

# Jonny Linehan returns to rugby roots

By DOLLI PLAYER

Former BYU football player Jonny Linehan had the chance to lace up his rugby cleats and return to his New Zealand roots with the Utah Warriors Rugby Club during the 2018 opening season.

The Warriors are the first Major League Rugby establishment to put down roots in Utah. The MLR is the highest level of competitive rugby in the United States. Many local athletes turned to the Warriors to continue their rugby careers beyond Utah's collegiate programs.

The list of players on the current Utah Warriors roster include notable Cougar athletes like Paul Lasike, Matthew Jensen and brothers Josh and Jared Whippy.

Linehan — a former BYU football punter and rugby team member — was contacted by the Warriors during the team's early stages, but he was still focused on football at the time.

"I wanted to keep practicing football to have a good pro day so I said no," Linehan said. "Then they reached out to me and asked if I wanted to be on the broadcast team and call some of the games."

Alongside BYU Sports Analyst Jarom Jordan, Linehan called multiple games during the season. His unique combination of rugby experience and humor made him a good fit for the Warriors' color commentary. Linehan's main goal was to help bring attention to professional rugby in Utah.

"It is an up-and-coming sport — it's the fastest growing sport in America," Linehan said. "It is going to be the sport that helps fill that gap when the football season ends."

Born in Auckland, New Zealand, Linehan was raised on rugby and is excited about its growing popularity in the United States. Rugby's popularity overseas is similar to that of football or basketball.

When Linehan made the move to Provo, he had to make a decision between his childhood passion and an opportunity for his future — playing



Aaron Cornia

Jonny Linehan drives the ball forward for the Utah Warriors in a home game vs. Houston Sabercats on June 23.

football.

"Stepping away from playing rugby and all the dreams and goals that I had as a rugby player, that was pretty difficult," Linehan said. "I'm a believer that things in life happen for a reason, and my plans just changed."

Linehan didn't know he would have one more chance to live out those rugby dreams on the Warriors field.

"I kinda knew what the call was about," Linehan said. "The Warriors had a couple injuries and they said, 'Hey, we need you to come and play.'"

With multiple injured players on

the roster — including Linehan's former BYU rugby teammate Josh Whippy — the Warriors were looking for fresh talent to fill the openings on the team. The added loss of Tongan national team member and all-time leading scorer Kurt Morath meant Linehan would return to the backline.

With Morath gone, Linehan was the top candidate to fill his position as fly-half — a highly skilled, quick-thinking position that executes plays and leads the team's attack.

"It's a little bit weird when a new

kid walks in halfway through the season and then has to essentially be the quarterback of the team," Linehan said. "I hadn't played rugby in three years, so it was a little rough, but I got my feet wet and was able to be okay."

The Warriors lost to the Austin Elite Rugby 33-41 on June 1 but still qualified for the MLR playoffs, where they fell to the Glendale Raptors in the semi-finals on June 30.

After his final game, Linehan decided to hang his boots up for good and focus on a possible future as a broadcast team member. However, he

expressed his gratitude for the chance to play one last time and raise awareness for the growing sport.

"Rugby is the sport that best resembles life. It's a game where to go forward, you have to go backward," Linehan said. "I had a blast this season, and it was a lot of fun being part of the first MLR (in Utah). Hopefully, it continues, and I'd like to be a part of it."

The Utah Warriors are currently preparing for their 2019 matches. More information is available on the Warriors website.

# HBLL exhibit explores Mormon gaming culture

By ANNA JOHNSON

Gaming is one aspect of Mormon culture not often discussed in Sunday School or BYU religion classes. A Mormon Games exhibit is on display at the L. Tom Perry Special Collections on the first floor of the Harold B. Lee Library through the end of July for students, faculty and staff to enjoy.

Curator of 21st Century Mormonism and Western Americana Trevor Alvord said the exhibit's main purpose is to showcase "the history or the evolution of Mormons in the gaming community" and that "Mormons can have fun too."

Alvord and Dainan Skeem, a curator of Mormon and Western manuscripts, are working together to build a comprehensive collection of Mormon game for future research. The games' accumulation was the genesis for the Mormon Gaming exhibit.

"I realized that nobody else out there was doing it. There was no record. There's nothing official or anything online that has a documentation of how Mormons have interacted with this medium," Alvord said.

The exhibit contains three display cases which lay out the pieces of the seven board and card games. Each game contains deeper meaning and reflects different eras of Mormon culture. The games also provide an insight into who Mormons are.

"There is a pretty large narrative out there that Mormons are very fundamental — we don't dance, we don't laugh, we don't see movies, we certainly don't play games. But I think this shows that that's not the case. This is breaking that stereotype. Mormons do



Ty Mullen

"Book of Mormon Who?" tests the player's knowledge of Book of Mormon characters. The Mormon Gaming exhibit is located in the L. Tom Perry Special Collections on the first floor of the HBLL through the month of July.

interact with culture and society just like every other group does," Alvord said.

The existence of the games also highlights the importance family holds in Mormon culture. Kent Tschanz, owner of Tschanz Rare Books and a specialist in Mormon material, said, "I can't think of another group — cultural, religious, social — that has this many board games dedicated to what they are doing. And it makes sense because of how important family and spending

time with your family is to the Mormon faith, so it's a natural fit."

Most — if not all — of the games are copycats of well-known titles like "Risk" or "Monopoly," but with a Latter-day Saint twist. "The Greatest Mission in the World" is similar to "Risk" but is infused with Mormon culture. The game's goal is to be the first to spread the gospel to every nation.

"It is taking culture from abroad and trying to imprint your own individualism on it," Alvord said.

"Book of Mormon Who?" is an iteration of the popular "Guess Who?" but with Book of Mormon characters like King Lamoni and Nephi's wife. "Cues 'n Clues" is a "Pyramid" game show look-alike but with cards and titles that reference food storage, the plagues of Pharaoh and ward choir.

Skeem and Alvord said the makers of these Mormon-themed games needed a guaranteed way to make money, so copying already-popular and successful games was a natural path to take.

One of the better-known games in the exhibit is "Seek," a trivia game that tests players' knowledge of LDS Church scriptures and doctrine.

"It's funny because you go around and even here in the department you can talk to people about 'Seek' and the older — probably 50 or older — people are like, 'Oh I remember that game. I used to play that at my grandma's house or in my mom and dad's house.' But you talk to people closer to our age, and they're like, 'I have no idea what 'Seek' is,'" Skeem said.

The games displayed in the exhibit are only a fraction of the Mormon games that exist. Alvord and Skeem plan to expand the exhibit in 2021. The future exhibit will be more expansive and comprehensive on the history of Mormon gaming and will include pioneer games, board games, card games and video games.

The goal is to make the exhibit more interactive, possibly allowing students to come and check out the games to play.

"We have a little bit of difficulty trying to work that out, but the hope is yes. They would have to play them here, but eventually maybe FHE groups could come in and check out the first Mormon board game and play it," Alvord said.

The evolution of Mormon gaming is an ongoing process. Members of the church can see their heritage through these games.

"If you are interested in finding some of these games, one of the best sources to find them is at Deseret Industries. In any of these second-hand stores very frequently you will be able to find Mormon-themed games," Skeem said.

"Or eBay, if you want a complete one," Alvord responded.

# UNIVERSE news briefs

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Forest fire burns west of Athens, Greece

A swift-moving forest fire burned through a mountainous area west of Athens on Monday, prompting residents to flee as smoke from the blaze turned the sky over the Greek capital a hazy orange.

The fire department said 80 firefighters with 40 vehicles were on the scene near the seaside settlement of Kineta, 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Athens between the capital and Corinth. Seven water-dropping planes and four helicopters were also helping to fight the wildfire.



## Audio files sent in Michael Cohen probe

A court filing reveals that a dozen audio recordings seized by the FBI from President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, have been forwarded to federal prosecutors.

The recordings were among many data files taken from Cohen last spring as part of a probe of his business practices.

Prosecutors received the recordings July 20 after attorneys for Trump and Cohen dropped their argument that the files should remain confidential.



## One dead after shooting at Mormon church in Nevada

Authorities say one person is dead and another injured following a shooting at a Mormon church in Nevada.

Fallon Police Chief Kevin Gehman says 48-year-old John Kelley O'Connor walked into the church on Sunday, opened fire and then walked home.

TV station KOLO reports O'Connor surrendered after authorities called his home.

Gehman says O'Connor appears to have targeted one person and not the church.



## Man fires on Toronto cafes, killing two

A hospital says five of the 14 people shot by a gunman who went on a deadly rampage on a Toronto street on July 22 are in serious or critical, but stable, condition.

St. Michael's Hospital trauma surgeon Dr. Najma Ahmed says three of those people underwent immediate operations to save their lives.

Two people were killed in the shooting. Other injured victims were taken to other hospitals, and their condition isn't immediately available. The 29-year-old gunman was killed by the police.



## White House blames Iran for fight with Trump

The White House on Monday blamed Iranian President Hassan Rouhani for inciting a war of words with President Donald Trump, who warned that verbal threats could escalate into military conflict with the U.S.

President Trump sent a tweet late Sunday warning of dire consequences for Iran.

The White House said President Trump's tweet shows he is not going to tolerate critical rhetoric from Iran and insisted the U.S. leader isn't escalating tensions between the two countries.

## Campus News

### COLLEGE OF Family, Home and Social Sciences

BYU family history students are assisting in connecting families by tracking the living relatives of deceased and missing soldiers. Partnering with the Army and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency as well as historians and archaeologists, students study cases and find potential DNA matches from soldier remains. So far, they have been assigned more than 65 cases and have completed 48.

### IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF Engineering and Technology

A team of BYU students paired up with students from two European universities to create an outdoor lighting product. The result was "Ember," a portable lantern which provides long-

lasting light with adjustable colors and light intensity. This task was initially encouraged by Black Diamond, a Utah-based retailer who reached out to BYU for help in creating a product appealing to outdoor enthusiasts.



Ardeh Kapp

### DAVID O. MCKAY SCHOOL OF Education

Educators attended the annual LDS Educators Association Conference held in the Hinckley Center. Attendees participated in breakout sessions and were uplifted by keynote speakers, such as former Young Women General President **Ardeth Kapp**, all focusing on the theme, "Feed the Shepherds, Lead the Sheep."

### COLLEGE OF Life Sciences

BYU students, faculty and staff traveled to Samoa to help test children for rheumatic heart disease. During the trip, they worked in 24 schools, screening a total of 6,288 children. Throughout this opportunity, BYU students experienced education and service intertwined.

## BYU Law admissions offer tips for entry

By SADIE ANDERSON

When BYU students decide they want to go to law school, many don't know where to start. There are many areas of law, and the idea of taking the Law School Admission Test can be daunting. That's where Kris Tina Carlston comes in.

Carlston is the director of the BYU Pre Professional Advisement Center in the J. Reuben Clark Law School. She advises students who are interested in attending law or business school. Carlston also teaches classes focused on pre-law review and constitutional research.

"I am invested in whether or not I am going to provide you with enough information to help you make the right decision," Carlston said.

She said she doesn't try to convince students to go law school, but to help them learn if law school is the right fit for them.

Beginning Fall 2018, BYU Law will take Graduate Record Examination test scores in place of LSAT scores. Regardless, Carlston said she does not advise students to only take the GRE.

The GRE is a standardized test including math and reading, while the LSAT is more focused on logic.

She said this limits one's options when it comes to applying to law school, and she encourages a student who has taken the GRE to consider the LSAT.

BYU Law Dean of Admissions, Stacie Stewart, said LSAT scores hold more weight when it comes to applying to BYU Law. She said the LSAT tests more

closely to the way of thinking required to study and practice law.

BYU undergraduate students who have a GPA of 3.8 or higher don't have to take any standardized test if applying to BYU Law. Stewart said those students aren't at a disadvantage to those who have taken the LSAT or GRE because a high GPA usually means students are hard-working and have the ability to do well in law school.

In addition to test scores and a strong GPA, Stewart said applications require a resume, personal statement, ecclesiastical endorsements and two letters of recommendation. These forms are submitted online through the Law School Admission Council, an organization that allows students to apply to multiple law schools through a single application.

After admissions interviews, applications are looked at individually by the admissions committee. Stewart said the applications are voted on, and those that result in a unanimous yes are notified of their acceptance into BYU Law. The rest are either sent a rejection or waitlist notice.

Stewart said students who don't get accepted should remember law school isn't for everyone.

"You should do something that makes you happy and what you're good at," Stewart said.

She said she wanted to be an actress growing up but didn't have the skill set to be successful at it.

"Whatever you do, it should be something you're good at," she said.

Stacie also advises students who don't get accepted to remember there are many other



Dani Jardine

Stacie Stewart, dean of admissions of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, recommends that students interested in applying for law school focus on the LSAT for admission.

law schools they can attend. If they are set on going to BYU Law, BYU accepts transfer students who have attended other universities for law school.

Mallorie Mecham, for example, attended a year at Michigan University in Ann Arbor before transferring to BYU to finish her law degree. She said students shouldn't let their LSAT scores scare them.

"You can't fail the LSAT. It's not a thing," Mecham said.

Mecham said the LSAT is offered four times a year, and can be taken multiple times until the desired score is earned.

Mecham said she wants students to remember that a good GPA and LSAT score still don't guarantee them a spot in BYU's law school.

She said applications include personal statements and letters of recommendation for a reason, and it's all about finding the right law school that fits each individual and his or her background.

## Police Beat

### BYU

#### FRAUD

An individual reported identity theft after learning of previously unknown accounts opened in the individual's name.

#### THEFT

An individual reported a bicycle secured with a cable lock taken from the bike racks.

#### PROVO

#### THEFT

A male suspect stole an American flag from the porch of a

house in the residential neighborhood around 1400 North and 1500 West at midnight on the Fourth of July.

### OREM

#### THEFT

A home near 700 East 900 South was burglarized. Cash was taken.

#### WARRANT ARREST

Police served a search warrant on a home in north Orem. Inside, they found meth, drug paraphernalia and some information about other recent burglaries. Two people were sent to jail

and one person was cited and released.

#### TRAFFIC INFRACTION

Police stopped a car driving down the wrong side of the road. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

#### THEFT

Police recovered a vehicle that had been stolen in Orem in February.

#### ARREST

Police arrested a man who was carrying weed and had several warrants out for his arrest.

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## Tongan immigrant goes from NFL player to opera star

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A former NFL player who migrated to Utah from Tonga as a child has found success as an opera singer, performing in productions around the world.

The 6-foot-5, 290-pound Ta'u Pupu'a played football and studied music at Weber State University, the Deseret News reported.

"I heard him singing in one of the practice rooms at Weber. I was walking down the hall and heard him sing and I thought, 'My, what a wonderful voice' and (I) knocked on the door," said Evelyn Harris, Pupu'a's college voice teacher. "We became acquainted and he became my student."

Pupu'a was known for playing football, Harris remembered, "but he also loved to sing."

Pupu'a never graduated from Weber after being drafted in 1995 by then-Cleveland Browns

head coach Bill Belichick.

During a practice in 1996 — before he even played in an official game — Pupu'a suffered a severe injury that brought his time with the Browns to an end. He attempted to continue to play but was plagued by injuries.

Pupu'a decided to move to New York City in 1999 to pursue singing.

After three months in New York, Pupu'a said he fell into a sort of depression. After growing up in Utah, where he felt people were friendlier, New York was a huge change. "I didn't understand New York, everything just moved really fast," he said. "It seems like everyone has horse blinders on. I wasn't used to that kind of pace and that kind of living."

Around 2003, after being in New York for a few years, a friend informed him of an audition for a small-scale opera production, Verdi's "Rigoletto." It was performed in a church with just a piano for accompaniment. Pupu'a landed the starring role

as Rigoletto — it was his very first opera. That opera led to another opera, and to another, all on the same small scale — in a church, with a piano. Then, one of Pupu'a's performances caught the eye of a director who worked for the Regina Opera Company.

In 2008, he met the woman — Polynesian opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa — who gave his career the push it needed.

She asked where he sang, if he was going to school and how his career was doing.

Pupu'a said he looked at her, shrugged, and replied, "It's coming along." What happened next, he said, was surreal.

Te Kanawa arranged for some friends of hers at the Juilliard School, including the head of the vocal department, to hear Pupu'a sing. He was one of three accepted into the opera program.

Pupu'a graduated from Juilliard in 2011. Since then, his singing career has taken him all over the world.

# New virtual reality headset provides immersive academic experience

By ANNA JOHNSON

Metal skyscrapers reflect in your eyes as you are transported to the cultural, financial and media capital of the world with its more than 8 million inhabitants — and you are 50 feet tall.

The Harold B. Lee Library allows students and faculty to have that experience using an HTC Vive headset the library purchased last year. Students and faculty can use the VR headset — located on the second floor of the library at the Science and Engineering Help Desk — to enhance their overall BYU academic experience.

“Not only could you walk through the streets of Manhattan, but you could do it while being the size of King Kong,” said Jed Johnston, a science reference specialist in the HBLL.

Professors and students are already using the VR applications in many ways to intensify and improve their academic learning experience.

“We’ve got a virtual model of Jerusalem that a religion professor and a computer science professor are working on in conjunction with the Church Motion Picture Studio. Right now, it’s just the city of Jerusalem at the time of Christ, but they will eventually develop other locations mentioned in the New Testament,” Johnston said.

Anatomy students are also using the VR headset in order to study the human body. An app called Organon allows students to pull apart a virtual human body and point to the different organs in order to learn their names and further information about them.

A mechanical engineering student who designed a car could climb inside of a virtual version of the vehicle. Through the VR headset, he would be able to look at the dash and the controls to test out his designs before actually building it.

Animation students who are interested in game development

are benefitting from testing many different types of mechanics for video games within the headset. “Even for just understanding the mechanics of games, they have to be able to experience it because there’s no better experience other than being inside of it,” research assistant Scott Faress said.

Students can even travel the world using Google Earth. “There’s something surreal about being able to visit almost anywhere in the world at just the touch of a finger and experience it immersively. It’s unreal,” Faress said.

The library also has its own projects in progress that use VR technology. For example, the HBLL is scanning the human body so medical schools that do not have access to cadavers — especially in developing nations — can explore the human body in the classroom.

“Dr. Wisco, a former professor of human anatomy, told us that 3D models of organs and systems would be very helpful because students studying off of pictures tend to only recognize body parts from certain viewpoints, but as soon as a liver or another organ gets rotated, the students often no longer know what they’re looking at,” Johnston said.

The library also hopes to use VR to plan future construction. Administrators can simulate construction virtually before spending hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Additionally, VR could make possible virtual tours of the library and virtual models of the library’s exhibits to make them more interactive.

“Traditionally we spend thousands of dollars putting amazing exhibits together, and then after a while, they’re taken down and you can’t experience them ever again,” Johnston said. “However, now that we have virtual reality, we’re working with the exhibits manager and zdesigner to digitally preserve the experience even after an exhibit comes down.”

Although BYU students and



Ty Mullen

Jacob Neeley, a junior in industrial design, uses the Harold B. Lee Library’s HTC Vive to interact with virtual reality software.

faculty can reserve the VR headgear online or at the Help Desk, most people on campus don’t know it’s available in the library, and if they do, they don’t know how to use.

“Now we really just want to push greater awareness of it. That way, people know the resources are available,” Faress said.

Meg Frost, the physiological sciences librarian, is conducting a study to see how the VR technology is being used in the library and how students would like to use it.

“I think it would be great if we could work more closely with specific faculty or with specific courses to support assignments related to virtual reality. I think that would be really fun,” Frost said.

Jeffery Smith, a BYU grad in mechanical engineering, made it possible for the VR technology

to be in the library. During his junior year at BYU, Lockheed Martin entered into a partnership with Smith to fund his research on VR’s applications in industrial training processes.

Smith envisioned how VR technology could be beneficial for the library and bring BYU together in an interdisciplinary way, and submitted the proposal for the library to purchase the headset.

“It’s like to me the future of immersive collaborative learning. Instead of learning audibly from a lecture and someone just telling you, or learning from a textbook and reading, it’s an all-inclusive sensory experience,” Smith said.

# Trump proposes endangered species changes

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The Trump administration on July 19 proposed ending automatic protections for threatened animals and plants and limiting habitat safeguards meant to shield recovering species from harm.

Administration officials said the new rules would advance conservation by simplifying and improving how the landmark Endangered Species Act is used.

“These rules will be very protective,” said U.S. Interior Department Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, adding that the changes would reduce the “conflict and uncertainty” associated with many protected species.

The proposals drew immediate condemnation from Democrats and some wildlife advocates.

Critics said the moves would speed extinctions in the name of furthering its anti-environment agenda. Species currently under consideration for protections are considered especially at risk, including the North American wolverine and the monarch butterfly, they said.

“It essentially turns every listing of a species into a negotiation,” said Noah Greenwald with the Center for Biological Diversity. “They could decide that building in a species’ habitat or logging in trees where birds nest doesn’t constitute harm.”

A number of conflicts have arisen in the decades since the 1973 passage of the Endangered Species Act, ranging from disruptions to logging to protect spotted owls in the Pacific Northwest, to attacks on livestock that have accompanied the restoration of gray wolves

in the Rocky Mountains and upper Midwest.

Some species including gray wolves and grizzly retained protection for years after meeting their original recovery goals, often due to court orders resulting from environmentalists’ lawsuits.

The proposed changes include potential limits on the designation of “critical habitat” for imperiled plants and animals; an end to a regulatory provision that gives threatened plants and animals the same protections as species at greater risk of extinction; and streamlining inter-agency consultations when federal government actions could jeopardize a species.

Collin O’Mara, president of the National Wildlife Federation, welcomed the potential for the changes to spur greater collaboration between landowners, government officials and conservationists — even as he cautioned against ending automatic protections for threatened species.

“This is not all good or all bad,” he said.

O’Mara said crafting case by case species management plans is an appropriate alternative to the blanket protections now given automatically to threatened and endangered species. Until those plans are completed, he said, broad protections against harming plants and animals should stay in place.

More than 700 animals and almost 1,000 plants in the U.S. are shielded by the law. Hundreds more are under consideration for protections.

Fewer than 100 species have been taken off the threatened and endangered lists, either because they were deemed recovered or, in at least 10 cases, went extinct.

# Hawk nest closes sidewalk on campus

By MORGAN MARCH

BYU has blocked off a section of sidewalk southwest of the Karl G. Maeser Building due to a hawk nest in the trees above and the fear of it attacking pedestrians below.

Victoria Rosdahl, a senior studying elementary education and Spanish, was attacked by the hawk as she was walking to work.

“I heard a really loud ‘whoosh’ and wings hit my head. I nearly fell to the ground I was so startled,” Rosdahl said.

Rosdahl wasn’t aware the bird had intentionally attacked her.

“I didn’t really see the bird, and at the time I thought maybe a bird must have accidentally ran into me, but then a few days later I was walking up the same path and it was blocked off because of a swooping hawk and its nest, so I knew then what happened. Blew my mind to be honest,” Rosdahl said.

A sign was placed along with roadblocks to keep the hawk from injuring pedestrians. The sign reads, “Caution: Hawk nesting. Sidewalk closed. Use other side.”

The hawk likely attacks pedestrians below to protect its fledglings, who are still developing wing feathers large enough to fly.

“When the fledglings become more mobile, they need less defending,” said Avian Conservation Coordinator Russ Norvell.

The hawk’s aggression usually passes within a few days to a few weeks, according to Norvell.

A notorious attacking hawk was given the nickname ‘BYU Angry Bird’ back in 2016 when it attacked students and staff in the southwest area of campus. It’s unknown whether this year’s hawk is the same one



Ty Mullen

Signs on campus block pedestrians from walking near a hawk nest behind the Maeser Building. The hawk likely attacks pedestrians below to protect its fledglings, who are still developing wing feathers large enough to fly.

from 2016.

“Many hawks have taken to urban environments, like city parks or college campuses, and have done pretty well,” Norvell said.

Landowners can remove the nest from the tree once all the fledglings have left to discourage the hawks from nesting in the same place in future years. But even with the removal of the nest, the birds would likely return.

“It’s pretty likely birds like these will come back to nest in the same place,” Norvell said.

It is legal to remove the nest once it’s empty, but it can’t be done while there are still fledglings there, since it could harm

the birds. “It is actually illegal to kill one of these birds,” Norvell said.

There are 35 species of hawks that are currently protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

BYU can apply for a permit to have the hawks removed if the birds become too dangerous, but if having pedestrians walk on the opposite sidewalk will stop the attacks, it’s not likely the permit will be granted, according to Norvell. The hawk’s removal would most likely result in the fledglings’ death. The sidewalk will likely remain closed until the fledglings have left the nest.

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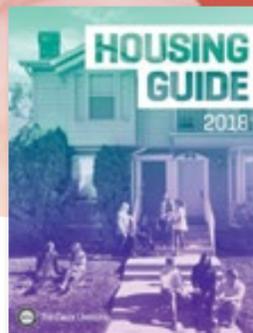
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# Joint Facebook accounts not for everyone

By MORGAN MARCH

While there is no way to officially combine two accounts on Facebook, some couples are choosing to “merge” their Facebook accounts.

Joint social media accounts can help promote unity and transparency in marriage for some couples, according to BYU faculty. But for others, merging Facebook accounts indicate a lack of personal identity and trust.

“I feel that everyone should merge their account. Married couples are supposed to be ‘one’ and this helps in the process,” said student Deana Archibald, who currently has a merged account with her husband.

When a married couple merges their Facebook page, they’ll often choose one of their accounts to use from that point forward. They will change the name to include both spouses.

The spouse whose Facebook account will no longer be used will add their friends to the new account, but all their photos and posts will stay on the old account. Couples may also create a completely new account for

both of them to use together.

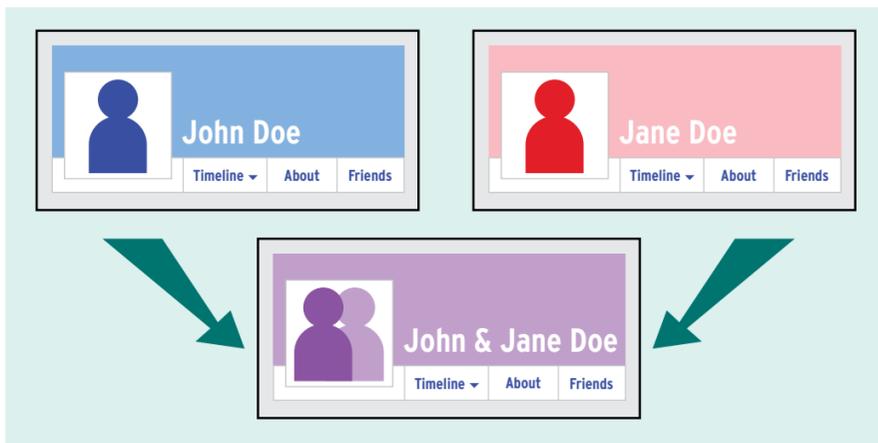
“I’m not opposed to having a joint Facebook, but it just depends on the circumstances. I feel like it’s an old person thing. My parents have a shared account,” said BYU student Dan Addington, who has been married for three years.

Hayley and Ricky Olsen decided to merge their Facebook accounts after getting married. Hayley had heard about flirting and affairs that had come about from married people adding old acquaintances or romantic interests as friends on Facebook. However, they eventually chose to have separate Facebook accounts again.

“The reason we finally split accounts again was because he had so many people that he would friend from work, the Air Force, high school, family, etc. that I had no idea who they were. I tend to be more picky about who I friend,” she said. “I felt like I was doing a lot of scrolling rather than actually learning about what was going on in people’s lives that I knew.”

For some people, merging social media accounts indicates a loss of individuality.

“It’s two different people with two different lives. You don’t



Danny Burnham

Married couples can opt to create joint Facebook accounts. While some see it as a positive, others consider it a loss of personal identity online.

automatically become one person when you get married,” BYU student Kenzie Koehle said.

Joint Facebook accounts may not be ideal for some couples but may work well for others.

“I think it’s great. All sorts of misunderstandings can happen on social media,” said Sarah Coyne, associate director of the School of Family Life.

According to several family relations specialists, decisions made in relationships should be

made out of trust for one’s partner, not distrust.

“Whatever the choice, the key is that it represents trust. If you do merge Facebook accounts, it shouldn’t be because you don’t trust your spouse,” said Jeff Hill, associate director of the School of Family Life at BYU.

“Both unity and individuality are healthy in a couple relationship. Unity is important in the major areas of relationships, like core values, religious

orientation, mutual respect, etc.” Hill said. “But some disharmony is healthy. It helps a couple to learn to communicate better and have healthy disagreements.”

As technology continues to play a huge role in society, there are increased amounts of studies on the impact of social media on relationships.

“There is a growing body of research on a concept called ‘Facebook jealousy.’ Essentially, the more time an individual is

on social media, the more jealous their partner becomes, especially if they have an insecure relationship to begin with,” Coyne said.

Partners can access jealousy-provoking information while looking at the other’s Facebook account, like seeing unknown friends, especially of the opposite sex. This creates a sense of heightened jealousy, which in turn leads to increased surveillance of a partner’s Facebook page, according to a study done by the Psychology Department of the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

The need to know their partner’s intentions on social media can become an obsession for many, according to the study.

“Merging accounts allows for more transparency regarding social media and would decrease jealousy in my opinion,” Coyne said.

Joint Facebook accounts is also a way to promote increased unity and trust for some couples, according to several family relations specialists.

“Trust is absolutely essential in building strong families and marriages. It is the foundation. In all we do we should be trustworthy and trusting,” Hill said.

## Drought spurs extreme measures to protect West’s wild horses

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harsh drought conditions in parts of the American West are pushing wild horses to the brink and spurring extreme measures to protect them.

For what they say is the first time, volunteer groups in Arizona and Colorado are hauling thousands of gallons of water and truckloads of food to remote grazing grounds where springs have run dry and vegetation has disappeared.

Federal land managers also have begun emergency roundups in desert areas of Utah and Nevada.

In May, dozens of horses were found dead on the edge

of a dried-up watering hole in northeastern Arizona. As spring turned to summer, drought conditions turned from bad to worse, Netherlands said.

Parts of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico are under the most severe category of drought, though extreme conditions are present from California to Missouri, government analysts say.

The dry conditions have fed wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of buildings across the West. This month, a firefighter was killed battling a blaze near California’s Yosemite National Park.

The federal Bureau of Land Management — which oversees vast expanses of public land, mostly in the West — says

the problem facing wild horses stems from overpopulation aggravated by severe drought. The region is home to roughly 67,000 wild horses.

“You’re always going to have drought issues. That’s a common thing out on the range,” agency spokesman Jason Luteran said. “What really exacerbates things is when we’re already over population, because then you already have resource issues.”

The agency’s emergency roundup in western Utah began a week ago, aiming to remove roughly 250 wild horses from a population of approximately 670. The operation is expected to take several weeks.

Once the horses are rounded up, the government gives them

veterinary treatment and offers them for sale or adoption. Those that aren’t sold or adopted are transferred to privately contracted corrals and pastures for the long term.

Volunteers are also taking action.

Since late spring, Netherlands’s Salt River group has hauled hay to a dozen locations outside Phoenix to feed a herd of starving wild horses.

Roughly 200 miles north, a couple near Gray Mountain, on the Navajo Nation, have spearheaded an effort to leave water and food for horses that say would die without human intervention.

In western Colorado, volunteers say they’re preparing to bring up to 5,000 gallons of

water per day to a herd of 750 thirsty horses.

“Springs are drying up that have never dried up,” said Cindy Wright, co-founder of Colorado conservation group Wild Horse Warriors for Sand Wash Basin.

Wild horse advocates have balked at the Bureau of Land Management’s insistence that wild horse populations are too high. Critics say the agency is using dry conditions as a smoke screen to shrink horse populations in response to pressure from ranchers whose livestock compete with the horses for grazing land.

The agency is prohibited from euthanizing the wild horses it rounds up, though President Donald Trump has

proposed allowing the animals to be killed or sold for slaughter.

Critics want the government to instead use birth control to manage wild horse populations.

The bureau says the fertility treatment, which must be administered yearly and fired from a dart gun at close range, is too difficult for use.

Whatever the long-term answer, volunteers say their efforts can’t go on forever. Trucking in water and food could cost several thousand dollars per month and make horses overly dependent on humans, they said.

“If we don’t have a very good fall with a lot of rain — and it’s also warm so that our fall vegetation grows — we’re going to lose horses,” Wright said.



Abigail Keenan

Rocky Mountain Raceways is closing its doors after 22 years of excitement and great competition. All parts of the raceway will be closed at the end of this season. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to listen to a Portuguese translation of this story.

## Rocky Mountain Raceways closing after 22 years

By ABIGAIL KEENAN

Rocky Mountain Raceways in West Valley is wrapping up its final season after 22 years.

The racing facility was acquired by Young Automotive Group — a neighboring car dealership — in October 2010. Since then, Young Automotive leased the land to the raceway. The 89-acre property will be converted to extra warehouse space for Young Automotive starting February or March of next year.

The raceway is selling everything they own on their property in order to simplify the transition. They have already received several bids for concession stands and bleachers.

Young Automotive has also supplied a severance package for a team of employees to help with the transition. Most of the team will be hired by Young Automotive in their dealership department after the transition.

“I am very appreciative of the Young Automotive Group because if they really wouldn’t

have stepped in we wouldn’t have had the quality of racing we’ve had over the last 22 years,” General Manager Mike Eames said.

Events at Rocky Mountain Raceways include races on the one-quarter mile drag strip that lays back to back with the three-eighths oval arena. There is also a motocross track that holds races on the weekends.

“There aren’t many other racetracks in the country that have a setup like ours that enables the audience to switch back and forth between races,” Eames said.

Eames and his team are very proud of the facility’s accomplishments and hopeful for the last few events of the season which includes the Night of Fire and Horsepower Heaven.

The Night of Fire, held on September 15, is one of the more anticipated events of the season. It will take place on a drag strip lined with fireworks, jet engines and dragsters. The dragsters will race with fireworks at their sides, adding even more excitement to an already exhilarating race.

When asked what event Eames

is most excited about, he said, “all of them.”

After taking a few laps around the facility, it’s easy to notice the run-down bleachers and tracks. The drag strip has layers of burnt rubber ingrained in its starting line, giving it a gummy texture. Old Honda Accords with extreme paint jobs are lined up across the property, awaiting the next event.

“It’s really sad because I have been coming here since I was really little, I have practically grown up here,” Rocky Mountain Raceway fan Cinnamon Wayman said.

The Raceway has many local fans who have attended races for years. Bob Smith is a long-time race fan and has attended events on the property even before the raceway’s opening.

“It is very sad that it is ending. I have been coming here since 1981 to watch races,” Smith said.

Though the long-running raceway will close on October 1, it’ll go out with a bang. The last few weeks will be packed with events utilizing the drag strip, oval and motocross tracks.

## Bulldog Boulevard to lose two lanes

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Bulldog Boulevard will lose the outside travel lanes between 625 West and Canyon Road to make room for bicycle lanes.

The project is planned for 2019 and is anticipated to last about four months. Utah Department of Transportation and Provo City will team up to oversee the project. The project was proposed as a way to improve safety for travelers, according to active transportation manager Jim Price.

“Bulldog is a very crash-prone corridor, and that involves vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists,” Price said.

According to authorities, the stretch of highway has a crash rate that is 7.5 percent higher than the statewide average for similar roadways. There have also been nearly 70 bicycle accidents since 2010.

Authorities say the second largest cause of crashes on Bulldog are left turns. The project hopes to address this issue by adding raised medians that will force all left turns to be made at signalized intersections.

The project will also add buffers to separate bicycle lanes from regular travel lanes, a new signalized intersection at 400 West and dedicated left-turn lanes at the 500 West intersections with State Street and University Avenue.

Bulldog is already known for congestion at 500 West and State Street, and officials hope to improve the traffic problem by adding dual left-turn lanes from westbound Bulldog to southbound 500 West and a right-turn signal for traffic heading onto State Street. The stoplight timer will also be adjusted to improve flow at the intersection.

According to a 2013 study by Alta Planning and Design,



Leah Jaramillo

Provo residents gather to review plans to add bus and bike lanes to Bulldog Boulevard. Bulldog Boulevard will lose two lanes to bicycles. Medians and lines will be added to make bike riding safer.

the conversion of the outside lanes to bicycle lanes would not significantly increase traffic wait times along Bulldog. The organization confirmed its findings with a follow-up study in late 2017.

The 2017 study looked to the future to see how the changes in lanes will accommodate growing traffic. According to Alta Planning and Design, the changes will account for the growing traffic. It also predicted the project will increase the morning east-bound commute by approximately 4 seconds and the westbound evening commute by approximately 40 seconds.

Provo City Project Manager Jonathan Knight said his team reviewed a lot of public feedback from various sources including public meetings, the mayor’s blog, social media and Provo’s Open City Hall survey. Knight said he and his team are happy to see a strong conversation in the community regarding the changes.

“Some people were concerned about the impacts to traffic, but the majority felt a minimal increase in delay

time was worth it to be able to improve safety and the overall look and feel of Bulldog Boulevard,” Knight said.

Provo resident Morgan John also said she thinks the project proposal is a good idea.

“I have a lot of friends that use bicycles,” John said. “For them, it’s pretty convenient to be able to ride a bike safely. Especially since there’s a lot of accidents there.”

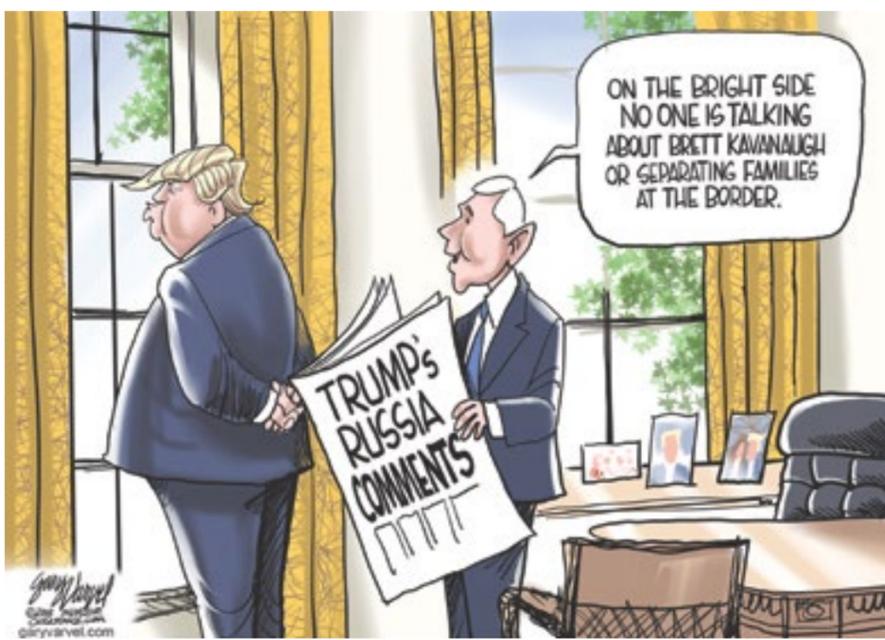
Provo resident Samantha Boyce feels this change will be a huge step for bicycle riders and their safety.

“Bike lanes are so smart if you have a lot of people who bike in the town,” Boyce said.

While Boyce believes the project will increase safety for Provo cyclists, she also said this one project may not be the complete solution, since it’s only fixing one road. The idea for a complete bike-way network in Provo was also suggested by Alta Planning and Design in its 2013 study.

For now, cyclists will have to take what they can get and hope for a better bicycle network in the future.

# [ ISSUES & IDEAS ]



## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut.

Leave comments at [universe.byu.edu](http://universe.byu.edu) or @UniverseBYU

**@ancgodfrey**

Not one, not two, not even three, but FOUR baby blessings are going down in this sacrament meeting today. If that ain't @HeardAtBYU I dont know what is.

**@Frosties4life**

While watching Harry Potter. Person 1: That's the resurrection stone. Of course Dumbledore had all the Deathly Hallows. Person 2: No, that's obviously an infinity stone.

**@\_emilyking\_**

"The testing center is the most spiritual place on campus" @HeardAtBYU

**@TessaDaniels**

After seeing a hoard of efy kids: "Don't look at them... they can smell fear." @DanielsKylie @HeardAtBYU

**@jessica\_chr**

Peep the Chaco tan lines through my birkenstocks and tell me that I don't go to BYU

**@yourfavrach**

"if at anytime during this presentation you have questions, please feel free to keep those to yourself" @HeardAtBYU

**@mairn\_polo**

"Justin Bieber beat you to engagement and you went to BYU for a year" - Sammy Hatfield

**@basicprovobro**

"I just moved to Provo a week ago. Decided to go out on a mutual date but the day of the date I got a little creeped out by the guy so I told him I didn't feel comfortable going out anymore. He told me if it would make me feel better we could pray before the date." #OnlyInProvo

**@ByCommonConsent**

People ask me what my guilty pleasure is and I'm like, listen. I'm Mormon. Every pleasure is guilty.

**@zachary\_ibarra**

If you're harmonizing during the intermeadiate hymn, please do less

## Trending topics

**@AP\_Sports**

BREAKING: US Anti-Doping Agency suspends swimmer Ryan Lochte until July 2019 for rule violation.

**@DanaSchwartzzz**

Ryan Lochte posted the picture of the IV infusion on his OWN SOCIAL MEDIA. How does he remember not to breathe underwater.

**@CharlieBerens**

Ryan Lochte needs less IG more IQ

**@MRasmussen1974**

Ryan Lochte is a giant fool to post his IV-fusion on social medier but to think he is the only one using this non-traceable method would be quite an illusion. Just another example of the hopeless Wada-code. Making rules that everybody can bypass as long as you don't post it on FB

**@realDonaldTrump**

To Iranian President Rouhani: NEVER, EVER THREATEN THE UNITED STATES AGAIN OR YOU WILL SUFFER CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE. WE ARE NO LONGER A COUNTRY THAT WILL STAND FOR YOUR DEMENTED WORDS OF VIOLENCE & DEATH. BE CAUTIOUS!

**@JohnSimpsonNews**

Iran's President Rouhani is a cautious, isolated & not very successful moderate. For Donald Trump to accuse him of 'demented words of violence & death' in a middle-of-the-night Tweet and threaten such wild retaliation is, well, unusual. Or is this a distraction from Russia?

**@kurteichenwald**

Now that Trump had distracted us for a few hours by his psychotic threat to Rouhani and Iran.... Let's stop allowing him to distract. Back to Putin, Russia and treason.

**@GeneralClark**

Come on! Trump's tweet to Rouhani is just another attempt at distracting the American people! And more and more Americans recognize it! If the President wants action, why doesn't he direct immediate measures to block Russian interference in our elections?

Tweets are unedited.

## [ FACEBOOK FEEDBACK ]

### Story comments

Over the past few years, the number of female returned missionary BYU graduates has steadily increased since the mission age change. In 2016, 34 percent of female graduates served missions; in 2017, 45 percent had served; in 2018, the number surpassed 50 percent.

**Alex Kolkona:** When I was at BYU, that percentage hovered in the low 20s. Missions are a great option, but so is earning an education, starting a family, or gaining work experience.

You choose the option that's right for YOU.

**Tami Greenwood:** I left school to serve a mission in 1984, & am still working towards graduation. Five and 1/4 more classes to go! I'm not sure, are 'old' RMs like me a part of this percentage once we finally graduate??

**Holly Stewart Franz:** Upon returning to BYU from my mission in 1996, I was the only RM Sister in my ward (non-dorms) and there were only a couple of RM Sisters in the piano performance major. Times are changing.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently donated \$25,000 to the LGBTQ support group Affirmation to help with suicide prevention. "We are committed to working with community partners to help prevent suicide and hope this contribution will support this important cause," said church spokesman Doug Anderson.

**Gordon Cummings:** They may be donating the money for the purpose of preventing suicide, but money is fungible, therefore the money is supporting everything the organization does, which may not be a good thing.

**Cathy Ambrose:** The organization helps culturally conservative families understand how to function, connect, and love gay family members and help gays in crisis who feel shamed and rejected by their family and

community. How is that not a good thing? Such a horrible double standard exists. Jesus says love everyone and then we add on "unless their sins are more noticeable than mine." It's got to stop.

**Ryan Gingerich:** What would be better than putting water on the flames is to turn off the blowtorch in the first place.

**Madelyn Taylor:** This makes me so happy! There's so much hope for a brighter, more accepting church culture.

The recently installed Coca-Cola Freestyle machines in the Cougarreat offer a larger variety of drink options, and students can now download the free Coca-Cola Freestyle app to create their own perfect blends of up to three different sodas or drinks.

**Franco Acosta:** Excuse me while I freestyle my way to diabetes.

**Stuart Jakins:** Hah just realized this was BYU. When they fall off the wagon they fall hard.

**Will Findlay:** Totally cool and totally unnecessary all at the same time.

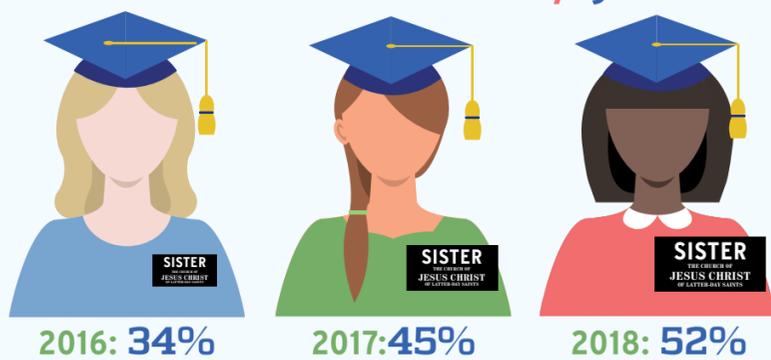
**Cristina Baldaia:** Perpetuating unhealthy choices.

A Third District Court judge ruled in favor of the media in a dispute between The Salt Lake Tribune and BYU's University Police surrounding records access.

**Christian Harrison:** A great ruling. The police, no matter where they're stationed, are public agents. Access is more important than juicy new details.

**Shaun Williams:** Open exposure and public access to the sexual assault case records. Stop the secrecy and the hiding and present the truth and let the judicial process take it's course.

## Female returned missionary graduates



Danny Burnham

The number of female returned missionary graduates at BYU has increased over the last three years.

## [ OPINION OUTPOST ]

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from national news sources.

### Teaching certification

An important lesson ... is that resources are available to raise pay when the situation becomes desperate. But waiting for a crisis is never the superior option. The goal should be to encourage future instructors and administrators to look upon the teaching profession as one with suitable material reward. Recruiting and retaining qualified teachers are necessary steps to boosting Utah's educational achievement. Widening the pool of applicants to include those with thinner credentials, however, may not be the best answer.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### Supreme Court

Meanwhile, members of Congress seem to be playing

another form of the game. One where, in their minds, the low score wins. How else to explain the hyper-partisan gridlock that has dominated Capitol Hill for some time now? And the stunning heights of hypocrisy exemplified by, in only one of the more outrageous examples, Sen. Orrin Hatch's revolving sense of the Senate's duty to vet nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. A thorough, but respectful, examination of the Kavanaugh nomination could go a long way toward both fulfilling the constitutional duties of members of Congress and boosting the respect they earn among the general public.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

### Google

The European Union's decision to fine Google \$5.1 billion for abusing its dominance in the smartphone business unearthed some dubious corporate practices, but the penalty and an order for Google to change its practices are, regrettably, unlikely to make the technology industry more

competitive. ... Antitrust officials have a difficult job: By the time they bring enforcement cases it can be hard to reverse the harm that has already been done. It is also difficult to foresee and prevent bad outcomes. That's why it is important that lawmakers and regulators use all the tools they have to encourage competition and fair play.

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

Regulators at home must consider whether consumers are truly at risk before leaping to break up Silicon Valley's tech giants. The biggest concern for customers is about data and privacy, not the uses and promotion of Android technology. ... As concern mounts over the size and market share of Silicon Valley's giants, regulatory focus should zoom in on the true cost to consumers — the inappropriate exploitation of users' information. Expectations of reasonable privacy have so far proved as elusive as any concrete evidence of competition crushing.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### Religion in schools

Genuine and irreconcilable differences will sometimes emerge. On some matters, such as equality and diversity, there is only limited compromise possible with certain religious interpretations. But such disagreements are less damaging when they are out in the open. The essential thing is to grasp that beliefs and values hold together every community and every human life. They have to be lived before they can be discussed. In a diverse and multi-faith country, schools need to become places where values are both lived and examined. A reformed education in belief is an essential part of that process.

—Editorial Board  
The Guardian

### Administrative law

President Trump has decided that administrative law judges ... will no longer be chosen on the basis of merit. Unless the administration reconsiders this unnecessary and potentially harmful action, Congress should consider mandating a return to the old system. ... Rather than a prudent response to the court's decision, the president's order looks like an opportunistic attempt to disguise a politicizing policy change as compliance with a court decree. If he persists in this course, Congress should move to restore the previous system with its emphasis on merit and professionalism.

—Editorial Board  
Los Angeles Times

### Guns and animals

A person who has abused animals is five times more likely to commit violence against people. ... That stark correlation suggests policy opportunities for violence prevention that deserve to be more fully explored. ... As more sophisticated data become available, analysis of cruelty to animals will further inform our understanding of future patterns of violence — for instance, pet abuse and domestic violence often go together. For now, Congress should act on the clear connections between animal violence and human violence to ensure guns stay out of the hands of animal abusers.

—Editorial Board  
The Boston Globe

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Universe encourages students, faculty and BYU staff to add their voice to ours by writing letters to the editor and guest editorials, or by submitting editorial cartoons.

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- Letters should also include the author's name, hometown (for students), campus position (for faculty and staff) and phone number. Anonymous letters will

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  - Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.
  - Guest editorials should be 500 to 700 words and are encouraged from individuals with professional or academic expertise on the topic.
  - Original cartoons are also welcome.
- Opinion editor Ciera Lundberg can be reached at [universe.ideas@gmail.com](mailto:universe.ideas@gmail.com).

## BYU men's rugby coaches resign

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

When news first broke earlier this month that the entire BYU men's rugby coaching staff was resigning, BYU spokesperson Natalie Ipson released a statement explaining that the previous coaching staff left for "individual reasons."

Former assistant coach Wayne Tarawhiti told the Daily Universe on July 14 the factors leading up to their decision were not as "individual" as BYU claims. Tarawhiti said he does not agree with Ipson's statement. "I don't know where they got that from," he said.

Tarawhiti's reasons for leaving were far from personal; not even his battle with cancer was enough to stop him from coaching.

"I managed my health and that risk to teach something I love to do and for a program that's proven to be one of the best in the country," Tarawhiti said.

Tarawhiti's wife, Kendra, reiterated his love for the game and immense commitment to the players and the program.

"If only people could have seen Wayne during the 2017 season as he sat on a hospital bed fighting for his life, watching every one of their games live streaming and jumping on the phone to coach while still hooked to 10+ IVs, no hair, mouth sores," Kendra said in a Facebook post.

Despite the time and effort Wayne put into the program, he and his wife did not feel like the school supported the coaches' efforts.

"I have never met a man more dedicated to a program and young men than Wayne. Unfortunately, BYU has made so many continued changes to the BYU rugby program over the last few years that it has made it extremely difficult to coach a successful program," Kendra said. "So, Wayne felt that it is time to leave the program he has put his heart and soul into to allow BYU to progress how they feel best to do for them."

Wayne said leading up to their decision, the coaches questioned whether or not they could continue when the challenges they were facing were internal.



Ari Davis

Former BYU rugby head coach David Smyth, left, and former assistant coach Wayne Tarawhiti oversee rugby practice on the BYU campus. Both coaches resigned after what they say were difficulties with university administration.

Both BYU Athletics and Student Life declined to comment.

The coaching staff first experienced difficulties with university administration in 2011 when the extramural sports program — including rugby — was placed under Student Life's jurisdiction, former head coach David Smyth said in an official statement released on the BYU Rugby Facebook page.

"That change made it difficult to run the rugby program with the standards we were used to," Smyth said. "Simply put, our vision, strategies, and goals for the rugby program do not align with those of the Student Life Department."

According to its website, Student Life is "committed to providing meaningful co-curricular experiences that support, strengthen and reinforce academic, spiritual, personal, social, cultural and recreational growth."

Wayne said the program was not deviating from these overall goals. He also said the coaches consistently put out players with good grades — especially for minority students, ran the program at a very low cost and gave players opportunities for growth and service.

Wayne said he doesn't blame Student Life for the problems they faced. In fact, he said he suspects the department was even lobbying in their behalf. According to Wayne, there were NCAA teams on campus that were "a little jealous."

"Student Life would get into scheduling conflicts with BYU Athletics," Wayne said. "There was a time where we trained from 10 p.m. to midnight because that's the only time we could get."

On top of scheduling conflicts, the rugby team was told they could no longer play against other professional

teams. "The department said we could no longer play men's professional teams, that we couldn't have as many players as in the past," Wayne said. "That took our competitive edge away."

After consistently coaching a nationally-contending team, this was a tough pill to swallow for the coaches.

The team won national championships in 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and continued to rank highly despite what Wayne said was a lack of support from the university administration.

A former member of the rugby team, Joshua Whippy, witnessed some of the difficulties the coaches faced. Whippy played on the team in 2011 and from 2014-16.

"They cut their budget and are trying to make it a participation sport now and not a competitive one, meaning everyone plays rather than the best players," Whippy said. "I felt like all their hard work was being thrown away after they built the program."

Wayne said these changes made him concerned for the players' safety. "It becomes a challenge when you can't get players with a certain skill set. It can become dangerous because it's a very physical sport."

This was one of the breaking points for Wayne. Toward the end of last season, he said he finally realized the program couldn't continue on as it previously had with the university's restrictions.

"We had guys that were playing the top eight (schools) in the country who were inexperienced. It was a safety risk," Tarawhiti said.

Former BYU rugby player Adam Hendren feels that the university has done a poor job of giving the program and its players the support they need to function.

"It saddens me how BYU has

neglected this program," Hendren said. "The university has proven that they will do very little to support this program and its athletes."

Despite various complaints, it doesn't appear that the university's policies towards the team will change anytime soon. In her statement, Ipson also said despite BYU's plan to hire a new coaching staff, the program will not change.

"The program itself isn't changing. Everything will continue as before," Ipson said.

For many fans, athletes and BYU rugby supporters, this isn't just disheartening; it signals the end of an era. Fan Brandon Cooper called the decision "a giant leap backward" for the team in a Facebook message.

Wayne explained that he and the other coaches hoped things would eventually change.

"We were hoping there could be another opportunity to refocus, but it was communicated to other coaches that that was never going to happen," Wayne said. "The rallying support around us as a program has been cool, but the reality is that nothing is going to change."

Wayne said the timing of their resignations was strategic. "The reason why we did it now is so they had enough time to find another coach."

He said that while this program has a soft spot in his heart, it's time for him to move on.

"I told them years ago that I wouldn't stay if it wasn't fun or enjoyable," Wayne said. "Now it's not fun or enjoyable."

Despite leaving BYU, Wayne and Smyth won't be leaving the game. They will begin working with Utah Valley University's rugby team immediately, according to the Daily Herald.

## New technology announced for LaVell Edwards Stadium

By EDISON THALMAN

BYU is following in the footsteps of the NFL and other large universities who are making stadium changes to enhance the game-day experience for their loyal fans.

Athletic Director Tom Holmoe announced at the 2018 BYU Football Media Day that the beloved stadium will be equipped with a high caliber Wi-Fi coverage network and state-of-the-art antenna system that will enhance the game-day experience for fans.

This system has been a four-year project for BYU Athletics and will be ready for the first home game of the 2018 season.

BYU student Parker Jones said he has struggled to get cell service while attending events at the stadium.

"There have been several times when I have tried to contact someone in the stadium and haven't been able to because I couldn't get service. I mean, if someone goes to buy sodas for everyone and you tell them you want a Sprite, there's no going back once they've left," Jones said.

Associate Athletic Director over Communications Duff Tittle said the new Wi-Fi system is ready to be used this fall at BYU.

"In 2017, BYU worked closely with Verizon Wireless and Extreme Networks to install a new high-performance distributed antenna system in LaVell Edwards Stadium," Tittle said. "DAS improves the overall productivity of cellular phone coverage across various cell carriers. This installation was phase one in an effort to improve mobile device connectivity in LaVell Edwards Stadium."

Extreme Networks' Extreme Wireless Wi-Fi system will provide 1,241 access points, 50 switches, 42.6 miles of cabling, and a peak bandwidth capacity of 10 gigabytes throughout the stadium. The new Wi-Fi system will be password free and will serve close to 40,000 fans.



BYU Athletics

BYU recently partnered with Verizon Wireless and Extreme Networks to improve the LaVell Edwards Stadium's Wi-Fi and cellular networks.

Fans often consume bandwidth as fast as the stadium can provide it, making it a challenge to stay ahead of the demand. This need for higher data capacity is due in large part to the fact that many phones with camera capability that once took photos at 8 megapixels are being replaced by newer devices that capture images at 12 megapixels. These high-resolution photos and videos are then being uploaded to social media.

Through the new system, any mobile device can be automatically authenticated by carrier networks over the stadium Wi-Fi. The system was first tested at BYU's final 2017 game against the University of Massachusetts. The second successful test was held at Stadium of Fire on July 4.

"The cell service at LaVell Edwards Stadium has always been terrible for me. I'm excited to hear they will be improving coverage and offering Wi-Fi for the coming season, it'll be great to be able to use more social media while keeping tabs on statistics and other games," BYU student Kyle Manwaring said.

The new system will provide BYU fans and vendors more reliable mobile connectivity at the LaVell Edwards

Stadium.

The new Wi-Fi system will also allow BYU to implement mobile ticketing and a mobile point of sale system for its vendors. These options will make a difference in fan experience and stadium security.

"We have a highly tech-savvy fan base, we knew we needed to provide them a way to access these features," Tittle said.

LaVell Edwards Stadium will be the first collegiate football stadium in Utah to have an NFL-caliber Wi-Fi system, ahead of Rice Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah and Maverik Stadium at Utah State University.

"We're very excited about this new system and what it will offer the fans at LaVell Edwards Stadium. We've been wanting better mobile connectivity for a long time but we wanted to make sure we got the highest quality system. We certainly feel like we've done that," said Duff.

The new network will be ready for the first home game of the 2018 BYU football season on Saturday, September 8 at 8:15 MDT against the University of California.



BYU Athletics

BYU's new Game Day app allows for a more convenient fan experience at LaVell Edwards Stadium.

## BYU launches new Game Day app

By EDISON THALMAN

BYU Football has launched a new app to help fans get more out of their time at the LaVell Edwards Stadium.

Associate Athletic Director over Communications Duff Tittle said BYU partnered with local software developer Peshie efforts to upgrade the fan experience during games has included the release of the BYU Game Day mobile app.

Previously, app users could only take photos and videos during the game and receive occasional Twitter updates, depending on cell phone coverage.

Now, BYU Athletics wants to give every attendee an easy second-screen experience during games. The app offers instant replays so fans can watch big moments over and over. The app will also feature in-demand highlight videos in case attendees miss anything.

Visitors will be able to navigate the stadium better with detailed maps within the app. Some landmarks include concession stands, nearby exits and bathrooms. Cougar fans can also listen live as BYU sports broadcaster Greg Wrubell calls each game.

App users can also integrate their personal social media accounts to a centralized feed within the app for

quick and convenient posting. The app will also feature biographies and real-time stats for players including touchdowns, field goals and first downs.

"We want to provide an extremely interactive experience that is unique to BYU. It's very exciting," Tittle said.

Using the app, fans can participate in auctions for exclusive autographed Cougar memorabilia and contribute donations to the Cougar Club.

BYU Athletics has also partnered with BYU Dining and the BYU Store to allow users to place orders and pay securely from their phone without leaving the app.

Despite offering a ton of features, the Game Day app is geo-mapped, so it will only work in and around the stadium. The app is available for iPhone and Android users. A similar program is in the works for BYU basketball.

BYU Athletics is also installing a state-of-the-art social media ribbon board on the east side of the stadium for the 2018 season. The ribbon board is 8 feet high by 282 feet wide and will be compatible with the Game Day App.

BYU has also adopted the NFL's clear bag policy for all home games at LaVell Edwards Stadium. This means that clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bags are approved so long as they do not exceed 12 inches by 6 inches. Backpacks, diaper bags, and fanny packs will not be permitted into the stadium.

### Dilbert®

WE HAVE ONLY TWO CHOICES, AND BOTH OF THEM ARE BAD.

SO WE'LL DO THE ONLY SMART THING WE CAN DO IN THIS SITUATION.

CHOOSE THE PATH THAT IS LEAST BAD?

I WAS GOING TO SAY PICK THE PATH THAT HURTS OUR ENEMIES THE MOST, BUT YOU'RE RUINING IT WITH YOUR TALKING.

I RECENTLY LEARNED THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE BEEN DOING IS STUPID.

DOES THAT MEAN WE'LL BE CHANGING WHAT WE DO?

LET'S SEE HOW FAR WE CAN GET BY DEMONIZING OUR CRITICS FIRST.

### Peanuts®

AH, ANOTHER LETTER FROM WOODSTOCK WHO'S AT EAGLE CAMP.

"DEAR FRIEND OF FRIENDS... TODAY WE HEARD A SPECIAL LECTURE BY A CATERPILLAR WHO HAD CRAWLED ALL THE WAY ACROSS A FREEWAY WITHOUT GETTING RUN OVER..."

"IT WAS A VERY EXCITING ADVENTURE... HE HAD ALL OF US SITTING ON THE EDGE OF OUR BRANCHES! HA HA"

THAT WOODSTOCK!

SIR, MY STOMACH HURTS.

STOP CALLING ME "SIR" AND SCAMPER RIGHT DOWN TO THE DISPENSARY ON YOUR LITTLE BOBBY ORR LEGS!

"BOBBY ORR LEGS"?

### Garfield®

MEEEEEEEEEEEEEEWWWWW...

BOOBOPBADEEBOPADOO

CAT BALLET

CAT JAZZ

### Pickles®

FLIPPITY FLIP FLAP

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID, "YOU CAN'T DIRECT THE WIND..."

"...BUT YOU CAN ADJUST YOUR SAILS."

FLIP FLIP

YOU'RE WELCOME.

DARN THING'S NOT WORKING! YOU HAVE TO ENTER YOUR PIN, SIR.

MY PIN?

YOUR PIN NUMBER.

OH, SHOOT, I NEVER CAN REMEMBER THAT THING.

I REMEMBER ALL THE LYRICS TO "CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO." IF THAT'S WORTH ANYTHING.

### Non Sequitur®

IT ALREADY SEEMS SO LONG AGO WE HAD A GOVERNMENT THAT UNDERSTOOD IT'S JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE HAPPILY EVER AFTER HOUR IS OVER...

### Zits®

A BUNCH OF US ARE GOING TO THE FAIR TONIGHT.

I WILL. WE WON'T. DON'T WORRY. NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

BE CAREFUL. DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID STAY TOGETHER. BE SURE TO--

IMPRESSIVE.

TEN BUCKS FOR PARKING?

NO WAY!

MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOMETHING CHEAPER FARTHER AWAY.

DEFINITELY.

FAR ENOUGH?

DEFINITELY.

### Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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### The New York Times Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- Letters meaning "Make it snappy!"
- Mouth-puckering
- Sidewalk's edge
- Nut from Australia
- Actress Raymonde of "Lost"
- Wall fixture for a landline
- Gives off, as light
- Beetle Bailey's superior
- Abounds (with)
- Stage prompt
- Cremation vessel
- Bathroom bar offering so-called "round-the-clock" protection
- Quilting or crossword solving, e.g.
- Spanish rice dish
- One-percenters and such
- Reddish
- Start, as a meeting
- Q-tip, for one
- The "A" and "S" of 1-Across
- Biblical land
- Doing sentry duty
- Candy suckers in the form of jewelry
- Historical period
- "I Like \_\_\_"
- (1950s campaign button)
- Science fiction writer Asimov
- Years (for)
- Make an offer for at auction
- Trendy, much-used lingo ... or a hint to the starts of 16-, 23-, 35- and 48-Across

**DOWN**

- Excites
- African desert
- Squirrel's stash
- Twinge of guilt
- Mahal
- Amo, amas, ...
- Like not-quite-mashed potatoes
- George of the original "Star Trek"
- Filming device, informally
- Monochromatic
- Sacred ceremonies
- Salary before bonuses
- Actor Billy Williams
- Model 3 electric car maker
- An "X" might "mark the spot" on one
- Venus's tennis doubles partner
- Earl Grey pouch on a string
- Barely making, with "out"
- Postal letters, deprecatingly
- Location
- Temporary rain cover
- Chip or coin thrown in the pot

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

HUT	RAT	SIR	VOW
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### The New York Times Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- Shirt stiffener
- \_\_\_-relief
- Classic street liners
- Site
- Ingredient in jerk sauce
- Hall-of-Fame QB Johnny
- Hit 2016 animated film with the tagline "Welcome to the urban jungle"
- Sits in the front passenger seat
- Vice president Agnew
- "Be that as it may ..."
- Cough syrup amt.
- Invite to enter
- "Breckinridge" (Gore Vidal novel)
- Morsel in trail mix
- Church nook
- East Germany: Abbr.
- Bury
- Pugilists' org.
- Tornado alert
- Like moussaka and souvlaki
- Cabinet dept. led by Ben Carson beginning in 2017
- Company that created Pong
- Prefix with political and science
- Thick slice
- Anne Hathaway's role in "Becoming Jane"
- Birds that lay big green eggs
- Glover in a hearth
- One 10-millionth of a joule
- Speakers' platforms
- Things loafers lack
- Do a hurried search in
- Short, stocky person, figuratively
- Accomplish schemingly
- French painter Henri known for "The Sleeping Gypsy"
- A political refugee might seek it
- "Three up, three down" threesome
- Rum Tigger ("Cats" cat)
- Emphatic affirmative

**DOWN**

- Speak indistinctly
- Writer Morrison
- Litmus paper reddener
- Hotel posting
- Fastener on a manila envelope
- Mercenary for the British in the Revolutionary War
- See 26-Down
- Candy with a comic, once
- Boatloads
- "Just do it" and "Coke is it!"
- George Ferris, for the Ferris wheel
- ChapStick target
- Verizon acquisition of 2006
- Where the buoys are
- Italian resort on the Mediterranean
- Deserving sorrow and compassion
- Apple tablet
- "Comprende?"
- Bugs
- Jacob's twin
- Sound of an impact
- "\_\_\_ a living"
- Paper handout
- Curved entrance
- Accent
- End a fast
- Tears
- Clear the board
- Some Japanese-made TVs
- Waikiki party
- "Things might get \_\_\_"
- Sticky stuff
- Clothing lines
- Big do, informally
- Debtor's letters
- Boring routine

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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SHIRTS	BEE	URSA
TORE	HAD	PIER
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GONOW	IROC	ZONE
EMOJI	MANE	EVEN
EGGON	EYES	DEED

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0619

**ACROSS**

- Phaser setting
- 12:00 and 1:00: Abbr.
- Supply water to
- One who says "I'll have ..."
- See 26-Down
- With 25-Down, caution before a potentially upsetting lecture ... or a hint to 19- and 59-Across and 7-Down?
- Italian resort on the Mediterranean
- Deserving sorrow and compassion
- Apple tablet
- "Comprende?"
- Bugs
- Jacob's twin
- Sound of an impact
- "\_\_\_ a living"
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- Curved entrance
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- Tears
- Clear the board
- Some Japanese-made TVs
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# Meet Jenny Wilson, Utah's Democratic Senate candidate

By AIMEE COLTON

Since 1970, Republican senators have controlled Utah's representation in the U.S. Senate. Democratic nominee Jenny Wilson hopes to break that trend and unite political parties in the Beehive State.

Wilson's childhood was a little unconventional. As the daughter of Ted Wilson, former Salt Lake City mayor, she spent many years attending events and meetings in the community. It was this exposure that sparked her initial interest in public policy.

"I understood how the community worked," Wilson said. "I look back and feel very lucky to have those experiences, I got to be my dad's date — his plus one."

Her interest in politics took to Washington D.C., where she worked as press secretary for Rep. Les AuCoin (D-Ore.) and chief of staff to Rep. Bill Orton (D-Utah). She returned to Utah in 2007, where she was the first woman elected to the Salt Lake County Council.

"As the only woman on the council I know, I worked extra hard," Wilson said.

Wilson said during her first term she felt the need to be the smartest and hardest-working person on the council, but her mentality changed after her first term. "I learned that it is as much about listening and forming relationships," Wilson said.

Wilson said she is frustrated about a lack of a relationship between political parties in Utah. She said Republican Senate nominee Mitt Romney and his campaign have had little interaction with Wilson since his nomination. Romney also hasn't acknowledged Wilson's challenge to a debate on immigration issues.

"This is an incredibly important issue. I'm frustrated as an American and as someone who



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Jenny Wilson is the Democratic Senate nominee for Utah.

deals with local policy that we can't move our county and our state forward," she said.

Wilson believes Romney has taken the Senate race for granted. Even though he is a former presidential nominee, the people of Utah deserve a civil and open conversation between candidates, she said.

"It would be really easy to maybe change my party affiliation and get embraced by the Republicans I work well with, but it's the principle thing to do to continue fighting for balance in the state and trying to be vocal," Wilson said.

According to her campaign website, Wilson wants to prioritize her constituents' voices over lobbyists and encourages more transparency around political contributions and special interests.

"We can make our Federal Government work for us, but we need leaders in Congress willing to push a reform agenda. I've done it at the local level, and I will do it in Congress," she said.

Wilson supports immigration reform, which includes secured borders and a more comprehensive path to citizenship. She also prioritizes quality, affordable healthcare for all citizens. Wilson supports amending and reforming the Affordable Care Act to better fit the nation's needs.

"I will strongly defend the advances — especially in coverage — that arose from the ACA

while striving towards fixes that address spiraling costs," Wilson said.

Wilson also hopes to find "cooperative solutions" to protect national monuments and resources. She also opposes the 2017 tax reform, which she said favors corporations and the wealthy "at the expense of Utah families." Wilson also opposes President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, which combats climate change.

Utah Democratic Party chair Daisy Thomas said she was excited and hopeful about Wilson's campaign.

"Jenny knows what's missing from the national conversation," Thomas said. "She's not just someone who will look out for her career, but what's best for Utah families."

As a mother of two, Wilson said she is most concerned with preserving the quality of life for the next generation. She doesn't believe a Republican senator can accomplish that.

"I think the Republican Party is holding back innovation, creativity and thinking outside the box," Wilson said.

Salt Lake County Council chairwoman Aimee Winder Newton commended Wilson's work ethic.

"I consider her a dear friend even though we disagree," Newton said. "She is equally invested in the county."

# BYU student reflects on Provo City Council campaign

By AIMEE COLTON

Full-time BYU law student Tinesha Zandamela felt a responsibility to run for public office at age 23 because she wanted to give a voice to those not represented on the Provo City Council.

Zandamela watched her father as he served in a public office for many years in her home state of Washington. She had always felt a profound sense of civic duty and desired to be involved in local politics. It was this desire that drove her to run for a seat on the Provo City Council.

"My dad always taught me to lift where you live," Zandamela said. And Zandamela knew the best way she could lift others was by serving the public.

When she first came to BYU, Zandamela felt isolated and different. As a woman of color, she said it was sometimes difficult to feel like she belonged. She even considered transferring schools, but something prompted her to stay.

"There was a reason that I needed to be here," Zandamela said.

Zandamela realized there was something missing in her life as a student. She felt like her life revolved around BYU, and she wanted to broaden her scope. Zandamela had forgotten that, in addition to being a BYU student, she was also part of a community.

"I ran for office because there were people in my district who weren't being represented," Zandamela said.

She remembered her father had always told her "If you can help out, then you do it." Zandamela also said service is a principle the gospel reinforced to her many times.

"We put others before ourselves," she said.

While campaigning for city



Elect Zandamela

Tinesha Zandamela poses for a photo on Provo Center Street.

council, Zandamela had her fair share of naysayers and haters. She said many people told her she couldn't run for public office at the age of 23.

She also said a group of white supremacists defamed her on social media and created disparaging videos of her. She said this group created a specific campaign to ensure she was not voted into office.

For Zandamela, this was the hardest part. The only thing that helped her get through this difficult time was her support system. She depended on friends, family and a lot of prayer and scripture study.

Another difficult part of her experience was finding balance. Zandamela was attending BYU full-time, working a part-time job, acting as president of a newly-formed club and tackling all the usual things people in their twenties experience.

"At the time, it didn't feel like a lot because it was so exciting," Zandamela said.

She also said that she relied heavily on her friend and campaign manager, Elise Scott.

"Honestly, looking back I am kind of shocked we got through it as well as we did," Scott said.

Scott said Zandamela was able to accomplish everything

because she prioritized. "You have to make sacrifices," Scott said.

Scott said she initially met Zandamela through Twitter. After meeting in person and discussing political aspirations, Scott wanted to join the campaign.

Scott and Zandamela both feel strongly students should involve themselves in politics.

"Decisions are being made with or without you," Scott said.

Zandamela shared similar sentiments. "Students make a huge difference. They are an important part of this community."

Zandamela said many students don't participate in local politics because they don't go through the steps to gain in-state residency. This means many BYU students can't vote in local elections. However, Zandamela believes it's important to vote in the community you live in.

Provo City Council member Gary Winterton said he appreciated Zandamela's attempt for office because a student perspective is not always represented.

"I love the idea of students running — that's not a perspective we always hear," he said.

Winterton said BYU and UVU are important influences in Provo and it is important that students are involved and voice their opinions. He said running for public office is a difficult thing to do, and he respects anyone who is willing to get out there and be vulnerable.

Though Zandamela did not win the council seat, she has no regrets. For her, the experience was worth the effort. She hopes students at BYU will speak out and stand up for what they believe in.

"I want people to know that their voices and stories are important," Zandamela said.

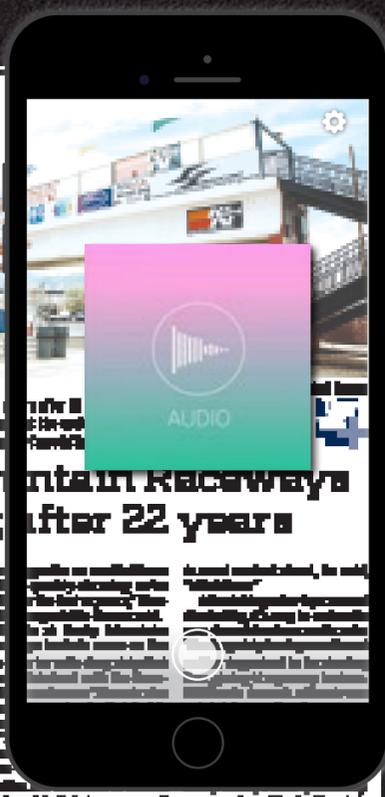
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