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STORY IN NEWS

A parched Utah community has asked the feds to resume review of a contentious pipeline project



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Iron County takes Pine Valley water pumping off pause

by *Leia Larsen*

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A controversial pipeline meant for a water-strapped but rapidly growing Iron County community is back on the table.

The Pine Valley Water Supply project had been placed on hold, at the local water district's request, for

two years. But the Bureau of Land Management quietly announced late last month that it was resuming an environmental review of the pipeline and its associated wells, solar farm and transmission lines.

"It's very much needed," said Paul Monroe, general manager of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District, the agency behind the project. "It's the lifeblood of our community. It's going to be our future."

Cedar Valley, which includes Cedar City, Enoch and Kanarrville, has no major rivers and depends entirely on wells for its water supply. But its groundwater has been dwindling for decades. Central Iron County communities currently pump around 7,000 acre-feet more each year than the aquifer can sustainably recharge – about enough water to support 14,000 households. The dropping aquifer has caused wells to run dry, the ground surface to sink and resulting damage to roads, homes and other structures.

A state-mandated groundwater management plan went into effect for the area in 2021, which will mean a 75% cut to the cities' existing water rights by 2070. Meanwhile, Iron County continues to grow

– its population is expected to balloon by 70% in the next 40 years.

To meet current and future demands, Central Iron County Water Conservancy District looked to the aquifer beneath Pine Valley in neighboring Beaver County, filing water rights for 15,000 acre feet in 2006. The plan calls for 15 wells and a 66-mile pipeline that will pump the valley's groundwater to thirsty Cedar Valley communities, all powered by a 200-acre solar farm.

But the project has met strong opposition from local ranchers, the Indian Peaks Band of Paiute, environmental groups and Beaver County officials who worry the pumping project could impact local water rights, and have adverse effects on aquifers many miles away, from Great Basin National Park to the Great Salt Lake.

"The juice is not worth the squeeze so Cedar City can continue to sprawl and use its existing water supplies recklessly," said Kyle Roerink, executive director of the Great Basin Water Network.

The water district has vowed to work with other water users if their project causes disruptions.

But the water district requested federal agencies pause review of the project in May 2023, Monroe said, after they received a deluge of public comments raising concerns over the region's hydrology.

Additional review, he said, revealed "nothing alarming, nothing surprising."

The Bureau of Land Management did not respond to interview requests, but its website for the project notes the agency expects to finalize the

review required by the National Environmental Policy Act this fall.

President Donald Trump's administration has said it will fast-track environmental reviews for projects on federal lands, starting with the Velvet-Wood uranium mine in southeastern Utah. But Monroe said he asked BLM to restart review of the Pine Valley project in July — long before Trump began his latest term — and the decision had nothing to do with politics in Washington.

"We're not policymakers," Monroe said. "Our directive is to make sure water is here and available for the next 50 years."

And while the Trump Administration has also cut staff and called for budget cuts at federal agencies like the BLM and U.S. Geological Survey, Monroe said he does not foresee any delays to the NEPA study.

Next steps will include engineering plans and developing a financial package to pay for the project. The district projected a \$260 million price tag in 2019, which would drive up existing ratepayers' water bills by \$45 a month, assuming no growth or federal and state financial assistance. The project cost has likely grown by 30%, Monroe said, due to inflation.

The district sought a \$4.8 million appropriation from the Legislature in 2022, mostly from the now-spent federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars, but lawmakers did not fund the request.

In 2024, however, lawmakers earmarked \$500,000 to study water the needs of both western Beaver County and Cedar Valley.

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10th Annual Water Festival Returns June 28 with Family Fun, Education, and Conservation Awareness



from Jessica Staheli

CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

CEDAR CITY, UT — A decade of water-wise celebration! The 10th Annual Water Festival is set to make waves once again in Cedar City. Hosted by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District and Southwest Plumbing Supply, this free, family-friendly event takes place Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Main Street Park in Cedar City.

This special milestone year celebrates ten years of community engagement, education, and fun—all centered around the importance of protecting and preserving our water resources. The festival continues its mission of connecting residents with water experts, hands-on activities, and sustainable solutions in an engaging and festive atmosphere.

“We’re proud to be celebrating the tenth year of the Water Festival,” said Paul Monroe, General Manager of the Water District. “Over the past decade, this event has grown into a beloved tradition that inspires awareness and action when it comes to our most vital resource—water.”

Festival highlights include:

Educational Exhibits & Water Experts

Interactive booths will provide valuable information on local water issues, efficient irrigation products, water-wise landscaping (including Localscapes), rebate programs, and free water checks. Meet experts from USU Extension, Division of Water Resources, Dixie National Forest, and Utah Water Ways.

Activities for the Whole Family

This year’s festival promises more fun than ever with:

- Foam cannon fun for kids
- Bounce houses and inflatable obstacle courses
- Sports, lawn games, and other outdoor activities
- Attendees can also enter giveaways to win a smart sprinkler controller and gift cards for water-efficient landscape supplies.

Live Music by Enoch Rising

Enjoy the sounds of local band Enoch Rising, performing live during the event. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for some great music under the summer sky.

Food & More

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Community members can enjoy a fun foam cannon, inflatables, food and vendor booths, and much more at the Water Festival on June 28th.



Running Toilet: Residents can apply for several rebates, including one for water efficient toilet replacements, on utahwatersavers.com.



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Kids and Adults can learn from experts about important water issues and proposed solutions at the Water Festival on June 28th.

Higher Ed, attendees can enjoy free hot dogs starting at 11 a.m., while supplies last. Food and merchandise vendors will also be on-site with tasty offerings and local products.

This 10th anniversary celebration wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of our Water Festival sponsors. Special thanks to our Summer Storm Sponsors: Ensign Engineering, Mountainland Supply, and Munford Contractors. A full list of sponsors can be found on the festival webpage.

Join us in celebrating 10 years of conservation, community, and fun! For more information, visit cicwd.org/waterfestival/ or call (435) 865-9901.

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IRON COUNTY FORECAST

LOOK FOR SUNSHINE AND GUSTY WINDS TO STICK AROUND THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. HIGHS WILL WARM INTO THE 90S WITH OVERNIGHT LOWS IN THE 60S. A COOLER TREND LOOKS TO ARRIVE FOR MOST OF NEXT WEEK.

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WINDS: NW 15-25

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
81°/50°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: NW 5-15

TUESDAY
Partly Sunny
83°/52°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: NW 5-15

WEDNESDAY
Partly Sunny
85°/53°
PRECIP: 10%
WINDS: W 5-15

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FROM THE EDITOR



**ESTHER
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OFFICE MANAGER

As June unfolds and we reach the halfway point of 2025, I've found myself doing a lot of reflecting on the goals I had made at the beginning of the year. Some of my goals are going better than expected, while others... well, let's just say they've taken a different route.

I also recently celebrated a birthday, which tends to stir up those deep "how did I get here?" kinds of thoughts. Honestly, I never really pictured myself being this age. Not because I thought something bad would happen, but as a kid, adulthood just seemed impossibly far away. Now, I catch myself wondering where the time went.

I miss the simplicity of childhood, when the biggest concern was whether or not I'd like what my mom made for dinner. And from what I hear, life doesn't exactly get less complicated as time goes on. But I've come to believe that every season of life has its own ups and downs, and the most important thing is to live fully right where you are.

I'm truly grateful for the people who've shaped me along the way. Friends, mentors, family, even kind strangers. Each one leaves a mark.

Someone close to me shared something beautiful recently. She said that when she had more kids, she didn't feel like her love had to be divided between them. Instead, her love simply grew. That idea really stuck with me.

So here's to letting our love grow wider, deeper, stronger. Let's surround ourselves with people who help shape us into the best version of who we're becoming no matter the time of year, or what age we are.

WORD OF THE WEEK

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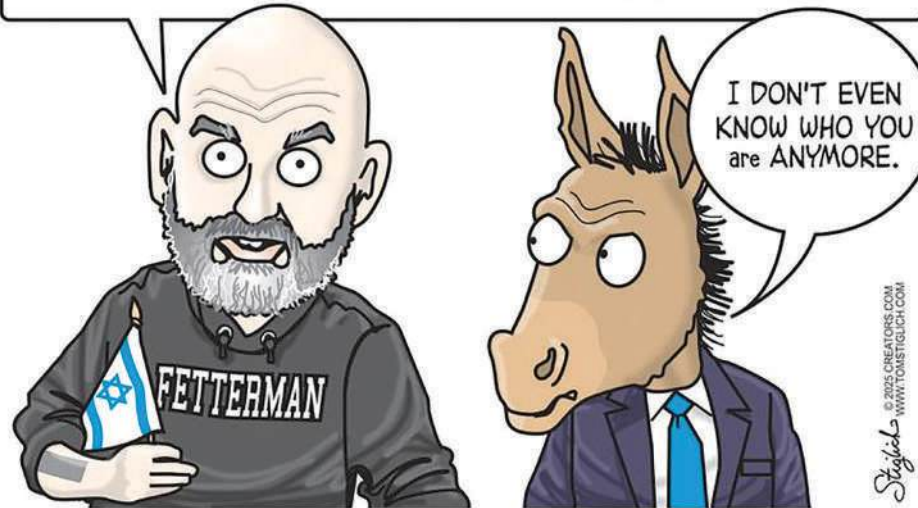
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MY PARTY LOSES the MORAL HIGH GROUND WHEN WE REFUSE to CONDEMN SETTING CARS ON FIRE, DESTROYING BUILDINGS, and ASSAULTING LAW ENFORCEMENT. OH, and ONE MORE THING — GREAT ARMY PARADE!!!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Did we cross the line?

As a conservative Republican I always want healthy progress and development. Progress is good up to a point. I am afraid Iron County has reached that point, maybe even crossed it. There comes a time when overpopulation puts a high demand for essential services like fire protection, schools, police, social services, medical and especially water. Some of us who have victory gardens to rebut inflation know about this. We do not want to have our water rationed or restricted. The next thing is to increase the need for bigger government. Comes now higher taxes. Voila! California has arrived. Is this what we want? How about a building moratorium just to see where we are?

Joe Russo

Who Are We?

PART III

by Edy Meredith

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Are we a people in the United States who are easily led by the Hollywood and media elite, those who monopolize the airwaves through the mainstream news media and entertainment productions or do we elect people who represent our

best interests? We live in a world where information, accurate as well as distorted, is readily available. We know that DNA technology for example has revolutionized our world in many ways. Human DNA, the molecule of inheritance, carries the entire set of instructions for making a complete

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The doctor of the future will give no medication, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, diet and in the cause and prevention of disease."

- Thomas Edison

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person from a single fertilized egg. Once James Watson and Francis Crick revealed its structure, the stage was set for 50 years of world-changing discoveries in more than 20 ways. Two intertwining strands of DNA wrapped around a central axis to form a gently curved double helix which is now so simple, elegant, and complex that we all are still exploring how humans can use this knowledge to improve, not control, our world. We no longer need to just rely upon perhaps inherited beliefs to understand the world we live in because DNA along with learned behavior appear to enable us to see harmful mutations that may lead to curing diseases such as sickle-cell anemia, a blood disorder that mostly affects Africans and other natives of the Mediterranean region. Can DNA science help us improve the world?

Disease prevention: Besides the treatment of sickle cell anemia, other diseases can be predicted and cured. Even certain types of cancer. Sometimes cancer can result from a defect in just one gene that runs in a family, such as the breast-cancer gene BRAC1 and BRAC2. Understanding this has led to the development of breast-cancer tests for women whose families carry the gene.

Upholding justice: DNA has enabled law and justice to find killers who left their DNA behind, even using familial DNA, tracing suspects through family connections, sometimes even through generations and preventing false confessions, protecting the innocent as well as convicting the guilty.

Looking for relatives: DNA testing can establish paternity and maternity beyond reasonable doubt, even in a case where both

are brothers, although not the case with identical twins who share the same DNA sequences.

Use in animals: DNA tests are used to confirm the pedigrees of pet dogs and cats, racehorses and livestock including the protection of declining species.

Determining the history of humanity: DNA testing has shown that Neanderthals and humans are not closely related and that many Icelandic women came from Ireland rather than Norway. Many British Afro-Caribbean people have been shown to be of mixed ancestry due to the British participation in the slave trade.

Determining individual and group heritage: Tests on Egyptian mummies and Russian tsars have settled historical controversies, such as DNA tests on members of the British Royal Family helped to confirm that human remains buried in a pit in Russia were those of Tsar Nicholas II and his family, executed in 1918 by Soviet officials.

Best evidence of the myth of race: At the molecular level, even the myth of race disappears. When scientists studied the DNA of Israeli Jews and Arabs, two groups culturally separated by religions and ethnicity, they discovered a surprisingly small variation with the similarity of DNA sequences across the globe so that perhaps there is historical genetic connection as the Bible states.

Other benefits: Cleaner medicines and better transfusion results, ending of animal patenting, modifying crops to feed the world, confer resistance to pests and herbicides, and improve nutritional content.

Next week: more benefits and warning about the use of science to improve our world. No fear, just education and ethics.

Who determines our ethics, or what is morally good and bad and morally right and wrong? Do we need to look to the ancients for direction in morals?

Cedar City Man Accused of Spraying Neighbors With Bear Spray During Early Morning Confrontation

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A Cedar City man was arrested early Tuesday for aggravated assault after allegedly spraying two neighbors in the face with bear spray during a late-night confrontation at an apartment complex.

Cal Terry Tebbs, 39, was booked into the Iron County Jail on third-degree felony charges following an incident around 1 a.m. on June 11 at an apartment complex located at 111 S. 1400 West.

According to court documents, officers responded to the scene after a 911 caller reported being attacked with pepper spray by a neighbor living in Apartment #50. When police arrived, Tebbs came out of his apartment but said he refused to follow commands to come down the stairs and speak with them.

“I was able to approach Cal and place him in handcuffs for our safety,” the affidavit states. “I explained to Cal he was being detained and asked him to explain what happened.”

Tebbs told officers that people were banging on his door and that when he stepped outside to confront them, one of the men appeared to be reaching for a weapon. He claimed to have surveillance footage of the incident and allowed officers to view it on his phone.

But the officer said the video told a different story.

“Cal exited his apartment building and immediately sprays (sic) both of the males directly in the face with bear spray,” court documents state. “I did not observe either one of the subjects attempt to reach for anything.”

After being read his Miranda rights, Tebbs agreed to speak with officers. When asked what the weapon looked like, he said he didn’t see what it looked like — only that one of the men was reaching into his pocket, which he

perceived as a threat.

Tebbs said there had been people banging on both his front door and a shared wall, and that he went outside to confront the two men outside his apartment. Tebbs claimed one of the men appeared to be reaching for a weapon, though he said he hadn’t seen what the weapon looked like.

But according to the affidavit, surveillance footage showed the two men just walking up the stairs when Tebbs came out and sprayed them. The officer told Tebbs that, based on the timing, the two individuals could not have been the ones making noise at his door.

“I explained to Cal that the two males walking up the stairs could not have been

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Cedar City Council Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

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The meeting opened with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A community relations officer presented two logo options for the America 250 campaign, which will temporarily alter the city's logo to acknowledge America's 250th birthday. The council unanimously selected option two, which features fewer stars on the banner and more closely resembles the American flag. This branding initiative will begin July 1st and will be incorporated into letterhead, social media, and promotional materials.

The mayor introduced the candidates who have filed to run for office in the upcoming election. Incumbents Councilman Scott Phillips and Councilman Ron Riddle are seeking reelection, while Kathy Long is running for city council. For mayor incumbent, both Steve Nelson and Phil Schmidt have filed candidacy papers, with both candidates expressing their commitment to a respectful campaign focused on serving Cedar City. Emily Rhodes and Rebecca Faith Munn have also filed candidacy papers for Mayor.

Five council members attended the American Waterworks Association convention in Denver, where they explored new water treatment technologies and inspected the 38 filter vessels planned for the canyon project. They also met with a company relocating to Cedar City, which manufactures PVC pipe fittings that eliminate the need for ductile iron.

The convention emphasized water reuse, with Utah forming a 70-city coalition focused on wastewater reuse—an area where Cedar City is ahead. The team also learned about rapid tank rehabilitation methods that could cut project timelines from four months to seven days.

Locally, the council reviewed a BLM test well north of current facilities. While water quality was good, elevated iron, aluminum, and turbidity levels require further development. Due to budget limits, they won't seek new bids but will pursue a permanent lease on the site for future use.

The council approved a petition to annex approximately 82 acres of land near 4500 West and 800 North. They also approved a lease application on federal lands from the BLM and a contract for public defender services. An ordinance was passed to vacate a public right-of-way and utility easement near 803 West 600 South, located next to the seminary building by Cedar High.

A proposal to rename a portion of Old Highway 91 to South Main Street prompted extended discussion and was ultimately tabled for further study. Concerns were raised about potential confusion for emergency services, lack of input from property owners, and unclear road ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Alternatives, such as naming the road "Scenic Drive," were suggested, and staff was asked to gather more information before moving forward.

A key discussion focused on the Coal Creek Emergency Watershed Protection Project. Due to the need for larger rocks from Three Peaks, costs rose by \$142,000. To cover this, funds will be shifted from the Greens Lake Detention Rehabilitation Project, preserving

the city's 25% cost share.

The council also reviewed the 2025–2026 budget, which includes a 5.3% employee raise. Budget changes covered a sewer lab technician overlap, salary studies, tech upgrades, an additional accountant, and higher workers' comp costs due to legislative changes and claim history.

Budget discussions revealed funding strategies for various projects, including the controversial \$1.1 million bonding for the 3900 West water line project and the water meter replacement initiative, which would be funded by consolidating several existing project budgets.

Following the city council meeting, the group transitioned into brief Redevelopment Agency and Municipal Building Authority meetings, where they approved respective budgets and meeting minutes.

Iron County Commission Meeting

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The commissioners approved the minutes from May 27, 2025, and approved warrants for payment covering the period from May 27 to June 8, 2025.

The Economic Development Director shared a year-end report highlighting strong growth. Non-farm jobs rose by 541, and gross taxable sales increased 8% in the last quarter of

2024, matching Washington County and leading southern Utah. A small business grant program received \$340,000 in requests from 44 businesses and awarded \$65,000 to selected winners.

The Iron Springs Inland Port expanded from 900 to 2,300 acres through new industrial partnerships. Seven industrial projects are now committed, including a rotational molding company, a food distributor, and a manufacturer moving into a vacant facility. Local outreach led to 12 of 14 new business meetings and site tours, showing strong results from county-led efforts.

The County Auditor reported that no departments exceeded their budgets last year. A notice from the state auditor flagged non-compliance with sewer impact fees due to the absence of a facilities plan, prompting the county to pursue an RFP for required studies. The property tax roll was completed successfully, with the average home value set at \$431,000. All 58 properties in the recent tax sale were sold online.

News was shared about the jail construction project, final bids confirmed both pod floors can be completed within existing funding, avoiding the need for additional bonding. Increased contractor competition, driven by tariff concerns elsewhere, led to lower costs and broader participation.

The commissioners held a public hearing for a proposed zone change from industrial to commercial for 4.73 acres near Iron Springs Road, close to the landfill. The change aligns zoning with property boundaries to avoid split classifications. The area, classified as tier four, supports multiple uses if infrastructure is available. The property has access to water and septic. With no public comments,

BUDGET SUMMARY

YEAR	STATE OF UTAH	IRON COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	CEDAR CITY	COUNTY POPULATION	INFLATION RATE
2020	\$18,500,000,000	\$64,397,882	\$97,275,145	\$84,121,067	57,286	1.4
2021	\$20,300,000,000	\$68,529,185	\$111,206,179	\$82,661,906	58,672	7.0
2022	\$25,600,000,000	\$80,413,678	\$116,183,977	\$82,219,239	62,508	6.5
2023	\$26,000,000,000	\$78,255,317	\$172,080,787	\$97,198,239	64,211	3.4
2024	\$29,400,000,000	\$67,789,445	\$200,512,950	\$150,125,060	65,765	3.2
2025	TBD	\$132,282,649	\$221,113,931	TBD	TBD	TBD
ANNUAL INCREASE	11.78%	20.57%	21.23%	15.58%	2.96%	4.3

* Information was obtained directly from the governmental entities listed.

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the commissioners unanimously approved the change, adjusting the wording from "light industrial" to "industrial" in the final motion.

During public comment, an update was shared on the proposed practical shooting range. A new site, 2 to 3 acres west of the current law enforcement range, was offered as a donation, providing better access and room for expansion. Commissioners supported the idea but noted legal and liability issues must be addressed. A meeting will be scheduled with the county attorney and others to review similar agreements from Washington County ranges as templates.

The commissioners approved a filming permit for Ultimate Drifting Challenge LLC to shoot promotional material on South Braffits Creek Road, September 5-7. Filming will occur on BLM land along winding mountain roads, with conditions requiring coordination with law enforcement and local contractors. The county's standard event permit process will ensure safety and communication.

The meeting ended with routine business, including approval of a janitorial contract for all county buildings starting July 1, following notice to the previous provider. Personnel actions included a promotion in the recorder's office and a new part-time victim's advocate role. The commissioners then entered a closed session on personnel matters before adjourning.

public & health

AG Derek Brown joins lawsuit to object to 23andMe's proposed sale of consumers' private data

from Madison McMicken

UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Salt Lake City,

UT – Utah Attorney General Derek Brown and a bipartisan

coalition of 27 other attorneys general filed a lawsuit against 23andMe to prevent the company from selling Utahns' private genetic information to another company without their express consent. 23andMe filed for bankruptcy in March of this year. During the current bankruptcy proceedings, the company is attempting to sell millions of Americans' highly personal genetic and health material. The attorneys general argue this kind of information, including biological samples and DNA data, should not be sold without the person's express consent.

"Genetic material is incredibly sensitive and personal – nobody should be allowed to auction this immutable and identifying information off to the highest bidder," said Douglas Crapo, Consumer Protection Deputy for the Office of the Utah Attorney General. "Utahns have the right to control this deeply private information and did not expect it to be sold. We are committed to protecting Utahns' rights and personal data."

"Utahns entrusted 23andMe with their most personal genetic information, under the promise of privacy and protection. The company's intent to sell this data to the highest bidder is an egregious betrayal of that trust and will not be tolerated," said Katie Hass, Director of the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. "Every consumer should have the right to decide how this intimate, personal, and unique data is handled going forward."

Joining AG Brown in filing this lawsuit are the attorneys general from Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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stairs," the affidavit states.

Inside the apartment, officers recovered the canister of bear spray Tebbs admitted to using. Both victims were treated at the scene by medical personnel, and fire crews were dispatched to wash the chemical from the building's handrails.

Officers noted that Tebbs has made multiple complaints about his neighbors in recent weeks, including one instance in which he claimed a neighbor pointed a gun at him. While reviewing video of that earlier incident, officers said they did see a neighbor pull a firearm "from their waistband before looking at the side of the gun and going back into their apartment," but added that Tebbs also requested police stay on scene while he took out the trash that same day, citing fears for his safety.

Officers requested that Tebbs be held without bail, citing concerns that he poses a danger to himself and others due to what they described as "paranoia and irrational behavior," according to the affidavit.

the ones banging on his door if he immediately went outside to confront them due to the fact they were just coming up the



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What each Utah university and college is eliminating under state-imposed budget cuts

The state Legislature cut \$60.5 million from Utah public higher education.

by Courtney Tanner

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

As they took turns presenting their plans to comply with state-mandated budget cuts, each of Utah's public university and college leaders Friday made some version of the same remark: It's been a hard process under the tightest of timelines.

"I think we've learned a lot through this, but it's been difficult," said Shane Smeed, the president of Utah Tech University.

UVU's Vice President of Finance Jim Mortensen echoed him, calling it "challenging." And University of Utah President Taylor Randall said it has forced the school to quickly adjust to a "moment of reinvention."

The eight schools have had less than three months to come up with millions of dollars in cuts — the largest reduction to the Utah System of Higher Education in at least the last decade.

State lawmakers cut 10% of the instruction line item from each school's funding, for a total of \$60.5 million. Their directive: Focus on eliminating "inefficient" majors — or programs that have few graduates and lead to lower paying jobs — to come up with the money. At the University of Utah, for instance, the reduction is \$19.6 million.

Schools can eventually get the money back — but only if institutions show it will be reinvested in high-wage degrees that lead to jobs the state needs.

On Friday, school leaders for the first time formally and

publicly presented their plans. They will have three years to make the changes.

Overall, the plans showed 32% of the money would later be reinvested in health care, specifically, and 19% in engineering.

Here's a breakdown of each plan, in order of the highest to lowest amount of cuts

University of Utah

- **Amount cut:** \$19.6 million.
- **Employee reductions:** Not at this time, but expected later.
- **Courses eliminated:** 484.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 94.

University of Utah President Randall shared fewer details than other school leaders. That's because, he said, the U's plans are still in flux due to federal funding uncertainties under the current presidential administration — which has significantly cut back on research money that the U. relies on.

"We're seeing grants move back and forth," he said. "That affects staff and faculty decisions."

The flagship school has settled on a first phase of cuts, but has tentative plans at the moment for years two and three which Randall called "our best guess right now."

The U. is cutting about \$2 million from administrative costs, which Randall said aligns with the Legislature's intentions. But he didn't specify exactly what would be slashed there.

The university will also sunset 484 courses, some of which had no students enrolled, and 94 programs; the specific majors and minors were also not listed. But the school noted the largest share of the program cuts — 27 — will be from the College of Humanities. Previously, U. Provost Mitzi Montoya said the focus was on majors that graduate fewer than 40 students.

The school is also eliminating a graduate center it had been operating in St. George.

If it earns the money back in the reallocation process, the U. wants to reinvest largely in programs in artificial intelligence, engineering, nursing, biotechnology and behavioral health.

The school also said it's looking at bolstering its required general education courses to focus on civic discussion and debate, which has been a large push from Utah leaders.

Utah State University

- **Amount cut:** \$12.6 million.
- **Employee reductions:** The equivalent of 120 full-time positions.
- **Courses eliminated:** Number not included in the school's presentation.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 14.

USU in Logan was the first school to announce a voluntary retirement program. It's unclear how many of the eliminated positions were

satisfied through that, but of the positions cut, 67 were faculty, 38 were staff and 15 were administrative.

Interim President Alan L. Smith said overall the school found \$3.4 million in cuts related to "administrative efficiency."

Eliminating programs — and making what remains more efficient — amounted to \$5.8 million. Most eliminated programs were bachelor's degrees under USU's College of Education and Human Services. A handful of similar majors were combined to be more effective, and there were also department mergers within the humanities as well as the sciences.

The decisions, Smith said, were based on programs that had low enrollment, low graduation rates and "less successful" professional outcomes. He did not provide details on what that meant, but lawmakers instructed schools to look at job wages.

Smith intends to reinvest money back into "community needs in light of our land-grant mission." That will include the areas of: technology and careers for the future, health and wellbeing in the workforce and student access and success initiatives.

Specifically, the school wants to expand its engineering, aviation, nursing, social work and physical therapy programs. And Smith said he'd like to improve online instruction.

Utah Valley University

- **Amount cut:** \$8.9 million.
- **Employee reductions:** 45 positions, 13 of which were already vacant.
- **Courses eliminated:** Number not included in the school's presentation.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 68.

Mortensen, UVU's vice president of finance, said the school with the largest enrollment in the state braced early for expected cuts by setting aside \$2.7 million last year as a contingency, which "softened the blow for us."

Notably, five staff positions were eliminated with the school's decision to shutter its Center For Intercultural Engagement as part of the cuts, eliminating the affiliated support programs for LGBTQ students, multicultural students and women. That came under HB265, but also in response to the Utah Legislature's ban on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives in higher education.

The school also slashed some faculty positions in favor of lecturers, which Mortensen said allows UVU to offer more classes for less money.

For program cuts, Mortensen said the school looked at majors, minors and certificates that had low enrollment or that were expensive to teach. Those eliminated included a master's degree in nursing education, a specialized business associate degree and a certificate in

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woodworking.

The school didn't say how many courses it would cut, but a large portion will be reduced through streamlining classes. "We started eliminating where there was significant overlap," Mortensen said. "We want to make sure we're putting students in courses that land them in jobs."

UVU is unique among the institutions in that all of cuts will be effective July 1, instead of rolling out over the three-year period. Mortensen said

he didn't want to "prolong the pain."

The university plans to reinvest in engineering, artificial intelligence and health and wellness programs, as well as more tutoring. It also wants to start a laptop checkout program, so students who can't afford one could borrow one to complete their coursework.

Weber State University

- **Amount cut:** \$6.7 million.
- **Employee reductions:** 49 positions.
- **Courses eliminated:** 89.

• Majors, minors or certificates slashed: 31.

Weber State University came up with most of its cuts through eliminating positions. That includes 11 administrative, 10 staff and 28 faculty posts, amounting to \$6.2 million.

All of that came from voluntary resignations, said President Brad Mortensen, or positions that had been left vacant; there were no layoffs. A few of the administrative cuts were done by consolidating colleges to reduce the number of deans.

That included a major move to overhaul the Ogden school's College of Education — which trains a significant portion of the state's K-12 teachers — and fold those programs into other studies at Weber State. There had been 31 education programs at Weber State, which Mortensen said included a lot of duplication or unnecessary "hyper-specialization." Many of those were among the cuts and consolidations.

Overall, the school eliminated 31 programs, which had 209 students across all. Most were in the humanities and liberal arts, Mortensen said. The president had been an early and strong proponent in protecting those programs for the

value they provide to students and the community, but said he was left with few other choices. Most of the faculty and staff cuts were also in the arts and humanities, with seven positions reduced there.

"Certainly those areas did take more of a cut as we pulled things out at Weber State," he said.

Faculty spoke out against those decisions during a heated town hall meeting in April, specifically pushing back against eliminating the minors for queer studies and women and gender studies.

The school will also shutter its West Center in Roy that offered some courses, test administration and a computer lab.

Moving forward, Mortensen said he will reinvest money in efforts to increase student enrollment and retention, including expanding academic advising.

Salt Lake Community College

- **Amount cut:** \$5.2 million.
- **Employee reductions:** 50 positions, 15 of which were already vacant.
- **Courses eliminated:** 237.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 48, with 12 programs consolidated.

Salt Lake Community College's plan stands out for cutting more from its budget than what it was required to by the Legislature. President Greg Peterson said he came up with an additional \$581,620 in reductions for a total of \$5.8 million in cuts.

He said the school regularly cuts programs that have low enrollment, but the process under the mandated cuts "was on steroids just because of the amount." The school is eliminating 237 courses that it says were not directly tied to a degree.

The biggest share of the programs cuts — 18 of the 48 — were centered in the business school. Peterson said there were too many offerings there, and it was confusing students. "Really, more isn't better," he said.

The college also eliminated entirely its School of Arts, Communication and Media, which was its smallest. Those programs will be folded into other schools and departments.

It's cutting or shifting some programs so they will only be taught at Salt Lake Technical College. That includes certificates for those wanting to become emergency medical technicians and firefighters, as well as programs in car repair and manufacturing technology.

SLCC is permanently closing its long-standing Community Writing Center and slashing the library and testing services at its smaller Miller Campus in Sandy.

It will eliminate 50 positions, including five administrative, mostly through layoffs and voluntary retirements.

The school plans to reinvest in film and hospitality programs; the Utah Board of Higher Education raised some questions about that, based on enrollment, but Peterson said there is a high industry demand for both. SLCC will also add 29 positions with the money it gets back.

Southern Utah University

- **Amount cut:** \$3.2 million.
- **Employee reductions:** About 25 positions.
- **Courses eliminated:** Number not included in the school's presentation.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 24.

Of the positions cut at

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Teen on Probation Arrested After Dirt Bike Crash, Accused of Drinking, Driving and Stealing Motorcycle

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

A 19-year-old Cedar City man on probation for a prior DUI was arrested this week after crashing a dirt bike in the mountains east of town — a vehicle that, according to a witness, he had claimed to have stolen earlier in the night.

Maysun Eli Burson faces 11 charges following the June 9 crash, including felony unauthorized possession of a vehicle, DUI, alcohol consumption by a minor, ignition interlock violation and operating a vehicle without insurance, according to court documents filed in 5th District Court.

Deputies were called around 6:30 a.m. to the Braffits Creek area in the Summit Mountain range after receiving a report of a crash involving a dirt bike and an injured passenger. A witness told investigators that a group of underage individuals had been drinking all night, and that Burson had been seen riding a Suzuki dirt bike before the crash.

When deputies arrived at the campsite, they said they found Burson smelling of alcohol, surrounded by empty liquor bottles and beer cans. Burson told them he had only started drinking after the crash “because of the pain.” Later he admitted to drinking multiple shots of whiskey and beers throughout the night and early morning hours, according to the affidavit.

He consented to a preliminary breath test, which registered a blood alcohol level of 0.184 — more than three times the legal limit for adult drivers and well over

the zero-tolerance standard set for minors. Deputies said Burson was already under probation after a prior DUI conviction in January.

The affidavit states Burson had a suspended license, a court-ordered ignition interlock restriction, and no insurance. The female passenger involved in the crash suffered injuries, but the extent was not detailed.

When asked about the dirt bike, Burson claimed he had borrowed it from a friend but could not provide a name, phone number or address for that person. Deputies noted the bike had never been registered.

The crash and arrest come nearly one year to the day after Burson was arrested on June 17, 2024, in connection with the theft of an ATV valued at roughly \$4,000. In that case, he admitted to stealing a three-wheeler while intoxicated after attending a bonfire in the Fiddlers Canyon area, telling police he “thought it was a good idea,” according to court records.

Burson was also arrested in April 2025 for DUI and unauthorized vehicle control after he was found driving another person’s car without permission. Officers said he had four underage passengers, an open container of alcohol, and no valid driver’s license at the time of that traffic stop.

Following the most recent arrest, deputies requested that Burson be held without bail, citing concerns over repeated violations, public safety, and what they described as his failure to comply with probation terms.

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SUU, 6.5 were administrative, 13.6 were faculty and 5.25 were staff. Some of that came through repositioning and retirements, and a handful were layoffs, said President Mindy Benson.

Benson said she looked first at her office. There, she chose to eliminate a vice president post and an assistant to the president for special projects. Those two spots alone amount to \$302,947, she said. And the administrative cuts, overall, account for 48% of the money the Cedar City school had to come up with.

For its plan, SUU is eliminating 24 academic programs. Of the four majors and two minors among those for undergraduates, all are in the liberal arts. That includes art history, French and philosophy.

It’s also abandoning its culinary and uncrewed aviation programs. Those are already offered at nearby Southwest Technical College, and Benson said enrollment didn’t justify both schools having them.

The school hopes it can reinvest in 23 new positions, with time, if it earns its share of the cuts back. Those plans focus on expanding psychology, nursing, business and engineering programs.

It also wants to invest in expanding internship opportunities for students, Benson said.

Utah Tech University

- **Amount cut:** \$2.6 million.
- **Employee reductions:** Number not included in the school’s presentation.
- **Courses eliminated:** Number not included in the school’s presentation.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 17.

The St. George-based school is cutting majors for students who want to become educators in Spanish and theater, as well as a theater directing emphasis. It’s also eliminating its standalone College of Arts, merging those programs into other departments at the school.

Like SLCC, the school will also end its program for those training to become EMTs, with that already offered at its partner institution, Dixie Technical College.

Utah Tech President Smeed said there had been some “small student protests” over those decisions, but he defended the moves as necessary to come up with the required money.

With employee reductions, the school is coming up with about \$700,000. Utah Tech did not provide specific numbers, though, for how many people are impacted. It did note that it will cut one administrative position in athletics and another in the president’s office.

The university plans to reinvest in business, engineering, psychology and health sciences, as well as some in digital media arts with growing film industry needs in southern Utah.

Snow College

- **Amount cut:** \$1.7 million.
- **Employee reductions:** 11 positions.
- **Courses eliminated:** Number not included in the school’s presentation.
- **Majors, minors or certificates slashed:** 8.

As the smallest school in the state and a community college without many specialized degrees, Snow College President Stacey McIff said coming up with the budget cuts was particularly difficult. Snow College mostly offers certificates and more general associate degrees, which

means it didn’t have many programs to eliminate.

It’s discontinuing only a handful of offerings, including French, Italian and media studies. It will no longer have a student newspaper or radio station.

And the college won’t be holding annual convocation ceremonies due to decreasing attendance, McIff said. That, in particular, will save \$62,000 a year.

The bulk of the money will come through having fewer faculty and staff — but none of the reductions are coming through layoffs, McIff said. There are 25 employees at the college who have opted for voluntary retirement. A few of those positions will need to be filled, but not all of them, resulting in a total of 11 eliminated positions and cost-savings by refilling at lower salary rates.

McIff said the hope is to keep Snow College “accessible, affordable and relevant.” With the reinvestment money, the school will expand its education program at the nearby Gunnison Prison. And it will add to existing programs in elementary education, biology and automation technology. The school is also creating new programs in behavioral health and rural entrepreneurship.

Snow, like most schools, got a green light from the board. The U., Utah State University and Weber State University were each granted conditional approval and asked to provide more details to the board over the next few months.

The schools will next seek final approval from the Legislature in August and September.

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Musicians Invited to Play in the Orchestra of Southern Utah

by Amy Gold

OSU MANAGER

Musicians are invited to audition for the Orchestra of Southern Utah on June 26 and 28 at the Heritage Center. "We especially want to build our string section," said Carylee Zwang, OSU Music Director. There are also openings for bassoon, trombones, and French horn. Some of the concerts will also require saxophone. "If you are ready to come back to OSU or you have recently moved here we would love to get you involved. The friendly audition is a way to better connect with our musicians," she said. Musicians range from 8th grade to age 70 plus. OSU musician professions

include doctors, teachers, computer specialists, and many other occupations as well as students. Several Southern Utah University musicians are involved. The Orchestra of Southern Utah is a community orchestra of professionals and dedicated amateurs that presents concerts at the Heritage Theater. This season will focus on American compositions as part of the America250 celebrations. Music from movies, Broadway, rock, and legendary American compositions like Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and Copland's "Rodeo Suite" are scheduled. The spring concert features new compositions from the "Hal Campbell Young Composer Competition". More information on

entering is at <https://www.myosu.org/competitions>. The orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center from late August through the April concert. In addition to the evening concerts there is also a family matinee in October with music, art and science activities plus a shorter concert designed for our youngest patrons, including babies. Excerpts for each instrument, scheduling, and a musician's agreement are all at <https://www.myosu.org/auditions>. "You are invited to get involved with our orchestra," said Zwang. ###
For more information contact Amy Gold at 435-233-8185

Final Friday Art Walk for June 27

by Sara Penny

CCAC VICE PRESIDENT

You are invited to the Final Friday Art Walk on June 27, from 5

to 8 p.m., coordinated by the Cedar City Arts Council (CCAC). Musicians are set for eight locations along Center Street from Artisans to the Southern Utah Museum of Art and down 100 West to the Johnson Art Center and Shape Theory Ceramics. This is a free public event and is designed to be family friendly.

Children are encouraged to stop by the Cedar City Arts Council table for free art supplies and books. Music ranges from country and classical to pop. Art includes painting, jewelry, quilts, and more. The Sagebrush Fiber Artisans provide spinning and fiber demonstrations.

Artists may set up their table displays at 4:30 p.m. on the lawn at 100 West Center Street. There is no vendor fee or application process. Save room for the musicians. If it gets too crowded, we can expand into the Johnson Art Center Parking Lot.

Favorite musicians are scheduled including Coyote Bluegrass, SideNote vocal quartet, and Laughing Larks Flute Ensemble. A new

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Some Stories are True

by Samuel Wells

CCAC BOARD MEMBER

Every child knows that animals can talk. And some adults do too. If you are not one of these fortunate individuals, consider the following definition of the verb to talk: "To convey information or communicate in any way (as with signs or sounds)." That is definition 1b, straight from my Webster's Dictionary. One of the classics of American literature is about talking animals. It was written by Elwyn Brooks (E.B.) White and published in 1952. The book is *Charlotte's Web*. And if you haven't read it recently, you might want to consider reading it again. My neighbor Claudia (a school teacher who cares a great deal about her third graders) did just that, and insists that there are treasures in this book for everyone,

even in an America that is now a very different place. I decided to read it again myself and fell in love with it all over again. Very few of us live on farms anymore, and we don't have the chance to save piglets and name them Wilbur like young Fern Arable. But we know what it feels like to be overlooked, to have bad days, maybe even to feel like a runt at times. I had to laugh when the barnyard goose started repeating herself so annoyingly, because it seemed like I had just picked up my

phone to the same pop-up ad for the hundredth time. And then there is Templeton, the rat, whom nobody likes. He is completely self-absorbed and is certainly not someone to be trusted. Reading about Templeton today, I am reminded of how suspicious we have become of each other. E.B. White was obviously not writing with us in mind when he created the character of Templeton. But his simple story is timeless and we would do well to remember that Templeton played a very important role in the story. It was Templeton, after all, who inadvertently saved the day - a couple of times. I am reminded of the good things that selfish and misguided people can do. I

am also reminded that some stories are timeless because they are true. And, of course, there is the articulate Charlotte, the beautiful gray spider, who lives in the corner of the barn doorway and who writes nice words about Wilbur in her web. She likes Wilbur because he is friendly. But now as I read this story as an adult, I can tell that she also likes him because he is not judgemental. It seems a very natural thing to do, this writing of nice words in a web. And yet it changed everything. The people in the story perceived it as a miracle and it made Wilbur famous; indeed, it saved his life. How perfect, it seems that all of this would come from a creature that so many despise. This is a story to love. It is a page turner and is bittersweet. It makes us laugh and cry because it is so wonderful, because it is so ordinary, and because it is so true.



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Cedar City Star Search.

Artists include the Cedar City Quilt Guild, Southern Utah Watercolor Society, and several individual artists. New artists and venues include Shape Theory Ceramics, Zebulun Szczesny, Gold River Gallery, and Kolob Gallery.

Visit the Johnson Art Center for their Summer Showcase. "We will have performances on the indoor and outdoor stage, not at the same time. We will be holding an art class in the main classroom and Mini Artists will be downstairs in what we call the messy room. We just want to show people the potential usage of the Johnson Center and celebrate our current

participant this year is singer David Williams who recently won the

teachers and facilitators," said Nancy Osborn, JAC community outreach director.

The Art Walks will continue July 25, August 29, and September 26. The CCAC is funded through memberships, the (RAP) Recreation, Arts, and Parks fund, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, and generous donors.

"We appreciate everyone who participates," said Roger Gold, CCAC President. "Come and enjoy the art exhibits and live music on Friday, June 27, from 5 to 8 p.m."

Full Musician Schedule for June 27

June 27

Musicians Scheduled:

The Green, lawn at the corner of 100 West Center
5 to 6 Coyote Bluegrass
6 to 7 Ashley and Justin Patricelli
7 to 8 Southern Utah Handbell Choir

Artisans, 94 West Center
5 to 6 SideNote vocal quartet
6 to 7 Coyote Bluegrass

Stone Path, 150 West Center
6 to 7 David Williams

Johnson Center, 59 North 100 West
5 p.m. Johnson Center Recital with musicians inside

SUMA Plaza, 300 West Center (University Blvd)
5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Laughing Larks Flute Ensemble
Have to stop at 6:45 because of the Greenshow and pre-show talk

IG Winery, 59 West Center
6 to 7:30 p.m. Peter Buis, guitar

Home on the Range, 97 West Center
7 to 8 p.m. The Nielsen Family

Shape Theory Ceramics Community Studio,
173 North 100 West
5:30 to 6:30 Southern Utah String Quartet



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Bees are beginning to earn the respect and adoration they deserve. Today, the presence of bees signifies a healthy environment. We need bees. As Albert Einstein once said: “If the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more man.” Bees collect honey, the sweetest, finest, most health-promoting liquid. They make wax and combs for a thousand purposes, endure hard toil, and construct intricate structures. Bees have a form of government; they pursue individual tasks but follow collective leadership. What’s especially astonishing is that they display manners more advanced than those of most other animals, wild or tame. Nature is so great that from a tiny, ghost-like creature she has made something so incomparable. Bees and their honey constitute one of the miracles of nature, but the process by which it is produced seems almost mysterious unless you see it for yourself. Who are they working for, these tireless little creatures, these wonder-workers, or perhaps little factory workers? The answer is all of us who absolutely love honey. This article will help you understand and hopefully respect the honey bee. More than 80 percent of the world’s flowering plants need a pollinator to reproduce. And we need pollinators too, since most of our food

comes from flowering plants. One out of every three bites of food including fruits, vegetables, chocolate, coffee, nuts, and spices, is created with the help of pollinators like the amazing honey bee. Honey bees have one queen per hive. A queen’s job is to lay eggs and grow the hive for the next generation. She lays around 2,000 eggs a day in the spring when the hive is expanding. She produces a pheromone that only her hive recognizes and can live up to five years. A queen lays eggs in individual cells. If a new queen is needed, the bees will feed a larva royal jelly so it can develop into a queen. The bees uncap the egg after 1–3 days, then continue feeding the larva until the cell is capped around day 9. After that, it develops into a pupa. On day 21, it eats its way out of the cell as a worker bee. A queen takes just 16 days to develop, and a drone takes 24 days.

Worker bees are all females without reproductive organs. They live around six weeks during active seasons, or a few months during the winter. Worker bees have long tongues to gather nectar, strong jaws, and wax glands to build honeycomb. They also have pollen baskets on their hind legs and a stinger to protect the hive. The queen also has a stinger but only uses it to kill rival queens or in emergencies.

A worker bee takes on many roles in its short life:

- 1–4 days old: cleaner bee
- 4–10 days: nurse bee
- 12–18 days: fanning and nectar transfer
- 12–35 days: wax maker and guard bee
- 22–42 days: forager until death outside the hive

When a bee lands on a flower, hairs all over its body attract pollen through electrostatic forces. Most bees carry pollen externally, but some consume it and store it in their “honey stomach.” As bees pass nectar from one to another, the moisture reduces until it becomes honey, which is stored in the honeycomb. Bees pollinate over 130 types of fruits, vegetables, seeds, nuts, and plants. In one trip, a honeybee visits about 100 flowers, making 10–15 trips per day. That’s at least 1,000 flowers daily, some estimates say up to 5,000 on a productive day.

There are male bees called drones. They don’t do much within the hive. They have large eyes, no stingers, and exist solely to mate with a queen, then they die. A queen only needs to mate once in her life. In winter, all drones are kicked out of the hive. When new drones are needed, the queen lays unfertilized eggs.

Most honeybees will produce only 1½ teaspoons of honey in their lifetime. Yet 1 in every 3 bites of food we eat is touched by a bee in its production.

Hives are checked every other

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THURS, JUNE 19

FREE TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER

CONCERT (6-9PM) Canyon Creek Services invites the community to their concert at Main Street Park in Cedar City. This free, family-friendly event features live music from River House (country blues & classic rock), a variety of food trucks, local vendors, and community resources. More than just a concert, the event celebrates community connection and shared efforts to build a safer, more supportive region for everyone. For more information or to become a vendor for this event, visit www.canyoncreekservices.org or contact Trish Littleton at trish@canyoncreekserives.org or 435-572-0977.

FRI, JUNE 20

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC (7-8PM)

June- August! Free entry. Local country musicians and bands. 97 W. Center Street, Cedar City Utah 84720 at HOME ON THE RANGE.

PAROWAN OLD ROCK CHRUCH

FUNDRAISER (10AM-6PM) in Parowan City Library Park Quilt Show from 10 - 6 PM in Old Rock Church basement. Pulled pork Dinner & Dessert auction @ 6 pm. Program at 7:30 with John Yardley speaking. Also two local families will be highlighted! If you have questions, contact Zaleskis @ 590-6361.

SAT, JUNE 21

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER 5K RUN

RUN & WALK "Chewie, We're Home!" (8AM) @ Old Enoch Park - 4800 N Wagon Wheel Dr, Enoch UT. Whether you're a Jedi, a Wookiee, or a Rebel on the run, come join us for a galaxy-sized good time! A family-friendly 5K (walk or run-no hyperspeed required!) Star Wars-themed fun and photo ops.

PAROWAN OLD ROCK CHURCH

FUNDRAISER @ Parowan City Library Park. Children's Parade @ 10:30 am. Quilt Show 10 - 4 pm. Pioneer skills, children's games, blacksmith shop & much more

in a replica of Parowan's Old Fort. Entertainment, log sawing, ice cream and quilt making ,commemorative brick sales and much more will be happening! Food vendors will be on hand too.If you have questions, contact Zaleskis @ 590-6361.

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history

Paiute Military Memorial

by Ruth Scovill and Paul Dail

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

North of the Cedar City Veterans' Memorial Park between FourPoints Health Clinic and the Paiute Tribal Office on Paiute Drive stands a beautiful memorial dedicated in December 2023 and honoring 59 veterans among the five bands of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah: Cedar Band, Indian Peaks Band, Kanosh Band, Koosharem Band, and Shivwits Band. Centered between two granite memorials with the names of all the servicemen and women who have served from each band is a bronze "Soldier's Cross" or "Battlefield Cross." This cross is constructed on the battlefield by a rifle standing upright between a pair of boots with a soldier's helmet over the butt of the gun. On the back of this particular helmet hang five feathers, each representing one of the five PITU bands. What can no longer protect the soldier now serves to memorialize those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for their country. On the back of the twin monuments are the beautiful logos of each Paiute band, and an inscription honoring the veterans and their families. Overhead fly a collection of



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when they got home, one of his friends was told by a tribal elder not to talk too much about what they did in the war. Woodrow took this advice to heart and followed it. Ralph Pete concurred with this. He said, "You can keep talking about it and it won't go away." Upon returning from Vietnam, at LAX, Ralph and the other Marines who were with him were confronted by crowds calling them baby killers, and throwing things at the Marines. He said that what you didn't see in the newspapers is that the North Vietnamese, including young boys, were also killing the American soldiers.

With all the controversies of the war, the soldiers were often met with little fanfare. Woodrow talked about return-

ing home. He walked home from the bus station because there was no one there to greet him, and his grandfather met him later and said, "Oh, I didn't even know you were back." Woodrow said he felt that the government was mainly responsible for losing the war in Vietnam due to

bad publicity at home and how they handled things.

Marcus Bow's step dad served in Korea and his uncle Homer Rice died in Korea, giving him the example of serving your country. Bow was accepted into the service in 1980 and served for four years



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flags honoring the country, the state and the Tribe.

On the day that I visited the tribal office, I had the opportunity to speak with three veterans from the Cedar Band: Woodrow Pete Jr., Ralph Pete, and Marcus Bow.

Woodrow Pete, Jr. was drafted into the Army and

served from 1968 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was in the infantry and fought in five battles. Woodrow's father had served in the military, and Woodrow's younger brother, Herman Pete, also served in the Army in Germany.

Ralph Pete's father wanted to be a Marine, and Ralph followed in his father's foot-

steps. He had a deep desire to fight communism and volunteered for the military. Ralph fought in the Vietnam War between 1969 and 1970. In Vietnam, Ralph met several other soldiers from Cedar City including Keith Seegmiller, Brent Bulloch, and Devon Porter.

Woodrow related that

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during the “Cold War.” He served in the US and in Europe.

Although Marcus said he didn’t feel like he fit in growing up and going to school as a Native American, he found acceptance in the military. “We’re trained to be as one. There was no bigotry. Any veteran would say, ‘Yeah, they’re my brothers and sisters.’” To the young people who are considering joining the service, Marcus gave the advice to be proud of the decision but also to be honest with themselves. More than just joining for a career, they need to realize that they could be making the greatest sacrifice.

Marcus expressed his great sense of patriotism to the United States, where the Native Americans were the first inhabitants. He said it was for this reason that they are so willing to serve—not necessarily to serve a particular government or political party but rather to fight for the country that they will forever call

their homeland. “It was an honor to serve. It was something I could contribute to this country.” He later added: “If Uncle Sam called me up right now, I would still serve.”

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah expressed its gratitude to all of the veterans from the Southern Paiute bands, those whom the Tribe calls “warriors,” as well as their families, for their willingness to sacrifice and serve.

I would like to extend that gratitude to all veterans who have served our country. Thank you for your service, and thank you to Ralph, Woodrow,

and Marcus for sharing your experiences with me.



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obituaries

Kolby D. Pulsipher



With great sorrow, we announce the passing of Kolby D Pulsipher, age 47, due to a tragic accident on June 12, 2025. Kolby was born on March 22, 1978 in St George, Utah to Billy H and Susan Pulsipher. He married Cassey Laird on January 26, 2002. Together, they had five children and built a beautiful life together in Cedar City, UT. Kolby was an entrepreneur to his core, successfully creating a legacy with his family that involved businesses in manufactured home parks, storage units, and a moving company. Kolby’s life was centered around his wife and children.

As a child, Kolby was social and energetic. He loved all animals, especially chickens, horses, and homing pigeons. He could ride his horse, Rooster, backwards with no saddle or reins. When he was around ten, he found his first flock of homing pigeons through a classified ad in the paper and convinced his dad to take him to pick them up in Las Vegas. After that, every trip out of town was a training opportunity for his homing pigeons to learn to fly home. Kolby surprised everyone with his athletic skills, his coaches would say I wish all my athletes had half of Kolby’s drive. He ran track and played football in high school where his team won the state championship. Every summer to earn money he worked hard hauling hay and cutting wood. After graduating from Moapa Valley High

School, he served in the Mexico City South mission for the LDS Church.

As an adult, Kolby worked in construction and sales, jumping in fully to every job where he learned a wide variety of skills and learned to solve any problem. He then used this knowledge to build a life in Cedar City, complete with multiple businesses and a ranch property with many animals. The entire family regularly came together to work on different construction projects. He said that his wife Cassey was his best help. Kolby created a life full of adventure—roping with his kids, flying pigeons, working dogs, training and riding horses, camping, and riding motorcycles. He involved his family in all of these adventures. He always took the time to support his children and delighted in their accomplishments. People wanted to be around Kolby, as he was always the life of the party, and their home became a gathering place for employees, neighbors, and children’s friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cassey, and their children, Alyssa, Austin, Luke, Kian, and Aria; his parents, Bill and Susan Pulsipher; his in-laws, Robert and Lorrie Laird; his siblings, Kyle (Sadie) Pulsipher, Raquel (Guy) Thompson, Kessa (Blake) Stratton, Megan (Luis) Martinez, Sandra (Alonzo) Lopez, Billy Paul (Kelli) Pulsipher; his brother-in-law, Kurtis (Aimee) Laird; his sister-in-law, Shalee (David) Curtis; and his many nieces and nephews.

A viewing for Kolby will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the LDS church located at 3575 N Minersville Hwy, Enoch, Utah from 6-8 pm. A second viewing will be held at the same location on the following morning, June 20, 2025, from 9-10:30 am. The funeral service will begin at 11 am followed by the internment at Cedar City Cemetery. In his passing, we remember a man who filled the room with his energy and laughter.

We want to express our deep gratitude to all emergency and medical personnel who worked tirelessly to save Kolby’s life.

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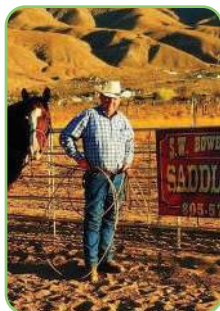


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Steven William Bowen



Steven William Bowen, 74, of Cedar City, Utah, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2025. He was born July 31, 1950, in Van Nuys, California, to William Edward and Claudia Bowen.

Steven was a skilled craftsman whose canvas was leather. He took pride in embracing the cowboy legacy by creating lasting works of functional art that would endure with purpose.

As a graduate of Carpinteria High School, he continued his studies at California Polytechnic State University. A lifetime entrepreneur, Steven proudly owned Bowen Ironworks and later S.W. Bowen Saddlery. He served Cedar City, Utah and beyond through his artistry and craftsmanship. His later years were spent in his workshop alongside Gigi, his trusted four-legged foreman, doing what he loved—creating high quality leather goods and building custom saddles for his community.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeni Hamel Brown-Bowen (2022), and his parents, William Edward (2000) and Claudia Bowen (2001).

Steven is survived by his son, Michael Richard Bowen, who resides in Jacksonville, Florida, and five grandchildren: Madelyn Francis, Makenna Lynn, Maya Ryan, Maddox

William, and Maris Carter. He is also survived by his sister Susan Kestelyn (Donald), sister Joelene Bowen (Toots), and twin brothers Joel Bowen (Ronda) and David Bowen (Kerry).

A devoted father and grandfather, Steven will be remembered fondly as a skilled artisan with a deep love for outfitting horses and the cowboys who rode them. His commitment to preserving Western heritage extended beyond his craft—he served as a Director on the Santa Barbara Carriage and Western Art Museum Board, helping to collect and preserve historic saddles and horse-drawn vehicles. An avid outdoorsman, Steven also enjoyed shooting sporting clays. Steven's circle of friends was small, but the bonds he shared were deep and lasting. The family extends special thanks to Shane Flanigan and David McMullin for their friendship and support.

Steven was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served an honorable mission in Arizona and Las Vegas from 1969-1971. Throughout his life, he magnified many callings including Counselor in the Bishopric, Elders Quorum President, High Priest Group President, Gospel Doctrine Teacher, and Stake President for Young Single Adults and Single Adults in the Santa Barbara Stake.

Memorial services celebrating his life will be held at the Cedarview Ward (1925 West 320 South, Cedar City, UT). Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery (685 N Main St, Cedar City, UT), under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral. Detailed service information can be found at <https://cedarvalleyfuneral.com/obituaries> or <https://ironcountytoday.com/obituary>. Online condolences can be sent at <https://cedarvalleyfuneral.com/obituaries>

"And my heart is sinking like the setting sun. Setting on the things I wish I'd done. Oh, the last goodbye's the hardest one to say. This is where the cowboy rides away"—George Strait, "The Cowboy Rides Away"

Ven Michael Stratton



With great sorrow, we announce the passing of Ven Michael Stratton, age 43, following a tragic ATV accident in Brian Head, Utah on Friday May 30, 2025. Ven was life flighted to Saint George Regional Hospital and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit in critical condition. He later succumbed to his injuries and was called to join our Savior in Heaven on Monday June 2, 2025. He was born on March 4, 1982 in Cedar City, Utah to Michael and Sheryl Stratton.

For the first 5 years of Ven's life, he was brought up in our beautiful town of Cedar City, Utah. Afterwards, his parents moved to southern California where he was raised and spent the majority of his adulthood. Ven was not only a husband, a son and a brother, but a best friend, protector, and confidant. Growing up, he and his sister had countless adventures of building forts, playing hide-and-go-seek, Lego worlds, and riding on Ven's custom motorcycle track he built on our property. His talent of building and fixing anything, and his extraordinary knowledge of all things history were greatly inspiring. Ven's life had truly come full circle in the final years of his presence here on earth. He met and married the love of his life Bernadette, adopted their two beautiful children, and had dedicated himself to a thriving career. Ven had an infectious laugh, a

heart of gold, and was always willing to lend a hand of support to those who needed him.

Ven is survived in death by his wife Bernadette of 9 months; his son Gian; his daughter Belle; his parents Michael and Sheryl Stratton; and his sister Venessa Stratton. His memory will be cherished by all those family members and friends who were blessed to know him.

Ven's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 1:00pm at the Stratton Families Camp Joy in Dry Lakes, Brian Head, Utah. The family asks that all family and friends who plan to attend Ven's Celebration of Life to contact them directly for a location map and directions to their families property.

At this time, the family wishes to express their sincerest gratitude to all emergency and medical personnel who dedicated themselves to saving Ven's life. We are deeply touched by the compassionate care and support they provided to him and our family. We are forever grateful to every person who has come to show their love and support for us during this incredibly difficult time.

After care entrusted with Cedar Valley Funeral & Cremation.

Marc Andrew Marx



Marc Andrew Marx, age 63, died on June 12th 2025 in St George, UT from Pneumonia. Marc was born on the 8th of July 1961 in Salt Lake City, UT to Gordon Wesley Marx and Loretta Mae Smith. Marc was raised in Utah, Washington, and Colorado.

He graduated from Springville High school. He joined the Navy in 1988 as a postal clerk. He was stationed in Scotland and California where he served on 6 ships from submarine tenders to helicopter carriers. He was an original crew member on the USS Essex, a brand new ship. He went to many places while in the Navy, Hawaii, France, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bahrain and Petra, Jordan. He was honorably discharged in 2001 because of health issues.

After getting out of the Navy he received a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. Marc married Melanie Irish in 1989. They started life together in Dunoon, Scotland. They lived there for 2 years. Michael was born there. They have two sons Michael and Mitchell. Marc had a love of music. As a child he played a four stringed plectrum banjo. He performed at community events. He loved singing and playing the piano. In 2013 he joined the men's group, Mastersingers which he enjoyed very much. He liked doing puzzles, crossword, jigsaw, word searches and the Rubik's

cube. He learned how to bowl and enjoyed the game. Marc loved greeting and talking to people everywhere he went. He loved animals and volunteered at Cedar animal rescue for many years. He loved watching sports, especially BYU football. He would critique the calls the referee's made. He volunteered for the Utah Shakespeare Festival for 10 years. The last few years his health made it hard to do the things he loved.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served a mission to Coventry, England. He loved his Savior and serving others as Christ did. He loved being in the temple. He will be missed by family and friends. Marc had health issues for the past 31 years. We are grateful that he is no longer suffering. We are thankful for the prayers from loved ones on his behalf.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie, sons Michael and Mitchell, Mitchells wife, Jill and granddaughter, Paetyn. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 21st, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at 520 South 1100 West Cedar City, UT. A viewing will be held Friday, June 20th, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Cedar Valley Funerals and Saturday from 9:30-10:30 prior to the services. Interment will be at Bluffdale Veteran's cemetery on Monday June 23rd 2025, under the direction of Cedar Valley Funeral In Cedar City, Utah 435-865-9000. Online condolences can be sent to his memorial page at cedarvalleyfuneral.com.

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Cornhole, the Whole Story!

by John Byron Turner

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Unless you never get out of the house, you have probably noticed the Utah Summer Games have had competitions at dozens of venues all over Cedar City and beyond.

I have been to several events over the years and have always enjoyed watching the friendly competition. This year, our friend Don, who lives in southern Cedar City, decided to register for the Cornhole competition held at the Multi-purpose Center on the SUU campus. Don and his wife Diane are well known in their neck of the woods for their cornhole prowess at back-yard picnics, and Don thought that perhaps this was his year to move from the back yard to the big stage, so he registered for the tourney, invited me and decided to go by the handle

D-Duck.

If you have never played cornhole, it consists of two tilted boards with a six-inch hole at one end. The two boards are placed 27 feet apart and either two teams or even two individuals have to toss their four bean-bags hopefully into the hole, or at least onto the platform to get points and play until someone gets to 21 points. It's harder than you think to flip that bean-bag 27 feet with the accuracy necessary to get it into the hole.

The origin of the game is uncertain and may date back to early German history, or early

Native American roots. It probably began as a kid's game and has recently become popular for back yard gatherings and sometimes you might see it played in a tavern.

The 40 to 50 participants we watched at the Summer Games cornhole tournament were a real friendly bunch and were anxious to tell us about their love for the game. Many of the

players were from the local **C City Cornhole Club** and were excited to be there as this was the first year for cornhole to be included in the Utah Summer Games. Their Club meets two or three nights a week to socialize and hone

their skills, and occasionally beer and betting is part of the gathering, and there are apparently cornhole clubs in every part of the state. I came away from the tournament thinking that maybe if you can't dunk a basketball

or slug a baseball you just might find your sports niche in

cornhole.

Way back in 2002 we went to the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and attended a curling match, we had never seen it before and patted ourselves on the back for "discovering" curling. Cornhole is actually quite like curling, in that they both need a soft touch to successfully score, and dislodge your opponent from the target area. So now we have a new summer sport to go along with winter curling.

When I was growing up, my Mom would probably have told me that we don't use a word like cornhole in her house. I wish she was still around so that I could let her know that you won't meet a better bunch of well-rounded people than the C City cornholers. Who knows.....with all the enthusiasm we witnessed, maybe the cornhole Hall of Fame will one day be built in Iron County.



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TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

And now, we have liftoff on another dozen sporting trivia questions for your guessing enjoyment. This week's collection is a grab bag of challenging stuff that won't break your brain – at least that's the intended goal here. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!

1. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers signed a one-year deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers last week. In an ironic twist, which AFC East team will Rodgers and the Steelers play in the season opener?
2. The New York Liberty are the defending WNBA champions and have a female elephant for a mascot. What's its name?
3. What NBA coaching Hall of Famer was honored before Game 2 of the NBA Finals with the Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award? This coach retired in 2010 with a record 1,335 wins and he held the standard for more than a decade.
4. Among the teams in this year's Men's College World Series, Murray State is in the field for the first time in school history, and a second team won the title the last time it appeared in Omaha in 2016. Name this school that has the nickname Chanticleers.
5. Tarik Skubal has backed up his Cy Young win from last season with impressive stats in 2025. In addition to 105 strikeouts in his 13 starts through June 10, how many walks has the Detroit Tigers left-hander issued? (hint: the number is less than 10)
6. You may not know him, but Athletics center fielder Denzel Clarke almost went completely over the wall to pull off one of the greatest home run robberies in MLB history. Which team did Clarke victimize with that memorable catch June 9?
7. What Colorado Avalanche player won the Norris Trophy for the second time in his career as the NHL's top defenseman June 11?
8. After the signing of Aaron Rodgers was announced, Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett said he's looking forward to adding Rodgers to his front-yard Halloween tombstone collection of quarterbacks he's sacked in his career. What did Garrett call the collection in an ESPN.com story published June 10?
9. When was the last time the NBA Finals went the full seven games?
10. What is the next Grand Slam tennis event on the 2025 calendar? It starts June 30 and the champions will be crowned July 13.
11. Who is the star of "F1: The Movie," coming to theaters June 27?
12. True or False: In the first two games of the 2025 NBA Finals, Indiana's Tyrese Haliburton has failed to score 20 points either time.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins. The Red Wings won the Cup in 2008, but the Penguins were able to rebound and win it in 2009.
2. Tom Thibodeaux.
3. Los Angeles Lakers.
4. Lance McCullers.
5. Austin Ainge.
6. Jim Marshall.
7. Nathan Eovaldi. Eovaldi held the Cincinnati Reds to four hits in a 1-0 shutout April 1.
8. Michael King and Stephen Kolek. King shut out the Colorado Rockies 6-0 on April 13 and Kolek did the same in a 21-0 rout over the Rockies on May 10.
9. The Rockies have six wins at home (6-25 through June 8) and six on the road (6-28 through June 8). The team is 12-53 overall.
10. Madison Keys.
11. Pascal Siakam.
12. Pete Crow-Armstrong of the Cubs and Luis Robert of the White Sox each had 21 steals to lead their respective leagues. Since the question was written, Oneil Cruz of the Pittsburgh Pirates has taken over the NL lead with 23 steals on the season through June 8.

2025 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS

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Southern Utah Athletics Announces 2025 Hall of Fame Induction Class

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU ATHLETICS

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Southern Utah University is proud to announce the 2025 inductees into the SUU Athletics Hall of Fame. This year's class honors a dynamic group of individuals and one historic team whose contributions have left a lasting impact on Thunderbird Athletics across generations and sports.

"The 2025 class represents the rich tradition and wide-ranging excellence of Thunderbird Athletics," said Director of Athletics Doug Knuth. "From pioneers to program-defining coaches and record-breaking athletes, these inductees have made a profound and lasting impact on Southern Utah University. We are thrilled to honor their achievements and welcome them into the Hall of Fame."

The 2025 Hall of Fame class will be formally honored during the Hall of Fame Football Game on Friday, September 13, when SUU hosts Northern Arizona University (NAU) at Eccles Coliseum as part of Homecoming Week.

Bill Evans – Head Men's Basketball Coach (1992–2007)

The winningest coach in SUU Men's Basketball history, Evans amassed 208 victories and guided the Thunderbirds to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2001. His

accolades include American West Coach of the Year (1995) and Mid-Continent Coach of the Year (2001). Under his leadership, SUU captured the American West Regular Season (1995) and American West Tournament (1995, 1996) championships, as well as the Mid-Continent Tournament (2001) championship.

Diana Medina Mitchell – Women's Track & Field (2008–2012)

One of the most decorated distance runners in SUU history, Mitchell is an 8-time conference champion across the 5K, 10K, 3K, and Mile. She qualified for NCAA Regionals twice in the 5K and still ranks in the program's top-10 across nine different events. Her consistency and range solidified her legacy as one of the all-time greats in Thunderbird Track & Field.

Analainé Mailoto – Women's Volleyball (2009–2012)

A dominant force on the court, Mailoto remains SUU's all-time leader in kills (1,888), attempts (5,401), and service aces (96). The 2009 Summit League Freshman of the Year was a three-time First Team All-Summit League selection and earned All-Big Sky Honorable Mention honors in 2012. She holds numerous single-season and single-match records, making her one of the most prolific players in program history.

When a coaching search goes horribly wrong

The NBA Finals between the Oklahoma City Thunder and Indiana Pacers is in progress as of this moment – around lunchtime June 12 – but this particular column needs to address issues with the team the Pacers knocked out in the Eastern Conference Finals, the New York Knicks.

To say things are messy in New York right now is accurate and weirdly unsurprising. The chaos began when management fired head coach Tom Thibodeau on June 3 after five seasons that included back-to-back 50-win campaigns – something the team last did between 1991 and 1995, when it had four in a row – and the trip to the East Finals that was its first in 25 years.

Somehow, it wasn't good enough. Sorry, Tom...collect your lovely parting gifts on your way out the door. The organization wants an NBA title and that point was clearly made when the ejector seat was pulled.

Now here's where the story gets awkward. Despite its best efforts to find Thibodeau's replacement, the Knicks have already been rebuffed by five different teams – Dallas (Jason Kidd), Minnesota (Chris Finch), Chicago (Billy Donovan), Houston (Ime Udoka) and Atlanta (former Utah Jazz head coach Quin Snyder).

These teams told the Knicks to take a hike for one logical reason. Their coaches are still under contract, and hiring any of them away from their current teams would require a draft pick or two as compensation, likely depending on the mood of the affected parties.

It's purely speculation here, but the source of all this chaos may be Knicks owner James Dolan. He's had 14 different head coaches – nontenured longer than Thibodeau – since the Knicks last made it this deep into the

NBA postseason 25 years ago.

All hope is not lost, however. Two pretty good coaches who were fired during the regular season are out there for a conversation.

–Taylor Jenkins, who was let go by the Memphis Grizzlies after six seasons with nine games left. He was 44-29, but the team finished 48-34, ended up as the No. 8 seed, and was swept by OKC in the opening round of the Western Conference playoffs.

–Mike Brown, who was fired by the Sacramento Kings on Dec. 27 in the

middle of his third season following a rough 114-113 home loss to the Detroit Pistons. Brown led

the Cleveland Cavaliers to the NBA Finals in 2007, but got swept by the San Antonio Spurs.

While the coaching search to replace Thibodeau in New York is still ongoing, we can't escape the fact that it has clearly got off to a rough start. Someone will eventually take the job – it's New York, after all, and the Knicks play in the world's most famous arena at Madison Square Garden – but not even the presence of Spike Lee at every home game and a few road trips can hide the issues and chaos. That still exist.

It's a case of buyer beware, and whoever gets hired to coach the Knicks needs all the inner strength he can muster to keep the behind-the-scenes stuff at bay.

Most coaches will lean on the old adage that they're hired to be fired, but the firing of Thibodeau was tragically wrong on too many levels to count.

Contact Tom Zulewski by email at tominator19@yahoo.com.

RANDOM thoughts

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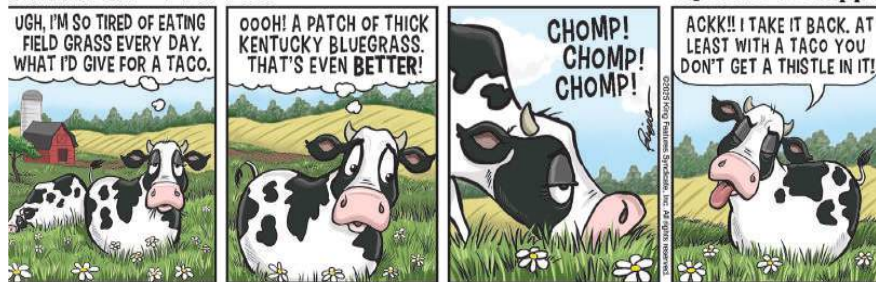
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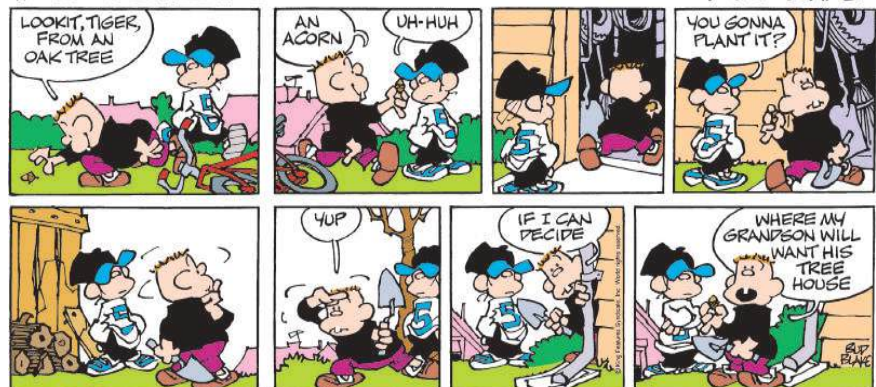
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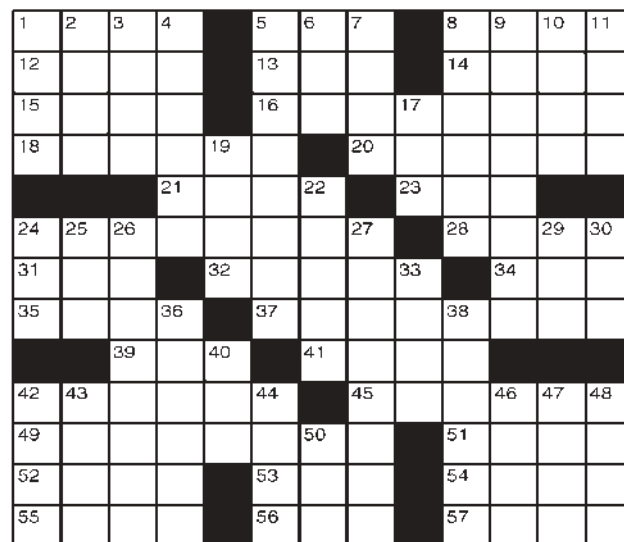


King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wildebeests
- 5 Snitch
- 8 Utah ski resort
- 12 Impetuous
- 13 Adam's mate
- 14 Acquires
- 15 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 16 Beer purchases
- 18 Fawcett of '70s TV
- 20 Speeder's punishment
- 21 Chanteuse Edith
- 23 Chap
- 24 Edible pod
- 28 "Auld Lang —"

- 31 Blunder
- 32 — -Croat
- 34 Texas tea
- 35 Scrambled wd.
- 37 Brazilian city
- 39 Dad on "Black-ish"
- 41 San —
- 42 Obispo, Calif.
- 42 Thelma's buddy
- 45 Brother's son
- 49 Ink-loaded accessory
- 51 Continental coin



- 7 Libretto
- 8 You can count on it
- 9 Comment to a jackpot winner
- 10 Youngster
- 11 CEO's aide
- 17 Farm squealer
- 19 Melodies
- 22 Untamed
- 24 Salty expanse
- 25 Samovar
- 26 School alumnus
- 27 Was plentiful
- 29 Zero
- 30 "Strange Magic" gp.
- 33 Mayberry boy
- 36 Tony-winner Tammy
- 38 Phase
- 40 "Sixth sense"
- 42 D-Day carriers
- 43 Oklahoma tribe
- 44 Grand tale
- 46 Luau dance
- 47 Historic times
- 48 Policy expert
- 50 Notre Dame coach

DOWN

- 1 Tennis great Steffi
- 2 Zilch
- 3 Addict
- 4 Everest
- 5 Molds anew
- 6 Bird (Pref.)

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

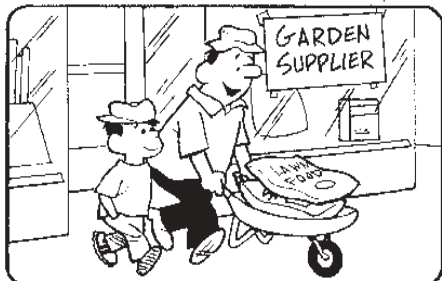
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word on sign is different. 2. Door is different as wide. 6. Hat is different.

1	6	8	2	3	7	4	5	9
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2	1	6	3	9	4	7	8	5

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

K	S	K	A	D	C	A	D	S	E	S	E
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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond film?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the color of the "black box" that records an airplane's performance?
3. TELEVISION: What is the theme song for the long-running sitcom "All in the Family"?
4. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's family home in the "Harry Potter" series?
5. GAMES: How many dice are used in a game of Yahtzee?
6. SCIENCE: What does a mole measure in chemistry?
7. MYTHOLOGY: What is the Greek god of darkness called?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which type of liquor is traditionally used in a gimlet?
9. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Saturn have?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol for gold?

Trivia Test Answers
 1. "Dr. No"; 2. Orange; 3. "Those Were the Days"; 4. The Burrow; 5. Five;
 6. The amount of chemical substance; 7. Erebus; 8. Gim; 9. 274; 10. Au



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