPHER  
**KASI CONDER (LEFT) AND MARLEY CHAMBERLAIN (RIGHT)** look for scan trons for an up coming exam.

be an enticing short-term option, but it’s a temptation best avoided due to long-term implications, Riggs said. “[Students] think, ‘The money’s there. It’s for me to use,’ and they just forget,” Riggs said. “There’s temptations to use any resources you have in ways that are not responsible.” **Saving is satisfying** In a fast-paced world where people get irritated if they wait more than five minutes for a drive-thru hamburger, patience is underutilized. However, delayed gratification via saving for big purchases can be much more satisfying. “If you’re taking care of your finances, budgeting and maintaining those, and eliminating that debt that just hangs over your head at all times, it’s very rewarding to know that, ‘Yeah, I budgeted, and now I can splurge,’” Skousen said. **Take advantage of student discounts** College students are in a position to take advantage of various discounted (or even free) events and food. “I really would encourage the students to take a look at what’s available with student discounts,” Riggs said. “Those things are

there for that reason, to help students enjoy culture and entertainment for less.” **Don’t forget fun** While bills are important, fun is as well, Owen said. “If you do make a budget, it’s always going to fail if you don’t provide for some fun,” Owen said. “If not, then it’s no fun and then no one wants to do it because it’s no fun.” **It’s worth being financially responsible** Budgeting may seem grueling. However, there is comfort in knowing that there is money to fall back on, should expenses come up, Owen said. Since finances are the most stressful aspect of a lot of people’s lives, it’s worth building good habits now, Skousen said. “While budgeting can be a pain in the backside, and then maintaining that budget and living within its parameters can be an even bigger pain in the backside, the rewards for considering, thinking about and implementing a financial plan are well worth it,” Skousen said.

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# LOGAN POLICE BLOTTER

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
• This is a report of a rabbit that was attacked by a cat located at 200 Riverbend Rd.  
• This is a report of a Shih Tzu running loose in the area of 100 West 1400 North.  
• 911 hang up at a local church building.  
• Officers responded to Riverwalk Drive on the report of a fire. The fire was quickly contained and put out.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
• Report of a citizen dispute in the area of 1400 North Main Street. The complainant stated she and a male

individual were in a dispute over driving in a parking lot. Upon further investigation the dispute was found to be verbal only.  
• Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 500 W Center. The complainant wanted a vehicle moved off the lawn at an apartment complex. An officer contacted the property owner and she did not want the vehicle moved.  
• An officer responded to a domestic dispute in the area of 450 W 950 N. The complainant stated they could hear a couple fighting. It was determined there had been no crimes committed. The parties were

separated.  
• Officers responded to a report of a hit and run in the area of 900 Canyon Road. DI9 was completed.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
• Received CyberTipline report #723319 from the Utah Attorney General’s Office; this case will remain under investigation.  
• Complainant reports a male wearing a dark jacket with a yellow stripe jumped into the bushes by McDonalds and he thought it was suspicious behavior. Several officers responded and searched the area and could not locate the

suspect.  
• Report of a fraud in the Logan area. The complainant called to report fraudulent charges made on her credit card. Officers do not have any suspects at this time.  
• Officers responded to 700 E 1000 N to assist the fire department at a possible structure fire. It was found that some food had been overcooked and was smoking badly. No police action was taken.  
• This is a report of a dog being neglected and tied outside without shelter located at 200 East 300 North.

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State you are there to support USU Gymnastics club and order what ever you like, 11:00 am

BRING A SENIOR TO LUNCH

Pioneer Valley Lodge  
Free, 12:00 pm

CACHE DUP MUSEUM

Cache DUP Museum  
Free, 3:00 pm

60 YEARS OF CHIRSTMAS BIRD PRESENTS

Willow Park Zoo  
Free, 6:00 pm

TABERNACLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES

Logan Tabernacle  
Free, 7:00 pm

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Caine Lyric Theatre-Utah State University  
\$5-\$10. Kids \$5, Adults \$10, \$6 per ticket for groups of 5 or more, 7:00 pm

THURSDAY DEC. 10

IPAD CLASS

North Logan City Library  
Free, 2:00 pm

TABERNACLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES

Logan Tabernacle  
Free, 7:00 pm

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Caine Lyric Theatre-Utah State University  
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Sky View High School  
\$11-\$13. See event website for details. Family and group discounted rates are available, 7:30 pm

FRIDAY DEC. 11

HARDWARE RANCH WMA SLEIGH RIDES

Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area  
\$3-\$5. Tickets are sold in the Vistors Center. \$5 ages 9 & up, \$3 ages 4-8, children 3 & under are FREE, 10:00 am

VISIT THE ELK

Hardware Ranch  
\$3-\$5. \$5 ages 9 and up, \$3 ages 4-8, children 3 & under are FREE, 12:00 pm

JAN BRETT BOOK TOUR

Mt. Logan Middle School Auditorium  
Free, 6:00 pm

TABERNACLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES

Logan Tabernacle  
Free, 7:00 pm

STARRY NIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

USU Performance Hall, USU campus  
\$15, 7:00 pm

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JUANITO BANDITO'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Ellen Eccles Theater-Cache Valley Center for the Arts  
\$16-\$28. Child's prices available, 7:30 pm

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Sky View High School  
\$11-\$13. See event website for details. Family and group discounted rates are available, 7:30 pm

THE ANTICS COMEDY IMPROV


Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre  
\$5, 9:30 pm

SATURDAY DEC. 12


HARDWARE RANCH WMA SLEIGH RIDES

Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area  
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