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By Brenna Kelly

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Logan, United States
In an effort to prevent drunk-driving statistics, the Cache County Sheriff's Office will be deploying extra deputies on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. Chief Deputy Matt Boldman said the additional preventive measures come at no extra cost to the sheriff's office as the funding comes from the federal government. He added that the community's support lack of interest in alcohol consumption does not necessarily mean lower drunk-driving rates, and all citizens should celebrate responsibly.

Salt Lake City, United States
The Utah State Legislature concluded this year's general session on Thursday after passing over 200 bills. Featured legislation included an updated anti-discrimination law, legislation of execution by firing squad and a gas tax bill. Also passed this session were bills reforming prison legislation, tightening restrictions on e-cigarette sales and requiring high school students in pass a civics test before graduating.

Moscow, Russia
Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared in public for the first time in 15 days when he met with the President of Kyrgyzstan on Monday. Putin abstained at an international conference as he was accused of resuming plastic surgery and being cast in a soap and he denied claims that he was attending the birth of his alleged girlfriend's baby in Switzerland. While he refused to address the issue in a press conference, Putin added that he is "in great shape."

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Aspiring vet shares thoughts about St. Patrick’s Day tradition

The Utah Statesman interviewed Caprice Garcia, a freshman from Salt Lake Jordan.

Utah Statesman: What brought you to Utah State?
Caprice Garcia: The veterinary science program, it is similar to the one in Washington.

US: So you are planning to become a vet?
CG: Yeah, I really love animals so it fits.

US: Is that your dog there?
CG: Yes, it's a girl. Her name is Zen.

US: What did you do for spring break?
CG: I went to Salt Lake and helped my parents move. I also have a job there so I worked a lot of the time.

US: Where do you work?
CG: Brick Oven – it’s the restaurant.

US: Did you do any homework over spring break?
CG: Yeah, I did plenty of homework, I was glad for it.

CG: So you are planning to be a vet?
CG: Yeah, I really love animals so I'm very interested in that.

CG: So you plan to be a vet?
CG: I really have no idea, but probably just trying to single people out or something like that because they are not part of the tradition.

US: Why do you think that we, as Americans, celebrate an Irish tradition?
CG: Just as Americans, we are so diverse. We like celebrating holidays that are not necessarily ours.

Jason Mraz slays at Salt Lake show

I've been a fan of Jason Mraz for about 11 years now. When my fandom began, Mraz only had one album out. Everyone has that friend with good taste, who subconscious-ly influences your music listening for sure. For the rest of your life. Joelle – the previously mentioned friend, who still has fantastic taste – pointed me to the treasure that was his acoustic stuff. I was instantly hooked.

Picture you are a die-hard fan of a musician renowned for live performances. Then said artist doesn't come to tour near you for over a de cade. You can imagine my turmoil.

My years of waiting finally ended last Friday at Altrafvelen Hall.

Quite a bit happened in Mraz’s life during those 11 years. He was signed to Columbia Records and released four more studio albums, including three live albums. Lovaas also wrote and performed on the entire album, “Yes!”, which was released in 2012. Mraz ended the tour in 2011, and his concerts were some of the most memorable in my fan life.

Jason Mraz is a 16-year-old singer-songwriter who took his music to the next level during his career. His music is characterized by its simplicity and heartfelt lyrics. Mraz has a unique sound that sets him apart from other singer-songwriters.

Mraz’s music is often about love, Relationships, and spirituality. His songs are known for their positive messages and uplifting lyrics. Mraz’s music has been described as acoustic folk-pop. He is known for his acoustic guitar and harmonica.

Mraz’s music has been praised for its emotional depth and reali ty. His songs have been covered by other artists, and his music has been featured in movies and TV shows. Mraz’s music has earned him several Grammy nominations, including for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance.

Mraz’s music is often compared to that of his contemporaries, such as Jack Johnson and Jack Johnson. However, Mraz’s music is unique and stands apart from that of his contemporaries.

Mraz’s music has a following that is passionate and dedicated. His fans are known for their love of his music and their support of his career. Mraz’s music has a special place in the hearts of many people, and his music is loved by people of all ages.

Mraz’s music has a positive message that resonates with many people. His music is a reminder of the importance of love, relationships, and spirituality in our lives. Mraz’s music is a source of comfort and inspiration for many people.

Mraz’s music has a lasting impact on his fans. His music has helped many people through difficult times, and his music has been a source of comfort and inspiration for many people. Mraz’s music is a gift that will be enjoyed for generations to come.
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REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1
It has been aawan fall of changes for the Utah State women's basketball team. The team was 8-22 in the 2014-2015 season and 5-12 in Mountain West during the regular season, while 2013-2014 season was 8-2 in the MW tournament in Las Vegas on March 9.

The coaches did a good job of keeping it positive. "It took us time, but we knew that coming to Utah State was a team contribution. We knew we needed to step up as a shooter, but it's been a team effort," Nelson said. "Tilar Clark and Funda Nakkasoglu, both freshmen guards, stepped up to play larger roles."

"It's a big role to Funda Nakkasoglu," said USU senior forward Annie Hall. "It would have been nice to have the other players on the team, but they didn't want to stay, and we don't need that negative vibe on the team. The coaches did a good job of keeping it positive."

At the time, Williams was the team's leading scorer with 14 points per game. She had started in all seven games and was second in the Mountain West in scoring. Baird played in all seven games and started four.

In her case she averaged nearly seven points per game to go along with just under four rebounds. Williams had lost. It brought friendship on the court and off the court."Clark said she and her teammates relied on the seniors for stability throughout the rest of the season. "I know, as a younger player this season has been a whirlwind of a lot of emotions," Clark said. "The seniors have always been there to take on the wave, and they've been great role models for us. They have been really positive through every situation."

"The coaches have done great," said USU senior forward Franzy Vaaulu. "It would have been nice to have the other players on the team, but they didn't want to stay, and we don't need that negative vibe on the team. The coaches did a good job of keeping it positive."

The coaches and players alike credit the team with coming together and playing closely, despite the adversity they faced early on in the season.

"We definitely got closer," Nak-kauglo said. "Everyone knew their role. I think everyone worked harder at training to fill up the roles that we had lost. It brought friendship on the hard of the court." Clark got a chance to prove herself as a leader this season as well. She started in every game after the departures of Williams and Baird. Clark said she and her teammates relied on the seniors for stability throughout the rest of the season. The seniors have always been there to take on the wave, and they've been great role models for us. They have been really positive through every situation.

Along with the seniors, the coaches kept things rolling for Utah State, not allowing the team members to lose hope. "The coaches have done great," Nelson said. "They've always had a belief in us as players and a belief that we can get things done. Our re- cord isn't that great and we're not a
Students recognize accomplishments of iconic basketball coach Stew Morrill at Utah State

By McKayla Montierth

Stew “Stewie” Morrill has been around for quite some time, but he could be a legend on campus even after his retirement. A great coach and a great man.

An athlete, he played for Rick’s College, then the Gonzaga Bulldogs. After his college career he played professionally in Europe before moving on to coaching. Morrill had coached basketball for twenty-three years before coming to Utah State. While he was there, he was known for his work at Utah State.

What the Aggies will remember most about Morrill will be how he led Utah State Basketball to a 402-156 record and nearly 73 percent win total, achieved under his leadership. He became the all-time win leader at Utah State in 2008 when the Aggies beat the Boise State Broncos, giving him 225 wins at the time. Morrill continued to lead his team to multiple 20-win seasons and four great basketball seasons of all time, or a Mountain West coach. The Athletic Association of America (A) in 2000, 2009, and 2010. Achievements like these are what earned Morrill the WAC Coach of the Year award in 2008, 2009, and 2011. When Morrill began at USU, he was coaching his Big West. His team then made the jump to the WAC and moved again in 2013 to the Mountain West.

After 17 years with Utah State, Morrill announced his retirement, but before moving on to coaching. Morrill played professionally in Europe after his college career with Rick’s College, then with the Gonzaga Bulldogs. After his college career, he played professionally in Europe for many years before coming to Utah State.

Among his student-athletes, colleagues, friends and family, Stew was known for his hard work, dedication, honesty and concern for the wellness of his student-athletes. He was well-known through hard work and dedication that he was able to lead the Utah State basketball team to an incredible season.

Fans can only hope that in the years ahead the Aggies basketball team can improve to compete on the next level. The future looks bright for the Aggies under new coach Mark Madsen.

An expert at what he does, Morrill is a legend on campus even after his retirement. He is known for his work at Utah State and his ability to lead his team to success.

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Five great performances, two NCAA tournament appearances.

2001 Morrill’s team moved out of the Big West and into the Western Athletic Conference in 2001. USU won the WAC in 2005 and the WAC was in 2006, but the WAC was in 2007. USU won two NCAA tournament appearances.

2009 the first year Morrill winning three-straight WAC titles, three-straight WAC tourney titles, and three-straight NCAA tournament appearances.

2015 Morrill decides to call it quits after 17 years. The Aggies enjoyed a successful basketball season in their second year as part of the WAC. After three-straight conference tournaments were won and no postseason play ensued in the final two years, being part of the WAC is a big change for the Aggies as a result.

Calen Jones is a junior in majors in journalism and doesn’t want to talk about anything. He’s currently coaching the AAU basketball team and competing for three times in five years. Contact him at logantjones@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Adversity

By Kylee Larsen

Logan Jones

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Marcus Maddox is geni

What many Super Bowl winners in their last ten years were the regular season favorites? How many top 25 college football teams managed their successful season this year? Major league baseball, NBA, the same story every time. You can’t win everything. The fun of sports is discovering who wins in the end. The fun of bracket making.

Logan Jones is an award-winning journalist. He enjoys working with teams. Contact him at logantjones@aggiemail.usu.edu.
Horoscope love forecast

Aries: March 21 - April 19
You'll discover that some of what you'll want a week, a month, or a year from now may not be an open mind.

Sagitarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You won't hesitate to let your sweetheart know how much you really feel because the moon is inspiring you to sing. If someone is counteracting any negativity affecting you over the next months.

Don't assume that, if you are happy and sad for your long-term future.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
A restless moon is inspiring you to change the course of your life. If you are happy and sad for your long-term future.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 21
You might be struggling that they aren't working.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
You're feeling more and more content with yourself than you have in a while.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
2 Top and rent out the basement!

Cancer: June 22 - July 22
Do you think you'll ever have a relationship? Your affairs, or romantic partners could be a bumpy ride!

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
Do you have a hard time thinking about your sexual charisma, and you'll project strong vibes.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You can't do too much for someone, you want to be there for her, and you've got the means to do it.

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KYLEE LARSEN
photo editor

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design editor

I've been working on a story about suicide — look for it in the next few issues — and it's really a very eye-opening experience.

No, not because I'm shocked at how many people commit suicide, but because I've been saddled by the loss that survivors feel when a loved one passes — though I do feel for them. It's mostly be-

cause, aside from this particular process, I've really thought about my own experiences with suicide.

I remember being depressed at times as a child, crystallizing and stuffed animals until I fell asleep. I remember fighting with my family and trying to wait patient-
y until God worked everything out.

It really started in middle school, though. I remember everyone was depressed. I re-

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To make progress on this, and this, you'll need to change things.

A restless moon is inspiring you to change the course of your life. If you are happy and sad for your long-term future.

Don't get me wrong — I've been both happy and sad for my whole life, but combi-

Jennifer Shepherd, the astrologer and columnist for the Utah Statesman.

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Wyoming beats San Diego State 45-43 on Saturday to improve to 25-8 on the season and clinch its first NCAA tournament berth since 2002.

"I love the way these guys play," said Wyoming head coach Larry Shyatt after the win. "I have always trusted them. I'm so happy for our ball club, our university and most of all for these five seniors who came and took a chance on our stuff. They took a chance on the University of Wyoming at a time that was not easy."

The Aztecs had a chance for a 3-point lead at the buzzer, but it wasn't meant to be and the shot missed, leading to Cow-boy win.

"We've been in dogfights all year," said junior guard Jaded Adams, who was named tournament most valuable player after the game. "This is the style we play. I know a lot of the critiques about us — we're grinding it out, we're going to lose energy. We had bounce in our stop and were able to grind it out all the way to the end of the game, and now we're going dancing." Wyoming led the entire first half and finished with a three-point lead at the half. In the second half San Diego State battled back and both teams took turns leading the game until Adams nailed a 3-point shot with just over a minute left to give Wyoming the lead for good.

"We came here, and I say it all the time," said Larry Nance Jr. who scored 14 points and had six rebounds in the San Diego State game. "Coach promised to be a piece of something bigger. If I remember right, that could just about 20 minutes ago was something bigger. That's what we're taking back to Wyoming. All those fans, this trophy, the tournament MVP and an NCAA tournament berth."

San Diego State held the edge in bench points against Wyoming. The Aztecs had put up 22 points compared to just one point for the Wyoming bench. Despite the difference in bench scoring and holding Wyoming to just six points in the paint, San Diego State came up short.

"I will congratulate Larry Shyatt," said Steve Fisher, head coach of San Diego State. "He's a good friend, for what he's done, and for his team with their grit and toughness. But we have a team that has proven that we have that same mettle, and I'm disappointed we've not the ones out chopping the nets down. But we're not. That's the reality of it. That disappointment and feeling truly has no boundaries.

Wyoming was the four seed in the tournament and beat Utah State 67-65 in its first game. Adams led the way against USU, scoring 10 points and didn't eat out assists. After defeating the Aztecs, the Cowboys set their sights on the Sooners for their second game.

Playing against top-seeded Boise State on Friday, Wyoming needed a little extra time to get the win but finished with a 73-66 advantage after overtime. Adams again led all scorers this time with 27 points. "I'm just happy for these five guys that are a year ahead of me that I've had a chance and privilege to spend three years with," said Adams after the Boise State game. "I know they've trusted this for a long time. I'm glad to be a part of it, and I'm glad I could do something special to them at that spot and help out a little bit."

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Wyoming men win first MW title

By Kalen Taylor

Boise State takes the women's tournament crown by knocking off New Mexico

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A No. 4 seed Boise State secured its first Mountain West conference tournament title Friday night by defeating the No. 2 seed New Mexico 67-66.

"When we started, the number one goal we had was finish," said Boise State guard Brooke Puckett, the tournament's most valuable player. "We have this big pyramid. It says: Finish on top. When we were down during the season, when we lost some games, we shouldn't have, it was tough for us."

Therefore, led wire-to-wire in the game, the Broncos kept close the entire night but couldn't gain control of the game. Sophomore guard Yvonne Sanchez led Boise State with 18 points on 5-for-10 shooting and also had four assists. Puckett had 10 points and forward Madison Askew had 12 points on an effective 4-of-5 shooting from the floor.

"We just kind of grinded it out and never stopped believing," said Boise State coach Grady Presnell. "You know, we let them get it down to five but never let them get all the way back into it. It was really proud of them. I thought Yvonne was terrific. She kept calling the same pick's roll over and over and over. Brooke has been all in. It's been a great run. They're Boise State believers, both of them, and we're excited about the win."

For New Mexico guard Antionsha Brown had 23 points and six rebounds. Following Brown was Khadija Shumpert who scored 17 points in the game.

"They played a tremendous game," said New Mexico head coach Yvonne Sanchez. "They definitely had the pieces in place to win this conference. They did a great job. They gave us a shot. We were looking for a chance to play off against No. 2 New Mexico. It's an exciting game."

With the win Boise State moved to 22-10 on the season and the team is headed to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2007. This is the third trip for Boise State to the big dance, and the Broncos are 0-2 in their previous two trips to the tournament.

Boise State received a No. 15 seed and will face off against No. 2 New Mexico in its first game.

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