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04/08 CC Sugar House Hotel ME
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The developer of a hotel proposed for the corner of Sugar House Park won't get to build as high as they want.

On Tuesday, the Salt Lake City Council rejected a zoning ordinance that would have allowed the building to be up to 90 feet tall.

Council Member Sarah Young represents the district.

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{OUR COMMUNITY IS STRONGER WHEN PEOPLE CARE, AND THIS PROCESS HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED HOW MUCH OUR RESIDENTS VALUE THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY AND ESPECIALLY CHERISHED PUBLIC SPACES LIKE SUGAR HOUSE PARK.}

She said residents were concerned that a hotel that size would impact the livability of the neighborhood.

It's the latest in a years-long saga for the lot.

It was previously home to a Sizzler restaurant, and has been vacant for years.

04/06 CC Downward Emissions ME
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Emissions in Salt Lake City have gone down over the last two decades.

A new study from the University of Utah finds nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide levels have dropped significantly since 2005.

Researchers say this is proof that emission standards and vehicle improvements have made a difference.

Haley Humble is a graduate student who worked on the study.

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{OVER TIME, WE'VE HAD CLEANER TECHNOLOGY, AND WE'VE SEEN THAT DECREASE IN EMISSIONS, AND NOW WE'RE STARTING TO GET INTO HYBRID AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES.}

The study also measured carbon dioxide levels. But CO-2 did not decrease.

Humble says that's because there are heavily populated areas within the city – where people do a lot of driving.

She acknowledges there have been great improvements since the early 2000s. But she says, quote, "we can still do better."

04/01 CC Bundy Victim ATC
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Detectives now have DNA evidence linking infamous serial killer Ted Bundy to an unsolved 19-74 murder of a Utah teen.

In a news conference today {WED}, Utah County Sheriff Mike Smith credited the latest DNA testing standards for solving this case.

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{THIS WILL MAKE ANY FUTURE DNA TEST COMPARISON EASIER FOR THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO STILL HAVE OPEN CASES INVOLVING BUNDY.}

Bundy confessed to the murder of 17-year-old Laura Ann Aime {AMY} the day before his execution in 1989.

But his statement alone was not enough evidence and the case went cold.

Sergeant Mike Reynolds said he hopes the sheriff's office was able to deliver Aime's family quote, "some type of healing."

04/01 CC USU Coach ME
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Utah State University has a new men's basketball head coach.

The former University of Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobson signed on to a five year deal.

Jacobson spoke during a press conference {TUESDAY} held on campus at Maverick Stadium.

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{MAN, I LOVE DOING THIS, AND I'M AS EXCITED AND READY AS I'VE EVER BEEN, PROBABLY THE MOST READY THAT I HAVE BEEN IN MY HEAD COACHING CAREER.}

Jacobson brings 20 years of experience from U-N-I and is the winningest coach in that program's history.

Now, he will lead the Aggies as they transition from the Mountain West Conference to the Pac-12.

He is replacing Jerrod Calhoun, who was at U-S-U for two seasons.

{OPT: Calhoun is now the head coach at his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati.}

03/17 CC Inland Port ICE ATC
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Utah's Inland Port Authority claims it had nothing to do with the sale of the new ICE warehouse in Salt Lake City.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement bought the building as part of its expansion of detention facilities.

Ben Hart is the Executive Director of the Utah Inland Port Authority. At a public meeting yesterday {MON}, he was asked if the board was aware of the sale.

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{WE HAD NO COLLABORATION, COORDINATION, FACILITATION, OR EVEN AWARENESS OF THAT FACILITY BEFORE IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK. SO JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE PORT HAD NO ROLE IN THAT NEW FACILITY AT ALL.}

However, the 25-acre building does lie within the port authority's boundaries.

{OPT: Protestors against the detention center gathered at the Utah Governor's Mansion today {TUES}.}

03/17 CC Airport Impacts ME
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T-S-A agents have missed their first full paychecks since the partial government shutdown began last month.

But, The Salt Lake City International Airport is making an effort to help workers who are affected.

Nancy Volmer is the Director of Communication and Marketing at the airport.

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{ONE THING THAT WE'VE DONE HERE AT SALT LAKE CITY IS WE HAVE A FOOD PANTRY THAT WE'VE SET UP TO HELP THE WORKERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME WHEN THEY CAN'T, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T HAVE A PAYCHECK, SO THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD GROCERIES}

And Volmer says there are bins set up for passengers to drop off non-perishable items.

The Salt Lake City Department of Airports is also accepting gift card donations.

While some airports around the country are experiencing long security lines, Volmer says Salt Lake is not having any unusual delays.

03/14 CC Violence Legal Profession ATC
DL

There have been a lot more threats against Utah attorneys over the last two decades.

The Utah State Bar presented the results of a survey today {FRI}.

It found the number of threats has increased nearly 70 percent since 2006.

Salt Lake City attorney Stephen Kelson conducted the study. He says these threats against individuals can have a domino effect.

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{THAT AFFECTS THEIR WELL BEING. IT WORKED, AFFECTS THE WELL BEING OF THOSE THAT THEY WORK WITH, AND IN DOING SO, IT CAN DIRECTLY AFFECT THE JUDGMENTS THAT THEY MAKE AND HOW THEY PRACTICE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND THE COMPETENCY AND THEN ULTIMATELY UPON THE LEGAL PRACTICE.}

Utah State Bar President Kim Cordova says lawyers and judges must be able to practice without fear.

She also says this data helps them understand the risks and how to respond to them.

03/04 CC Curtis Iran Latest ATC
DL

A war powers resolution failed in the U-S Senate today{WED}. It would have prevented the president from ordering further military action in Iran.

Utah Senator John Curtis released a video statement explaining his vote.

He said he wishes he had been consulted, but that stopping the president this way is not the answer.

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{IMAGINE HOW THE FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES IN THIS WAR WOULD FEEL IF WE SIMPLY STOPPED AND PULLED AWAY FROM WHAT WE'RE DOING. SO FOR THAT REASON, THE WAR POWERS ACT THAT WE'RE VOTING ON THIS AFTERNOON IS NOT THE RIGHT ANSWER TO THIS. 12 seconds.}

Curtis ended by saying the executive and legislative branches need to find a balance on how they handle the ongoing war.

02/11 CC Homelessness Presser ATC
DL/MH

Salt Lake City's West side is slated to get a 16-acre homeless campus.

If that happens, lawmakers that represent the area want a few changes.

Utah Senate Minority Leader Luz Escamilla {LOOSE ess-cuh-MEE-yuh} and Representative Sandra Hollins held a press conference today {WED}..

Escamilla said she has issues with the plan.

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{THERE'S A NEED FOR MORE SERVICES RELATED TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND UNSHELTERED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT RESOURCES ARE BEING PUT INTO THOSE NEEDS. BUT WE DON'T THINK THAT A 1300 BED FACILITY IS THE ANSWER. 15 seconds}

But if it does happen, Escamilla and Hollins have some ideas.

They've introduced three bills.

One would add a west side representative to Utah's Homeless Services board.

Another would create specific requirements for operating a state homeless services campus.

And the last would give tax credits to property owners next to the campus.

02/10 CC Cox Welcome ATC
DL/AP

Governor Spencer Cox recently addressed concerns about Utah hosting the Winter Olympic Games in 20-34.

The country's politics have left a sense of global uncertainty.

But speaking at the Milan-Cortina Games, he described the U-S as, quote, "still a very welcoming place."

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{WE LOVE THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS FOR MANY REASONS, BUT MOST OF ALL THE WAY IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER AT A VERY DIVIDED TIME IN OUR NATION AND IN OUR WORLD. 9 seconds}

Cox said the country will work through its political issues and that the Games in Salt Lake City are still “a long ways away.”

The state has already begun preparations to host the historic event.

And, the current operating budget stands at three billion dollars.

02/04 CC GSL Q&A ATC
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The Commissioner of the Great Salt Lake spoke today {WED} about how low snowpack levels will impact Utah in the upcoming months.

Commissioner Brian Steed held a press conference, and he said the state is currently in “conservation mode.”

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{PUTTING LESS WATER OUTSIDE IS GOING TO BE KEY. AND SO WE'LL BE HITTING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS A WEIGHT TO WATER MESSAGE, AS WELL AS TRYING TO WORK WITH FARMERS AND RANCHERS TO DO AS BEST WE CAN, TO KEEP WATERING SEASONS DELAYED AS BEST WE'RE ABLE.}

He and his team are tracking two bills this legislative session that would speed up the process of leasing water to the lake to boost its levels.

It’s unclear how much water the state will get this year.

But if current weather trends continue, Steed thinks there will be hard conversations this summer.

01/23 CC Bad Air ME
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Bad air has settled over northern Utah.

But now, people living in western Salt Lake County can access air quality alerts.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality launched “Westside Airsense” in October.

The statewide clean-air advocacy group UCAIR {U-CARE} explained more about it.

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{IF YOU SIGN UP, THE WESTSIDE AIRSENSE PROJECT WILL SEND YOU MORE THAN TWO EMAILS A DAY WHEN FINE PARTICULAR MATTER IN YOUR AREA GETS TOO HIGH.}

Air quality sensors will measure the pollution levels in specific areas.

Only residents on the west side of the Salt Lake Valley are eligible for alerts.

{OPT: The project also has a newsletter and is hosting community engagement events.}

When a notification is sent out, experts recommend limiting outdoor activities, especially for people with pre-existing conditions.