



# Utah: A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO THE CROSSROADS OF THE WEST

BY SCOTT YOUNG

In 1955, Hiram Bebee died after spending 10 years in a Utah prison for murder. This would be unremarkable but for the fact that Hiram Bebee may not have been his real name. Many believed the prisoner to be Harry Longbaugh, the famous bank and train robber also known as the Sundance Kid.

The mystery of whether Hiram was Harry was buried forever at the Salt Lake City Cemetery under Bebee's tombstone, but the matter was not laid to rest. About that same time, another restless soul came to Utah from the University of Colorado. "I love to explore and love to drive," he reminisced years later, "and I took different routes traveling between L.A. and Boulder. I came through here on a shortcut up U.S. 189 and thought, Jesus, this is interesting. I didn't know anything about Utah. I'd heard Mormons had rings in their noses." Finding they did not, in 1961 he proclaimed, as the Mormon prophet Brigham Young did in 1847 after leading the Mormon pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley, "This is the place," and bought two acres in

the Provo canyon, where he built a small cabin. Eight years later, Robert Redford starred as Harry Longbaugh (or Hiram Bebee) in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Of course, the metaphysical connection between Redford and Beebe would never have been forged but for Philo T. Farnsworth, another Utahn, who invented the television. Such is the tapestry of Utah—woven with mystery, Mormons (both with and without rings in their noses), and myth.

Salt Lake City, the capital and largest city, is nestled between the Wasatch Mountains on the east and the Oquirrh Mountains and Great Salt Lake on the west. At its center sits historic Temple Square, home of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitors can wander into the historic tabernacle and watch the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse on Thursday nights. Beyond Temple Square lies a diversity of people and attractions that outsiders often find surprising. Abravanel Hall is home to the Utah Symphony, and Capital Theatre routinely brings the best of Broad-

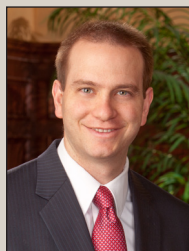
way to the Crossroads of the West. For more trendy fair, The State Room and The Depot host concerts ranging in decibel level from the balladeers of today (think Jose Gonzalez) to the '80s hair metal of yesterday (think Def Leopard). The Broadway Theatre is home to Utah's Independent Film Society and an annual host of entries in the Sundance Film Festival. Salt Lake City also features an array of excellent culinary offerings, including Takashi (Japanese), Café Molise (Italian), Thai Siam (Thai), Mazza (Middle Eastern), The Blue Nile (Ethiopian), and many more. And although the high desert climate is dry, the town is not (contrary to popular belief), as it features a number of local breweries (Wasatch, Squatters, Epic, Red Rock) and bars.

These cultural offerings each take place with the backdrop of Utah's wild beauty. Utah is the nexus of any outdoor enthusiast's universe. Host of the 2002 Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City is situated within an hour of 10 world-class ski resorts. When the weather turns warm, a dizzying array of trails for hiking, running, and biking await the intrepid enthusiast in Mill Creek Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon (home to Brighton and Solitude Ski resorts), Little Cottonwood Canyon (home to Alta and Snowbird ski resorts), and 20 minutes up Parley's Canyon, in Park City (home to Canyons, Park City, and Deer Valley ski resorts). A forgotten mining town in the 1970s, Park City has become the postcard of mountain chic, popular with people from across the globe.

Venturing south, the mountain peaks quickly give way to red rock and Utah's 5 national parks: Arches, Canyonlands, Capital Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion. These marvels of wind, water, and time feature gravity-defying hikes (Angel's Landing in Zion National Park), towering arches (Delicate Arch and others in Arches National Park), and some of the most spectacular canyons on earth. One visit, and you'll agree with Arches National Park ranger and author Edward Abbey that "wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit."

Utah's fierce, natural beauty matches the fierce independence of its inhabitants, hearty folk who ski, snowshoe, and climb mountains after work. Sir Richard Francis Burton, the famed English explorer, came to Utah to discover its beauty, as did Mark Twain, before he imagined Huckleberry Finn lighting out for the territory ahead of Aunt Sally and the threat of civilization. After the Summer of Love subsided in San Francisco, Ed Abbey imagined blowing up the Glen Canyon Dam in his counterculture classic, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. This wild streak persists to this day—renowned alpinists Willie and Damian Benegas call Salt Lake home, and their partner in crime, Conrad Anker, graduated from the University of Utah.

So whether you have a taste for fine dining, high culture or outdoor thrills, Utah has something for you. This, indeed, is the place, and we invite you to discover it for yourself." ☺



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## FAITH OR FEDERALISM: CHRONICLES OF THE FEDERAL COURT IN UTAH

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Having mushroomed from a modest population figure of about a quarter million people in 1896 to a fairly recent measurement at just over 2.7 million, the people of the Beehive State have much to be rightly proud of. Indeed, of all 50 states, Utah boasts the youngest population, highest birth rate, lowest death rate, healthiest people, highest literacy rate, highest percentage of high school graduates, and highest percentage of college-educated people.

The myriad memories and vibrant history of the federal courthouse and federal court in Utah stand as a silent tribute to the flesh and blood men and women, the judges, court staff, parties, jurors, and witnesses, who all had some measure of influence and played vital roles in shaping this often colorful, and always fascinating, slice of American judicial history. We trust that the court's judicial workshop long will continue to serve as a master craftsman of Utah's and America's corpus of jurisprudence and ever remains the proverbial "beehive" that the state is named after.

Read the entire article, which details the history of the Utah federal courts and contains information on all judges within the district, at [www.fedbar.org/UtahFederalCourts](http://www.fedbar.org/UtahFederalCourts).



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