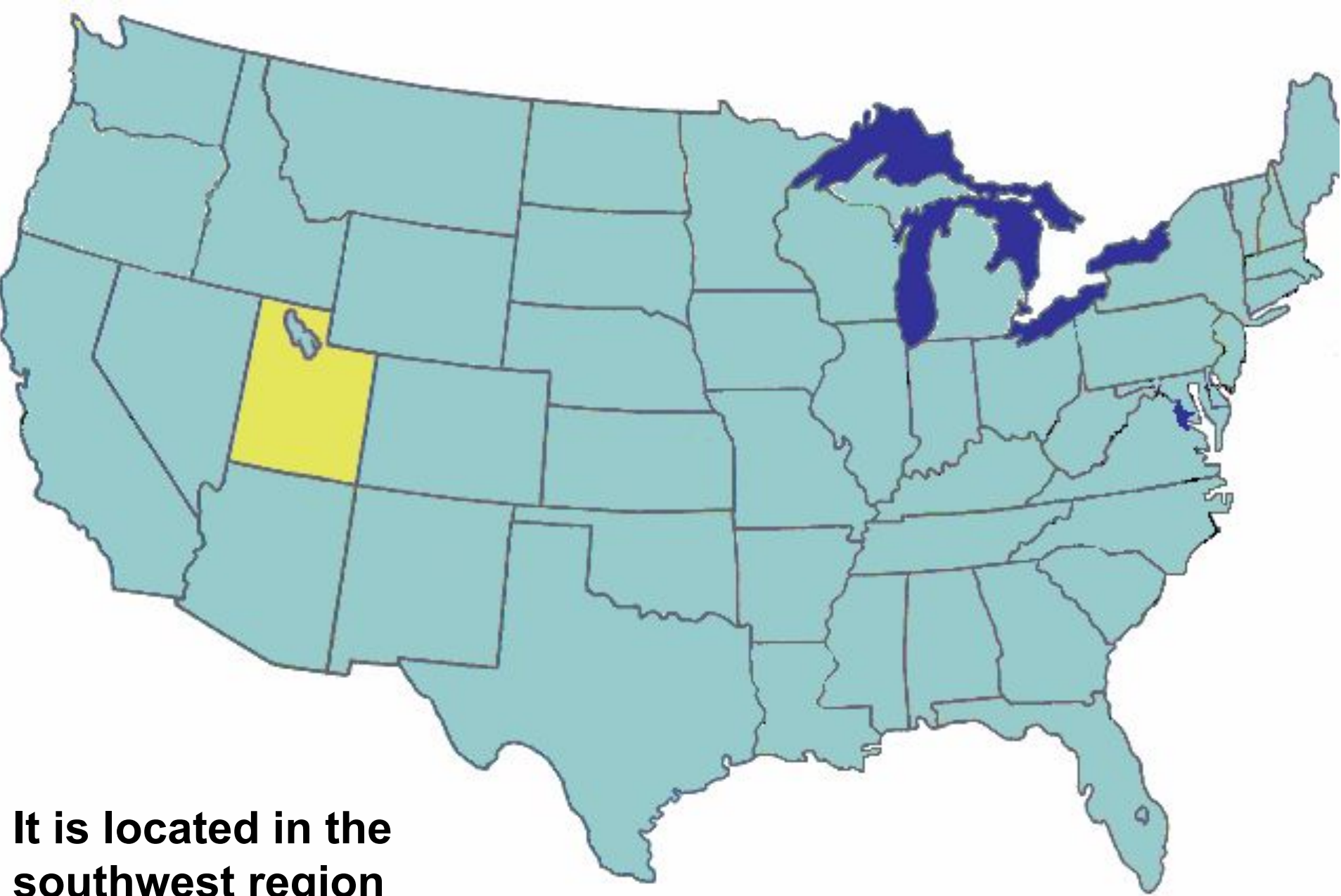


UTAH





It is located in the southwest region of the country



**The state capital is Salt
Lake City**



**The Great Salt Lake is
four times more salted
than sea water**



**Deserts cover about
one third of all Utah**



Wasatch Front is a metropolitan region that runs from north to south with the Wasatch mountain

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Freebies Abound on Bustling Streets

Throng of people a lure to those promoting items from coffee to condoms

BY JESUS LOPEZ JR.

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Protesters, scalpers and tourists are not the only people on Salt Lake City's Main Street sidewalks. Men with coffee urns strapped to their backs are giving out samples. Some plug wasp juice, and a Utah AIDS Foundation volunteer dressed as a condom promotes the benefits of safe sex.

It's all part of street scene unlike pretty much anything the capital city has seen, and it probably will last until the Winter Olympics' Closing Ceremony on Feb. 24.

"I love it," says Sean Carlson, the guy wearing the urn and handing out cups of Nescafé cappuccino. "My background is communications and public relations, and it's just fun to get out there and meet people."

Carlson and colleague Aviel Miller work for Corville Media, a marketing

firm hawking the instant coffee through the Olympics.

Nearby, Eddie Clark, sporting a Vespa hat, tells people what the athletes are drinking.

"It's a wasp extract," he says, holding out a water bottle with a wasp floating in yellow liquid. "It's not like tequila — you don't drink from a bottle with an insect." Clark says athletes drink from little bottles produced in Japan.

Down the street, a 6-foot tall Durex condom hands out "safe sex" packets that include two condoms and a glow stick.

"People are really open to it," says Utah Aids Foundation volunteer Jill Sparks, who inhabits the costume. "It's a good way to break the ice with people."

A woman pulls out her camera and poses with Sparks for a picture.

The suit always attracts a crowd, which helps out the foundation's cause, Safe Games 2002.

"Everybody loves it," says Sparks' helper, Robert Jones. "Everybody wants a picture. Everybody wants a condom."

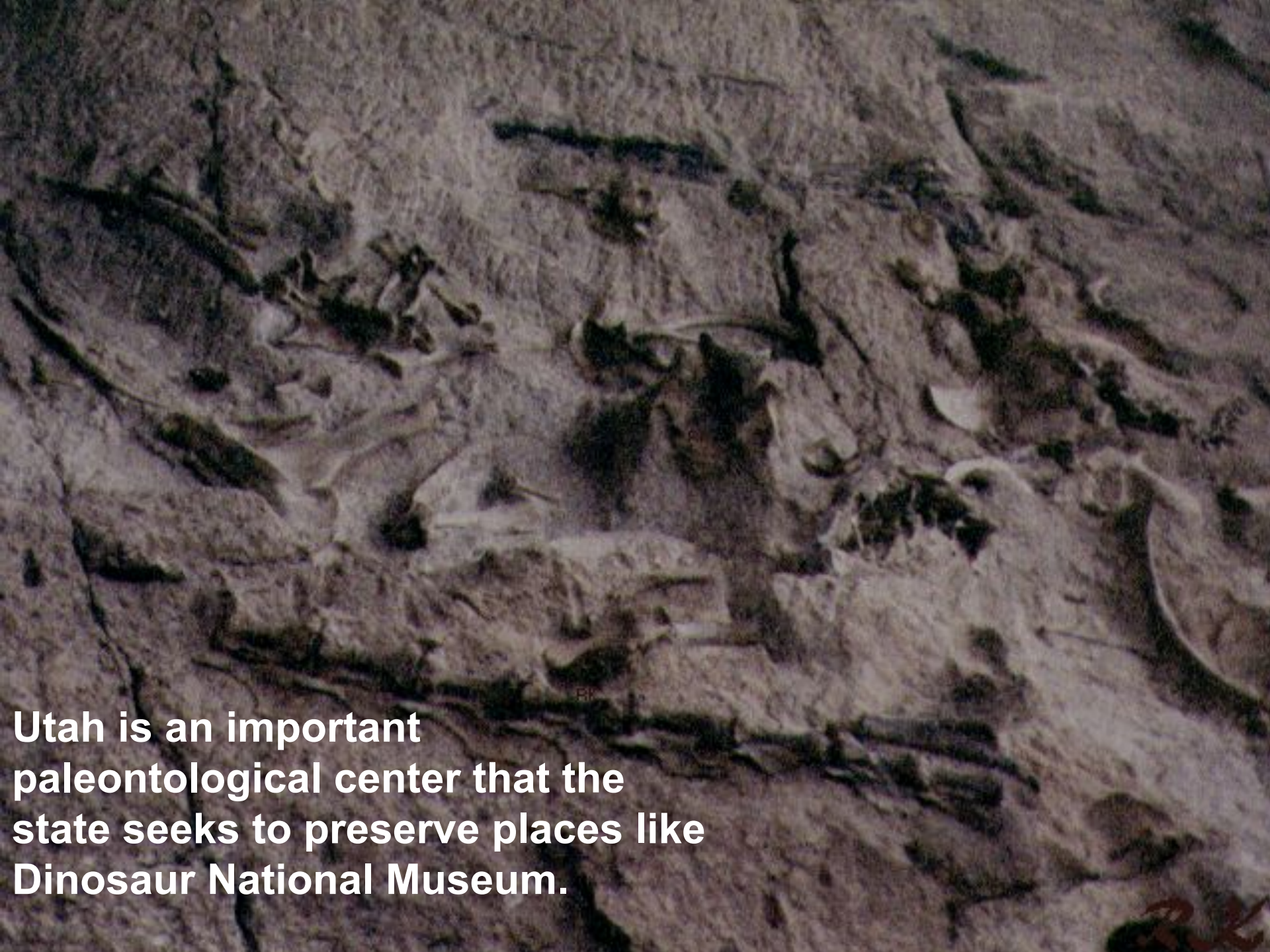
It's that kind of scene



One of the most important newspapers in Utah is *Salt Lake Tribune*

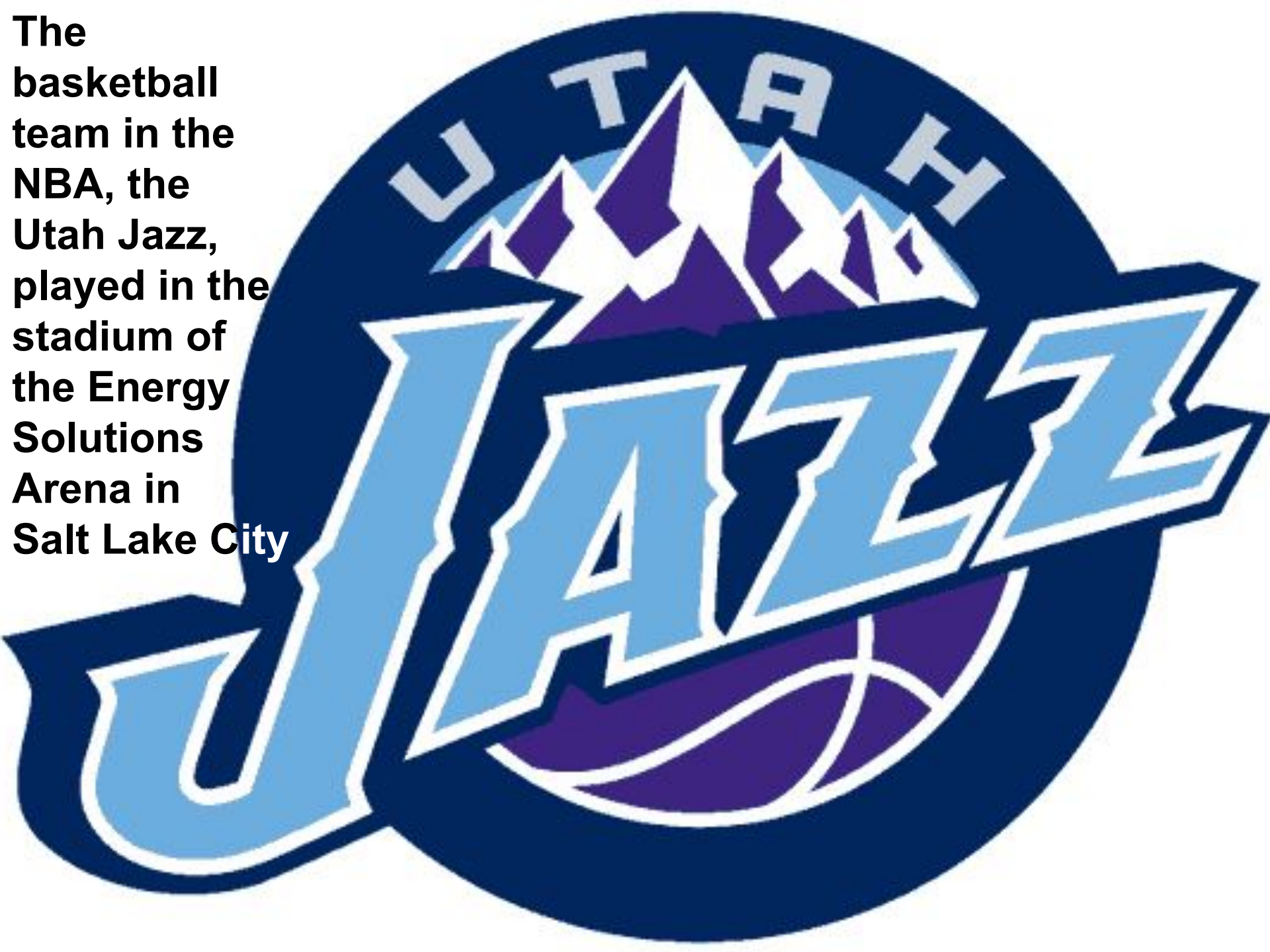
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Sean Carlson totes Nescafé on his back and hands out cappuccinos near 200 South and Main



Utah is an important paleontological center that the state seeks to preserve places like Dinosaur National Museum.

**The
basketball
team in the
NBA, the
Utah Jazz,
played in the
stadium of
the Energy
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Arena in
Salt Lake City**

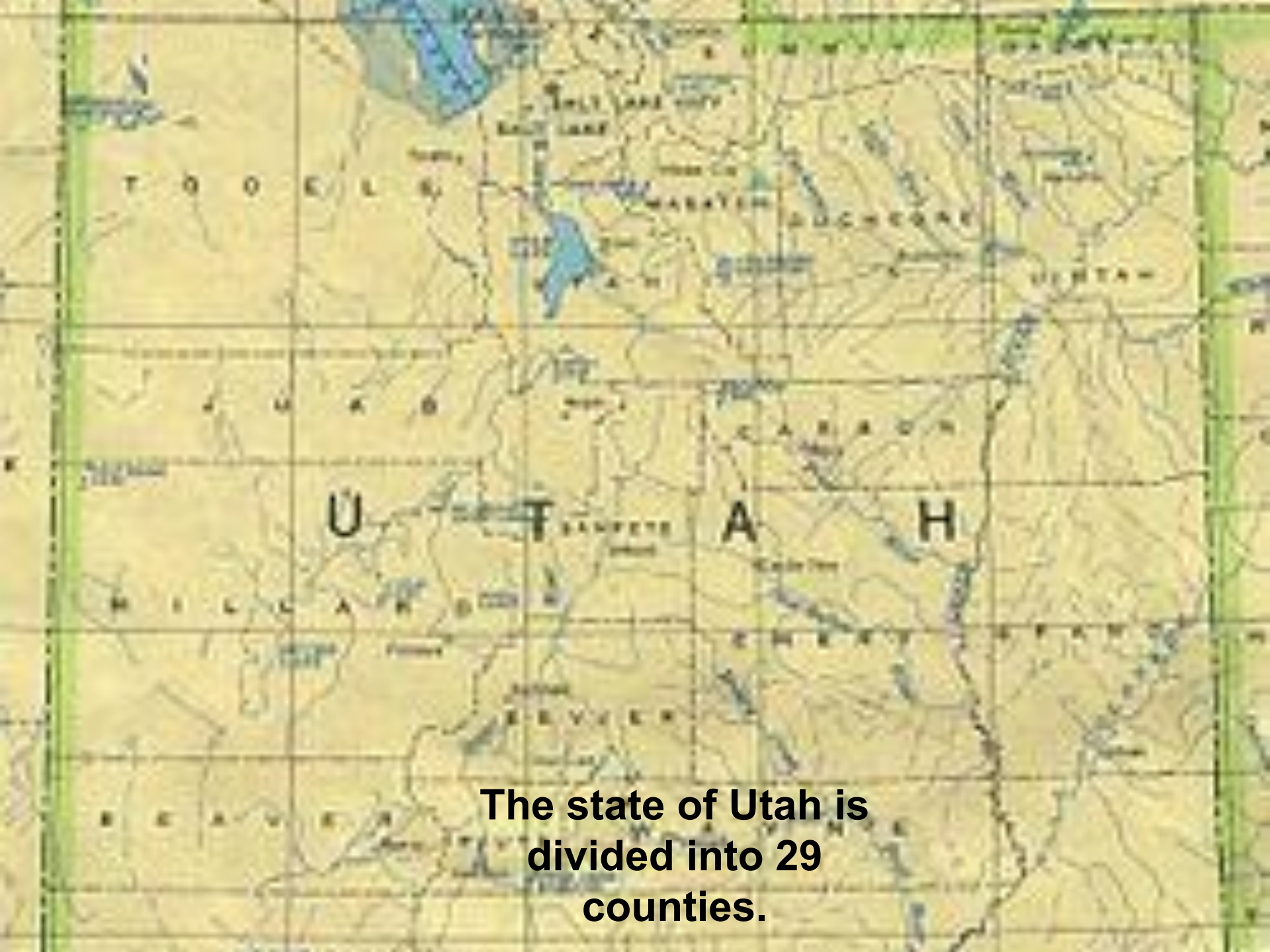


The soccer
team Real
Salt Lake of
MLS play in
the
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Stadium





**The Governor is Jon
Huntsman, Jr.**

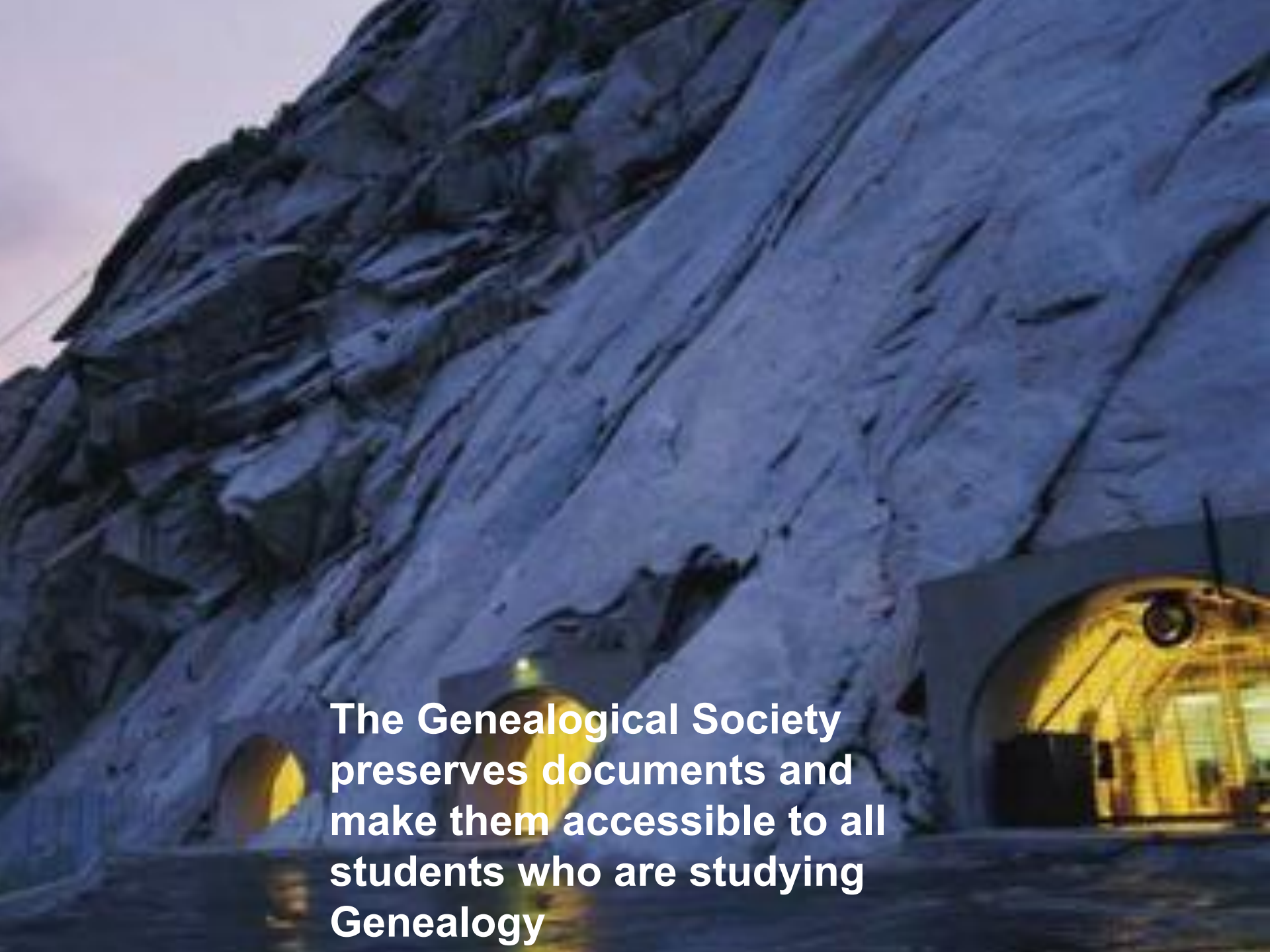


**The state of Utah is
divided into 29
counties.**

Many
movies
are
filmed in
Utah.
One is
*High
School
Musical*

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2





**The Genealogical Society
preserves documents and
make them accessible to all
students who are studying
Genealogy**



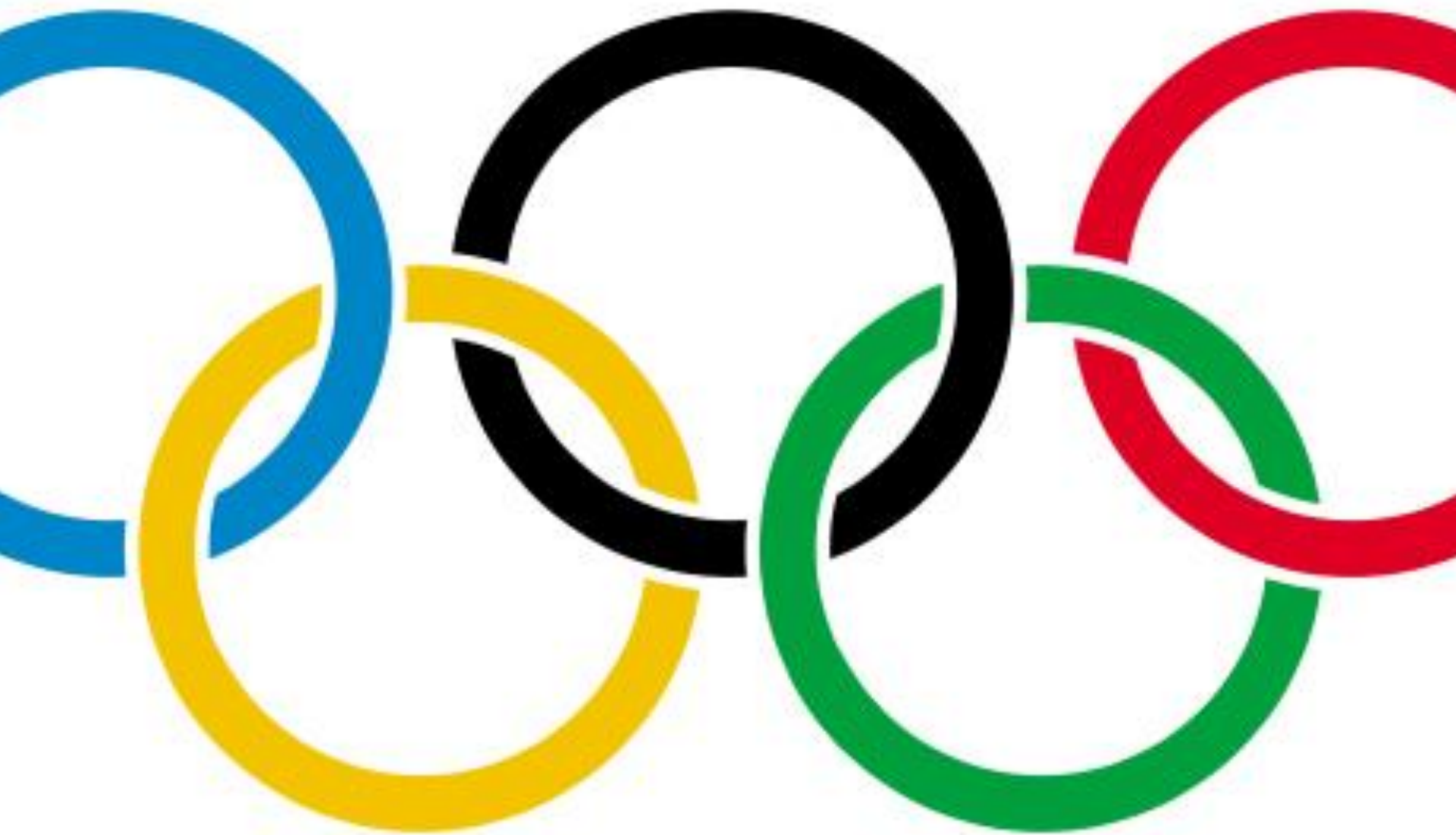
This is the flag of Utah



This is the shield of Utah

The first Americans to settle in the region of Utah were Mormons.





**In 2002 the Olympics
were held in Utah**