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Herman Cain withdraws from Fed consideration

President Donald Trump said April 22 that Herman Cain has withdrawn from consideration for the Federal Reserve Board of Directors and a focus on past scandals and debts about his tenure at the automaker.

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BYU Survivor Advocate Dr. Lisa Leavitt has received communications from survivors whose social media have been altered or removed.

Leavitt said social media is one of the first issues she discusses with survivors. She cautions them to be careful with what they post online.

The emergence of digital media is one of the reasons why BYU Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate Lisa Leavitt is seeing an increase in survivors rethinking details of their assaults.

Occasionally, Leavitt is forced to tell a survivor that they will never see what they have posted online again.

“Some are hurt and angry. I can understand why they would want it to disappear, but social media is permanent,” Leavitt said.

A card is passed around the room at the meeting, along with a list of guidelines for survivors.

Leavitt said this type of meeting is a good way for survivors to get together, hear each other's voices and raise awareness about the issue of sexual assault.

Leavitt also discussed the importance of survivor advocacy and the need for survivors to have someone to talk to about what they are going through.

She urged survivors to reach out to her or other survivors if they are struggling with their experience.

“Survivors need to know that they are not alone,” Leavitt said. “They need to know that there is support available for them.”

By allowing survivors to share their experiences and connect with others, Leavitt said she hopes to create a sense of community and reduce feelings of isolation.

Leavitt also discussed the role of technology in the lives of survivors.

She explained that technology can often be a double-edged sword, providing a means for survivors to connect with others but also putting them at risk for further harm.

Leavitt urged survivors to be cautious when using technology and to take steps to protect their privacy and safety.

She also discussed the importance of legal protection and the need for survivors to be aware of their rights.

Leavitt said that survivors should understand that they have the right to be heard and that they have the right to be protected.

She encouraged survivors to seek legal advice if they are in danger and to report any incidents of abuse to the police.

Leavitt also discussed the role of the BYU Legal Aid Clinic in helping survivors with their legal needs.

She explained that the clinic provides free legal services to survivors and helps them navigate the legal system.

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One experience being Jewish in today's America

I grew up one of the only Jewish kids in a small and conserva-
tive suburb of San Antonio, Texas. At times, it was hard and scary
experience, but I am also grateful for all I went through because it
helped form who I am. However, I wasn’t the only one who was
remembering being Jewish at BYU.

I remember having friends over for Hanukkah and Passover din-
ers and going to school with a group of Jewish kids I went to school with — the special bond we
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Policy shift lets Latter-day Saint missionaries call home weekly

For years, Latter-day Saint missionaries have been accustomed
to calling home every Christmas and Mother’s Day —
but not anymore.

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
day Saints announced full-time missionaries may now
communicate with their families every week via phone calls, text
messages, online messaging and video chats, in addition to let-
ters and emails.

The Church’s 65,000 missionaries worldwide may commu-
icate with their families weekly on their preparation day.

According to the Church’s statement, the missionaries should be
the ones to initiate all messages, phone calls or video chats.

Fake news, propaganda spread quickly on social media

As the Raging Mountain and Pole Creek wildfires raged across Utah Valley in September, BYU VitalLab Manager Managing Director Adam Durfee saw another destructive force raging across local
news and social media — information.

“A very popular, trustworthy Utah news outlet published a story
about the fire that was basically incorrect,” Durfee said.

And there seemed a second reason misrepresenting the amount of fire con-
tainment, which gave people a very scary amount of security that they
shouldn’t have had.”

Durfee said less influential sources are the origin point for most of
the misinformation. To help combat the problem, he was asked by
a communications team based out of a temporary fire headquarters
in Salem, Utah, to help create a centralized data hub.

Provo’s own ‘The Bachelor’ surpasses expectations

It was a weekly and roommates Colton
Ross and Remington Butler were discussing the
most recent episode of “The Bachelor.”

Butler suggested that Ross resembled one of the
remaining contestants who appeared on the show. He jokingly suggested they should adver-
tise him as “the bachelor of Provo” and see if
any girls might be interested.

“We need to think of ways to bring in a lot of people and we
have to have a different strategy, and the zoo tries to ensure the safety
of both the animals and the human visitors.

Sea lions perch on a log and roost at the Hogle Zoo during the
winter.

Hogle Zoo remains open despite cold winter weather

Utah’s Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City has remained open year-
round despite the cold temperatures and snow a Utah winter can
bring.

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Does Ted Bundy film romanticize the serial killer?

“Bundy admitted to the raping, kidnapping and murdering of at least 30 women before his execution in January 1989.


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From left: Spencer Christiansen, Adam Durfee and K.C. Miller monitor the fire. Thanks to the Fire Relief website, the exhibit was designed as an informational hub for those affected by the Bald Mountain and Pole Creek fires.

Hogle Zoo

Provo firefighters battle the inferno as Los Hermanos col-
apses within itself from the flames.

Provo restaurant roof

Flames destroyed Provo restaurant Los Hermanos Feb.
15 after a fire erupted at around 4 p.m.

Restaurant Manager Kevin Sild said the fire-originated in the basement and spread unnoticed until smoke started
pouring out of the doors and into the skylight. Firefighters
rushed to the scene to face what became several hours
worth of battle to contain the damage.

Brandi Landham is a resident of 0.5 Center, an apartment
complex adjacent to Los Hermanos. He was sitting at home
when the fire alarm went off and he said he could smell smoke.

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BYU Rocket Club sets world record

BYU Rocket Club team High Power set the new Guinness World Record for the highest launch of an ejection seat rocket at the U.S. Bureau Alaka’i Rocket Challenge. The competition was held at the Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island, Florida, on Dec. 12. A team of four BYU students — Zachary Lawless, Mark Johnson, Riley Meik and Alex Laraway — was one of five finalists selected to compete in the Alaka’i Rocket Challenge. According to Johnson, 15 college teams entered the competition, but the finalists included California Polytechnic State University, University of Minnesota, Texas Tech University, the University of Virginia and BYU.

The team more than doubled the previous world record height with its rocket soaring to 883.0 feet. The previous record, held by University of Minnesota, was 429.7 feet.

BYUSA students connect through interfaith outreach

It started with a text on March 16: “You and I are taking flowers to the Al Sahaba Mosque today if Farah says it’s appropriate.”

The text, sent from BYU law student Camille Bailey Aagard to her classmate Rhonda Peck, came a day after 50 people were killed in two New Zealand mosques on March 15.

After the tragedy in New Zealand, Aagard and Peck arranged for fellow law students to attend a worship service with their Muslim classmate Farah Odebat at the Orem Islamic Center, an action that started a pattern in the law school of kindness, support and solidarity for religious diversity.

BYU Rocket Club members, from left, Riley Meik, Zachary Lawless, Alex Laraway and Mark Johnson went to the Kennedy Space Center for the Boeing U.S. Alaska Rocket Challenge.

BYUSA PEN talks giving a voice to minority groups

BYU Student Association Director of Student Leadership Anthony Bates opened the first PEN, or Perspective Education Narratives, talk on Oct. 31 in the Wilkinson Center by giving students permission to ask hard questions.

“One of the biggest inhibitors of communication is political correctness. Sometimes we become so preoccupied with the way we phrase the question we want to ask, that we end up never asking the question at all,” Bates said. “This forum has been put in place to give students a chance to ask the hard questions.”

BYUSA leaders hope PEN talks will be the catalyst to a new culture of acceptance and communication on BYU campus.

BYU Rocket Club members, from left, Haley Rogers, Arianna Davidson, Kaiyi Perry, Jameyren Van Tonder, Emma Ramirez and Ryan David participate in a BYUUSA PEN talk. PEN Talks kicked off Oct. 18 in the Wilkinson Center.

Students scoop $10,000 for carbonated ice cream

A team of BYU food science majors walked away with the $10,000 grand prize at a dairy product development competition Aug. 11 by creating a carbonated ice cream.

The team’s carbonated hard-pack ice cream, Sparkling Scoops, blends the experience of eating ice cream with drinking soda. Sparkling Scoops’ flavor and packaging impressed the judges at the Idaho Milk Producers Association’s annual Dairy Product Innovation Competition, leading to BYU’s fifth victory since the competition began in 2007.

Alan Reed, the chair of the Product Innovation Competition, was impressed with the presentation of Sparkling Scoops. “They had the packaging; they had the marketing; they had the entire product ready to go.”

While BYU is a veteran to the competition, they met an unexpected challenge from BYU-Idaho’s team who brought a hard-pack carbonated ice cream of their own.

“Several months before the competition, the judges contacted us and asked if we were working together with BYU-Idaho because it seemed like we were making the exact same product,” said David Doxey, a co-captain of BYU’s team. “There was no cross-consulting going on. It was actually a huge surprise.”

BYU Rocket Club master class with BYU students at the Parke Theater on Sept. 14.
Religion professor teaches church history with original art

Over 1,000 students enter professor Anthony Sweat’s classroom each semester at BYU, where they are taught about the Restoration of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sweat has his artistic talents alongside his teaching abilities to provide visuals for his students of significant events and occurrences in his Foundations of the Restoration and Doctrine and Covenants classes.

Born and raised on the west side of Salt Lake Valley, Sweat attended the University of Utah where he received a bachelor’s degree in painting with a minor in art history.

“I’ve always been creative. I’ve always liked to make things and do things. I’ve always drawn and been very visual,” Sweat said.

He said some of his earliest memories were sitting in a courtroom witnessing the people who were speaking, which helped him pay attention and learn the gospel.

**BYU students build ice cream shop from the ground up**

BYU advertising alum Brandon Barkdull and his brother Blake, a BYU neuroscience student, have managed to scoop up success as co-founders of a Provo ice cream sandwich shop called Penguin Brothers.

The Barkdull brothers grew up sandwiched between an older and a younger brother in California. They often made their famous cookie sandwich dessert from home.

Their mother, Leslie Barkdull, said their entrepreneurial instincts and strengths started from a young age.

“Blake was always trying to find adventures even as early as age 2 or 3. He thought it would be great to have two frozen yogurt ads in my apron to make his own breakfast and put my new furniture orange,” Leslie said.

“Brandon was always constructing things with whatever materials he found around the house. I got a 3D model of our house made out of paper as a gift for my birthday from him once.”

**Dance departments create positive environments**

Dancers may struggle with eating disorders and perfectionism, but dancing environments can play a major role in helping dancers to be mentally healthy. BYU dance professors are teaching abilities to provide visuals for his students.

According to BYU Ballet dancer Ashley Bouwhuis, eating disorders can come from teaching practices, a dancer’s peer and the environment they create.

Though few dancers develop a clinically defined eating disorder, many develop some form of disordered eating through the physical aesthetics that are required of them as a dancer, according to Dance Psychology for Artistic and Performance Excellence.

According to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, disordered eating is used to describe a range of irregular eating habits, the main factor that disseminated disordered eating from an eating disorder is the severity and frequency of behaviors.

**Rome Temple a dream ‘finally come true’ for Italian Church members**

Native Italian/Cmix Nobile could hardly believe it when plans to build a temple in Rome were announced in General Conference on Oct. 4, 2008.

“It was a dream of 60 years finally come true,” Nobile said. “It was most glorious day I’ve ever had.”

The Rome Temple was dedicated just weeks ago on March 28, almost 11 years after President Thomas S. Monson announced plans to build the temple.

All 15 members of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles attended the dedication in Rome. According to the Church Newsroom, the gathering in Rome marks the first time in Church history that every member of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have been together outside the United States.
BYU guard McKay Cannon takes a shot against St. Mary’s on Jan. 24. The Cougars beat the Gaels 71-66.

Annalee Ross speaks at an event for “Provo’s Most Eligible,” an online dating show launched by BYU students this year. Ross won the competition.
The use of social media is affecting our ability to listen and communicate effectively with our peers. These days, much of our communication happens through text-based messages and social media platforms. While this has made it easier to stay connected with others, it has also made it more difficult to truly understand the perspectives of those we are communicating with.

Notifications have become a source of anxiety and distraction, often interrupting our focus and making it difficult to concentrate. In addition, the constant bombardment of information on social media can make it difficult to form meaningful relationships or engage in deep, thoughtful conversations.

As a society, we must find a way to use social media in a healthier and more productive way. This may involve setting limits on screen time or finding alternative ways to connect with others in person. It is important that we do not let social media define our understanding of the world or our relationships with others.
Women’s rugby alum excels on US team

I can’t hear the Portland runner breathing pushed her harder.

Erica Birk-Jarvis was coming to the last kilometer of the race. She was exhausted, and all she could see was the grass in front of her — everything else was a blur.

That was all it took. Birk-Jarvis was no longer hearing her own breathing.

“After my first game, my heart was set on the WNBA and basketball. Then I blew up. I fell down and let out a blood-curdling scream, and we knew it was trouble.”

Palm Springs High senior libero Mary Lake was so focused that the crowd’s cheers were muffled in her ears, but one phrase rang out, “Do it for Jack!”

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Dave Rose retires as BYU men’s basketball head coach

Dave Rose announced he’s retiring as the head coach of BYU’s men’s basketball team in a press conference held inside the Marriott Center March 26.

“I’d promise you this, I’m the happiest guy in here. But this will be tough. Thirty-six years, Thirty-six years I’ve been doing this — at BYU, at the head coach — and today is the day that I’m going to retire,” Rose said. “I’ve had a chance to talk with the players and encourage them to move forward and tackle the challenges at hand. But not of all, I’ve had a chance to reflect with my family. How lucky I’ve been. I’m 61 years old and I still haven’t worked a day in my life.”

Rumors recently surfaced on social media about Rose’s future and standing with the team. Though it isn’t sure to see this type of happen when a team has an un成功的 season, there seemed to be truth behind the rumors. Amid these rumors, Rose knew it was time to retire.

BYU Dunk Team’s first female member brings passion, inspiration to formerly all-male program

The BYU Dunk Team looks a little different this year. That’s because now flying high with the team is its first-ever female member, Camdyn Roberts.

Roberts joined the team this year to help improve the reach of the Cougar Strong Program, which takes the dunk team to elementary schools around the state where the team performs with hopes of inspiring young students to improve themselves socially, physically and mentally. The program was created by dunk team coach Dave Eberhard.

Eberhard said Roberts greatly inspired many of the young girls who attended a recent performance.

“They were so excited that she was there,” Eberhard said. “Those little girls were just super excited and like, ‘Hey, we can be anything that we want to be.’”

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BYU freshman qualifies for 2020 Olympic trials

Brynn Sproul is everything you’d expect when picturing an Olympic prospect. She stands tall at five-foot-eleven, with an athletic build. Her dad, Willie, says she’s incredibly tenacious, and her coach, Yolanda Bates, says she’s a natural born leader: What you might not expect of Sproul is her age. At just 18 years old, Sproul is one of the youngest Olympic prospects to come out of BYU. As a freshman, Sproul has only been competing at the collegiate level for about four months.

Sproul has always wanted to qualify for the Olympic trials — she just never expected it to be so soon.

April 1, 2019

Emma Wiles

Dave Rose smiles through many tears during his retirement press conference on March 26.

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BYU Dunk Team’s first female member, Camdyn Roberts, comes in hot after gaining momentum from a trampoline.

BYU senior qualifies for second Olympic trials

Payton Sorenson isn’t just a good swimmer: he’s a world-class swimmer. At just 27 years old, Sorenson has become one of the world’s best sprinters and made it into the semifinals of the 2016 Olympic trials.

“I wasn’t expecting to make it that far last time,” Sorenson said.

Sorenson had only been home for a year from his mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when he surprised both himself and his coaches with his performance. His success at that time continues to fuel his training.

“It gave me a taste for it because I didn’t think I was going to make it that far,” Sorenson said.

After four years, the BYU senior will once again participate in the Olympic trials with aspirations to represent — along with the rest of the national team — the U.S. at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

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BYU freshman qualifies for 2020 Olympic trials

Brynn Sproul is everything you’d expect when picturing an Olympic prospect. She stands tall at five-foot-eleven, with an athletic build. Her dad, Willie, says she’s incredibly tenacious, and her coach, Yolanda Bates, says she’s a natural born leader.

What you might not expect of Sproul is her age. At just 18 years old, Sproul is one of the youngest Olympic prospects to come out of BYU. As a freshman, Sproul has only been competing at the collegiate level for about four months.

Sproul has always wanted to qualify for the Olympic trials — she just never expected it to be so soon.

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Emma Wiles

Camdyn Roberts, the BYU Dunk Team’s first female member, poses for a photo after gaining momentum from a trampoline.

Emma Wiles

Camdyn Roberts, the BYU Dunk Team’s first female member, comes in hot after gaining momentum from a trampoline.

Ty Mullen

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BYU freshman qualifies for 2020 Olympic trials

BYU swimmer Brynn Sproul shows off her freestyle sprint.

Fig. 10.2

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