

Provo businesses reopen as Utah's restrictions loosen



Preston Crawley

Patrons visit Two Jacks Pizza on Center Street in Provo on May 1. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert announced the state is loosening its restrictions on businesses and restaurants following the COVID-19 outbreak.

By LAUREN LETHBRIDGE

Provo's Center Street saw more visitors than usual the night of May 1 as many restaurants and businesses reopened following Gov. Gary Herbert's announcement that loosened Utah's COVID-19 restrictions.

Many restaurants are cautiously beginning to reopen their doors, while some others plan to open beginning in the coming weeks.

Good Move Cafe, a board game restaurant in Provo, will open with limited seating options to enforce social distancing. All employees will wear gloves and masks and retrieve games for customers, according to owner Shawn Moon. All games will be quarantined for four days to ensure they are not carrying any germs or contagion.

Heart & Seoul Karaoke opened on May 1 allowing patrons to make advanced reservations. Employees are

required to wear gloves and masks and customers are encouraged to do the same. Groups are limited to fewer than 15 people and reservations can only be made two hours in advance, according to a social media post from the company.

K's Kitchen, a Japanese food restaurant in Provo, announced they will open for limited hours each day with fewer seating options. Employees will disinfect all tables frequently and wear masks and gloves.

Some businesses, like Station 22 on Center Street in Provo, are delaying opening. Station 22 began remodeling during the COVID-19 restrictions and will not be ready to open this weekend. Other businesses have decided to remain closed for dine-in options and continue delivery, takeout and drive-thru services.

Five Sushi Brothers owner Jacob Chung said many of their employees felt uncomfortable with the idea of opening to the public.

"Their safety, along with our customer's safety, is our number one priority," Chung said.

The dine-in area at Five Sushi Brothers is small and social distancing would greatly limit the number of people who could even sit inside. The company already operated heavily through takeout and delivery since opening four years ago and the transition has not been as difficult as it has for other primarily dine-in restaurants.

"We have really been doing our best to work out the kinks and bugs of our website and delivery service over these four years, which prepared us for this time," Chung said.

Five Sushi Brothers permanently closed their Salt Lake location partially because of COVID-19. Chung said this decision is helping them focus on moving forward with their Provo location.

"For us, we feel it is best to keep our doors closed and only continue to do takeout and delivery," he said.

As restaurants determine how

they will move forward after Herbert's announcement, gyms are also beginning to allow people to use their facilities.

Provo Recreation Center opened on Tuesday, May 5. The center described updates on its facility status and plans for moving forward as "fluid and transitioning." In a recorded answering machine message, it said the center is working to come up with a fair and reasonable solution for patrons.

VASA Fitness in Provo and Orem announced in an email to all members that they will open for limited hours starting May 7 at 6 a.m. VASA will limit the number of patrons in the gym at a time by allowing patrons in for scheduled one-hour time slots.

On April 29, Gov. Herbert placed Utah under "moderate risk" COVID-19 protocols beginning May 1.

"We aren't returning to business as usual yet. We will not return to 'normal' for a significant period of time," Herbert said in a press conference. "We

can now cautiously relax some requirements and allow businesses that were closed to operate with safety measures in place."

The protocols for "moderate risk" allow dine-in options for restaurants and personal care establishments like gyms and salons to reopen their doors. Herbert encourages these facilities and businesses to exercise "extreme precautions" outlined in published guidelines.

Despite the loosening of restrictions, positive COVID-19 cases continue to increase. According to the Utah Department of Health, 4.3% of the 112,558 people tested have tested positive.

"We are watching data very closely as we enter the orange phase. If necessary, we will quickly transition back to red. Please exercise caution as we loosen restrictions this weekend," said Herbert in a tweet.

The orange phase still maintains that people wear masks in public, continue social distancing of minimum six feet and stick to only essential travel.

Doing the work to find answers to difficult questions

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By CAROLINE RICHARDS

WINTER QUARTERS, Neb. — Young adulthood can be a tumultuous time of life. Through a season of never-ending unknowns, Eliza Stephen, an 18-year-old member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Papillion, Nebraska, has turned to God to find answers to her questions.

From deciding who to be friends with and where she should attend school to deciding if she even wanted to stay an active member of the Church, Eliza has learned to hear the voice of God as she's asked these difficult questions.

"I think it's good to have questions," she said. "It's made me stronger."

Although Eliza has found strength in receiving answers to her questions,



Andrea Cabrera

Eliza Stephen has learned that she has to do spiritual work before she receives divine answers to her most difficult questions.

it hasn't always been easy. Because of differing opinions expressed by family members and friends, Eliza had a

hard time deciding where she should go to college. She tried to make the decision on her own, but couldn't find

the answer.

"I got over my pride and turned to God and asked Him His opinion, and ultimately received revelation on where I needed to go," she said.

As she seeks to find answers, Eliza often finds solace during Sunday church meetings.

"I rely a lot on the hymns we sing in sacrament (meeting). I find a lot of peace when I'm looking for answers while we're just singing hymns," she said.

Hymns sung in weekly sacrament meetings are just one way that Eliza has received answers to her prayers. Eliza said that her answers often come through feelings. "It's a confident feeling that Heavenly Father gives me to let me know that everything is going to be OK."

Joseph Smith's story has impacted Eliza's pattern of seeking spiritual guidance.

"When I look for answers, I try to base it off of what (Joseph Smith) did because it worked for him," she said.

She has found comfort in doing the same things that the Joseph Smith did as a young boy when he was trying to decide which church to join.

"I turn to my family members, I turn to my parents and I turn to Heavenly Father. I try to do the work, and then I find the answer," Eliza said. Not only does she feel that her experiences relate to Joseph Smith's search for truth, but Eliza has also experienced times of spiritual darkness similar to the prophet's low moments in Liberty Jail, where he questioned, "O God, where art thou? And where is the pavilion that covereth thy hiding place?"

"I've gone through times where I really want an answer or I really want to feel the spirit, and God hasn't revealed Himself to me," she said.

During these times of uncertainty, Eliza has found solace in learning how to come to God instead of waiting for Him to come to her.

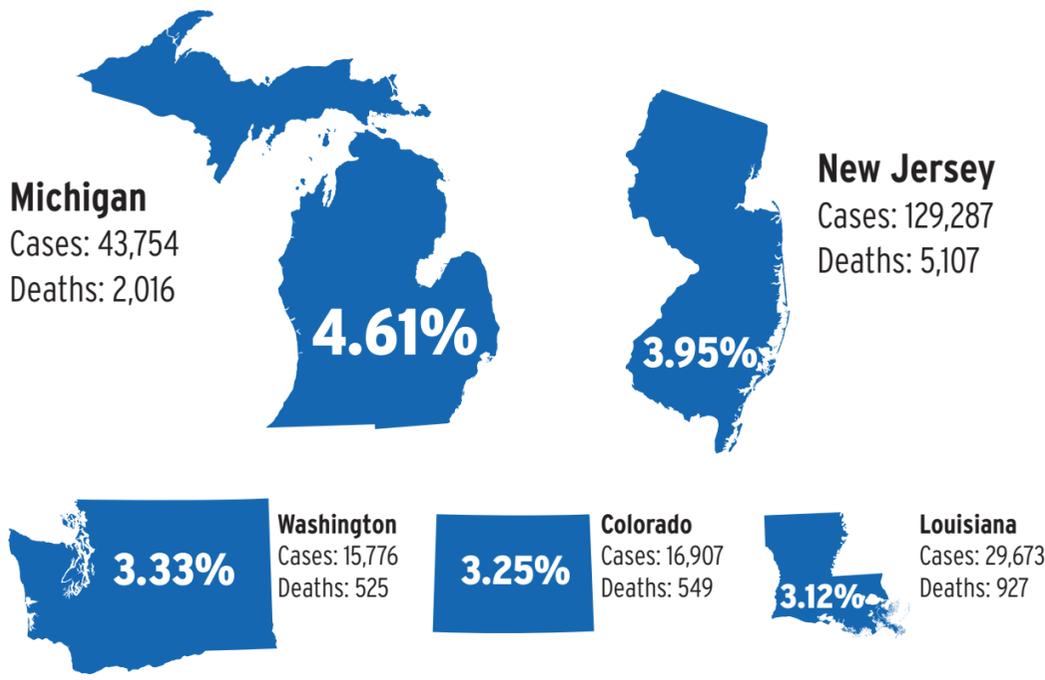
For young adults who may feel like they're in their own personal Liberty Jail, Eliza offered this piece of advice: "Turn to Heavenly Father. Show Him that you need and want Him around. Even when you feel like you're not getting answers, always remember that He's there."

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Highest COVID-19 death rates in the US



Data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FDA allows emergency use of drug for coronavirus

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WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators on Friday, May 1 allowed emergency use of an experimental drug that appears to help some coronavirus patients recover faster.

It is the first drug shown to help fight COVID-19, which has killed more than 230,000 people worldwide.

The FDA said in a statement that Gilead Science's intravenous drug would be specifically indicated for hospitalized patients with "severe disease," such as those experiencing breathing problems requiring supplemental oxygen or ventilators.

President Donald Trump announced the news at the White House alongside Gilead CEO Daniel O'Day and Food and Drug

Administration Commissioner Stephen Hahn.

The FDA acted after preliminary results from a government-sponsored study showed that the drug, remdesivir, shortened the time to recovery by 31%, or about four days on average, for hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

The study of 1,063 patients is the largest and most strict test of the drug and included a comparison group that received just usual care so remdesivir's effects could be rigorously evaluated.

Those given the drug were able to leave the hospital in 11 days on average vs. 15 days for the comparison group.

The FDA said that performance warranted Friday's decision, though regulators acknowledged "there is limited information known about the safety and effectiveness of using remdesivir."

Ben Daniel

Stocks shake off an early loss and end higher

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Stocks shook off an early stumble and scratched out small gains on Wall Street Monday, May 4 as the market's momentum slows following its best month in decades.

A ramping up of tensions between the White House and China over the origins and handling of the coronavirus pandemic was also weighing on markets around the world.

But big tech stocks, whose

momentum has been nearly unstoppable in recent years, continued to rally and helped the market trim its losses. Energy stocks also helped steady the market after the price of oil pulled a bit further from the record lows set late last month.

The S&P 500 rose 12.03 points to 2,842.74. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 26.07 to 23,749.76, and the Nasdaq gained 105.77 to 8,710.71.

However, many professional investors have been skeptical of the market's huge rally.

BYU Student Health Center offers COVID-19 testing

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

The BYU Student Health Center is administering COVID-19 tests to BYU students and employees.

The Student Health Center will test anyone with COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, chills, sore throat or a decrease in sense of taste or smell).

Dr. Keith Willmore, the Student Health Center medical director, said the Student

Health Center administers anywhere from one to seven tests per day, with an average of about three to four tests a day.

Willmore said before someone gets tested, they should call 801-310-0438 and a nurse will help them decide if they should be tested. If the caller has one or more of the symptoms, the Student Health Center will administer a test.

Director of Student Health Services Brad LeBaron said that 100% of the cost of testing will be covered by insurance.

Some meat plants reopen, but Trump order may not be cure-all

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SIOUX FALLS — Signs Friday, May 1 that several big meatpacking plants will soon reopen seemed to lend some credence to President Donald Trump's assertion that he had "solved their problems" in keeping grocery stores' coolers stocked during the coronavirus crisis. But the reality isn't likely to be so easy.

Though meatpackers have been moving to shift operations to make employees less

vulnerable to coronavirus infection, they still have a workforce depleted by illness or unwillingness to risk entering plants that have been rife with infections. Even plants that keep the production lines moving will have to do so more slowly, renewing concerns about whether Americans can count on seeing as much meat as they're used to.

A Smithfield Foods plant in South Dakota where more than 850 workers tested positive will partially reopen Monday, May 4 after shuttering for more than two weeks.

Outside the outbreak



Women's soccer loses equal pay bid

A federal judge threw out the unequal pay claim by players on the U.S. women's national soccer team in a surprising loss for the defending World Cup champions but allowed their allegation of discriminatory working conditions to go to trial.

"The WNT rejected an offer to be paid under the same pay-to-play structure as the MNT," U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner said.



Virgin Galactic completes first glide flight

Virgin Galactic's spaceship VSS Unity landed in the New Mexico desert on Friday, marking its first glide flight from Spaceport America as the company moves toward commercial operations.

The company has not set a date for the first commercial flights but has said it anticipates doing so in 2020.



Ex-Green Beret claims he led foiled raid

A former Green Beret has taken responsibility for what he claimed was a failed attack Sunday, May 4, aimed at overthrowing Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and that the socialist government said ended with eight dead.

The raid's goal was to mount a cross-border raid that would end in Maduro's arrest.

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'Remain in Mexico' asylum hearings suspended through June 1

The Trump administration has suspended immigration court hearings for asylum-seekers waiting in Mexico through June 1. Homeland Security and Justice departments said asylum-seekers will be instructed when to appear at a border crossing to get new hearing dates.

More than 60,000 asylum-seekers have been returned to Mexico to wait for hearings in U.S. court since January 2019, when the U.S. introduced its "Migrant Protection Protocols" policy, known informally as "Remain in Mexico."

Barely 1% of the nearly 45,000 "Return to Mexico" cases decided through March won asylum, according to Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse. Nearly all people represent themselves, with barely 6% having attorneys.

The future of "Remain in Mexico" has become less certain after the administration temporarily suspended immigration laws using a 1944 public-health law, whisking Mexicans and Central Americans to the nearest border.



Kim Jong Un reappears in public

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made his first public appearance in 20 days on Friday, May 1, ending an absence that had triggered global rumors that he may be seriously ill.

There was no definite sign that Kim was in discomfort, although there were moments where his walking looked a bit stiff.

He was shown moving without a walking stick, like the one he used in 2014 when he was recovering from a presumed ankle surgery. It was Kim's first public appearance since April 11.

Health confidentiality in a pandemic

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Fear about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has pushed some people concerned for their health and safety to contact the Utah County Health Department, asking for a list of those who have tested positive in their cities and neighborhoods.

"People are under stress and they're scared," said Aislynn Tolman-Hill, a public information officer for the Utah County Health Department. "But we're still under the same restrictions and guidelines to protect personal health information. We're doing our best to provide the information we can."

Personal health information (PHI) and personally identifiable information (PII) are protected by privacy laws like the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Utah Communicable Disease Control Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Public health professionals and privacy law specialists agree there is a fine balance between sharing people's private health information and protecting the health of the public.

Concern in the BYU community

BYU students have also expressed concern about the lack of access to identifying information of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the campus community.

BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said the university is working hard to provide accurate and updated information to its students while complying with FERPA. BYU is currently following guidelines instituted by the U.S. Department of Education.

This guidance states that "FERPA only permits non-consensual disclosures of PII from students' education records under the health or safety



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Cars drive through a COVID-19 testing site in Provo. Health officials say instances where they would disclose personal health information, even during a pandemic, are rare.

emergency exception to 'appropriate parties' whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of students or other individuals."

"Appropriate parties" in this context are normally those who provide specific medical or safety attention, such as public health and law enforcement officials.

The guidelines also state that school officials should make the determination of disclosing PII on a "case-by-case basis," only disclosing PII when it's absolutely necessary. Schools are also advised to consider the "totality of the circumstances," including the needs of members in the campus community to have that information in order to take protective actions.

While PHI and PII are released only when deemed necessary, there are certain exceptions built into privacy laws that can be used to deal with circumstances like COVID-19.

"Certain exceptions built into HIPAA can be accessed to effectively deal with exceptional circumstances, and temporary waivers of certain provisions in

the law can be made to appropriately carry out an effective public health response in times of crisis," said Jo O'Reilly, deputy editor of ProPrivacy, an online software company that protects digital privacy.

Access to these exceptions, however, is highly limited.

Balancing confidentiality and public health

Maintaining confidentiality with personal health information will always be of the utmost importance, according to Tolman-Hill. Instances where PHI should be disclosed are extremely limited, even within the health department. Disclosed information is generally limited to the epidemiologist and medical providers who treat infected individuals.

"We're working with all of our partners, law enforcement included, because we want to make sure they and first responders remain healthy and stay safe," Tolman-Hill said.

The country has also faced incidents of people intentionally trying to expose others to the virus. In these cases, the public

may need information to increase awareness, said Tolman-Hill.

Nicholas Rupp, communications and public relations manager of the Salt Lake County Health Department, said the health department will release information it deems necessary to protect public health.

"We're allowed to disclose the location of an infected individual if having that information will help the public better protect themselves," Rupp said. "But if the information doesn't do anything more to improve the ability of public health, there's no reason to release that information and potentially compromise someone's privacy."

Rupp said he often gets calls from reporters asking him to confirm the name of an infected individual.

"They would say the public needs to know who died from this disease," Rupp said. "But honestly they don't need to know if there's no risk to them. We're going to weigh that public health piece with the privacy piece and make the decision when people need to know and when they don't."

Protecting the public without releasing PHI

Releasing PHI is not necessary or beneficial in most cases, according to Tolman-Hill. The health department has other safety precautions in place to protect the public.

"If you have been exposed, you will be contacted by one of our epidemiologists for an interview," Tolman-Hill said. "They would say, 'based on an interview by someone who had tested positive for XYZ disease, you have been exposed. We would like to ask you some questions.' People are usually cooperative because they want to take care of themselves."

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the health department gives them specific instructions on how to protect those around them. Their family also receives special instructions on how they can protect themselves and prevent the spread of disease.

According to Rupp, when there's a disease outbreak in public places like grocery stores or movie theaters, the health department will often release information like dates, times and

locations where an infected individual was present. Names and other identifying details aren't released. The information is generally published online and through various media outlets to reach as many people as possible.

The bottom line

In the end, knowing the names and identifying details of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or any contagious disease doesn't really matter, according to Rupp.

"How is knowing that information going to change your behavior?" Rupp said. "Because, regardless, you should be taking these precautions."

The COVID-19 outbreak is compromising the health of communities across the nation. Rupp said people need to assume they're at risk for infection anywhere they go.

"You should assume that the person walking past you on the sidewalk, the person recreating at the park, the person at the grocery store are positive in carrying the virus," Rupp said. "You need to protect yourself at all times."

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Provo City School District supports students during pandemic



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A Provo Peaks Elementary employee hands a meal to a parent. The Provo City School District is offering free breakfast and lunch to students in need. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

By KARINA ANDREW

Provo City School District officials are working to ensure students continue learning — and eating — during school closures mandated by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert.

District officials announced in an email to parents and on the school district website that “previously designated high-need schools” will serve free breakfast and lunch to all students on weekdays. These schools are Amelia Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Independence High, Provo Peaks Elementary, Provo Elementary, Provo High, Spring Creek Elementary, Sunset View Elementary and Timpanogos Elementary.

Other schools in the district,

including Timpview High and Dixon Middle School, will have meals available for eligible students based on financial need.

After April 3 and through the remainder of the closure — which will last for the remainder of the school year — only nine high-need locations will continue to serve free meals. Those schools were chosen based on demand and availability of staff, the district website says.

One of the schools continuing to provide meals is Provo Peaks Elementary, a Title I school with many students who live below the poverty level.

Provo Peaks Elementary Principal Mark Burge said he’s been pleased with the impact of the meal distribution thus far. “On a good day, we serve about 150 breakfast meals, and

our lunch counts are higher at about 250 meals served, even in the rain,” Burge said. “We know this is a difficult time for families, and the district wants to make sure that all students have at least two meals a day,” he said.

Burge also praised the efforts of school staff who make the meal distribution possible, saying the transition at Provo Peaks has been very smooth.

“Our district and school lunch staff members have been amazing. They put together the menus in a short amount of time and work extremely hard each day to get these meals ready,” he said. “It really is a team effort to support the families in our community. It is especially fun to see the smiling faces of students.”

Joaquin neighborhood resident Erin Farnes, whose

children attend a school in the Provo City School District, said knowing the meals are available has been a relief, especially as her husband’s job has been put on hold during the pandemic.

“From a parent’s perspective, it is a very nice support to have when there’s so much uncertainty,” she said. “The people handing out the meals are so kind and friendly, and even though I am struggling with how often I might or might not go and get meals, I don’t feel any judgment or misunderstanding from them.”

The school district also provided Chromebooks for all students who do not have access to a device with internet connection at home, so they can participate in online learning activities and regular virtual instruction.

“District teachers and staff are working to provide meaningful learning experiences for all students,” the online announcement read.

Burge said the teachers at Provo Peaks, including not only regular classroom teachers but those who teach specialty subjects such as music and keyboarding, put a lot of effort into their lesson plans.

“Our goal in this difficult situation was to make sure we connect with students as much as possible,” Burge said. “We know that live, face-to-face interactions are so important for students and teachers to create a sense of ‘normalcy’ in their learning.”

Though not all students will be able to access live, virtual class sessions, Burge said teachers have created digital lessons

that students access at any time.

“I have seen several of the face-to-face classes and the students were very excited to see their friends and teachers,” he said. “Making personal contact, making our day as normal as we can and giving kids resources to access is our goal.”

Joaquin neighborhood resident Cameron Child Waqa said her children’s teachers are doing an amazing job with their online lessons, and that remote learning ensures her children stay safe.

“I love having my kids home more,” Waqa said. “I’m so grateful they cancelled when they did — I was feeling worse and worse about sending the kids to school each day and was debating signing them up for the district’s online learning program. Great job to our faculty and staff!”

College students start grocery delivery service

By ALICIA MATSUURA

It was mid-March when BYU student John Lindsay contacted a group of friends with the idea of starting a volunteer grocery delivery service.

The volunteer force, named the Utah Valley COVID-19 Rescue (UVR), was created to help vulnerable members of the community who are unable to leave their homes because of COVID-19. UVR has welcomed about 100 volunteers on its team within a month and isn’t planning on slowing down anytime soon.

The board of directors consists of four college students, two recent graduates and one BYU professor.

Board member Cassidy Shively is a biology major who graduated from BYU in April. She plans to move to Washington, D.C., in the fall, but until then, she is helping to manage the rescue project and make a difference in the community.

“The response has been wonderful, both on the side of collecting and organizing volunteers and from people who’ve needed that help,” Shively said.

Shively recalled one experience of helping a lady who was blind. She had many service options to choose from but had difficulty accessing their apps because of her visual impairment. UVR’s request process is simple and can be done with a single phone call.

“She was grateful there was a number she could call and verbally pass on her delivery request,” Shively said.

The team found that many people they serve have limited access to the internet and aren’t active on social media. They discovered the best way to find people needing grocery deliveries was to pass out fliers.

Two weekends ago, the team met up and passed out fliers in English and Spanish around neighborhoods where they expected their services would be needed. Around 30 volunteers showed up. The hard work paid off and they were able to get a record number of delivery requests, according to Shively.



Utah Valley COVID-19 Rescue Instagram

John Lindsay passes out fliers promoting free grocery delivery.

Meaningful experiences

Many volunteers have expressed gratitude to UVR for creating meaningful service opportunities where they can focus their time and efforts.

“With social distancing, it can be difficult to feel connected. We found that the volunteers really love being able to go and help someone they don’t know who is in need,” Shively said.

One individual who was actively seeking opportunities to serve was BYU physics professor Branton Campbell.

He was inspired by his daughter’s involvement with the Salt Lake Valley Mutual Aid Group, another volunteer group that provides basic needs for vulnerable members of the community. Campbell said he wondered if something similar was happening in the Provo area, so he called around to various food banks before stumbling upon the UVR.

“When I discovered them I asked if there’s anything I can do and they let me join their team,” Campbell said.

He has been in charge of providing logistical support for the team. One of his major tasks has been trying to get sanitation supplies donated in bulk.

“The volunteers are strict in their sanitation protocols and disinfect the products upon delivery,” Campbell said. “I’m really impressed by how organized and how conscientious they are.”

Tori Willey, a BYU alum from Centerville, Utah, joined the UVR team as a volunteer about four weeks ago. She was also looking for more ways to serve the community.

“I was sewing masks at home, but I felt like I could be doing more,” Willey said. “I saw a news story on Utah Valley COVID-19

Rescue and realized that was exactly what I was looking for!”

Willey got on the website, filled out a registration form and was able to connect on the group’s Slack channel.

“The leadership was so helpful in getting me started. They’re very responsive and eager to help new volunteers,” Willey said.

Continuing to address a need

UVR recently partnered with Tabitha’s Way, a local food pantry, to help people who need groceries but don’t have the funds to buy them on their own. They are looking into teaming up with other food pantries as well.

Board member Andrew Lindsay graduated from BYU in public health and is currently working towards a master’s degree at the University of Utah. When his classes moved online, he had more time to work on the UVR team.

Lindsay said it’s hard to know how long the pandemic will last, but he can see continued expansion if the need for grocery deliveries remains. For now, the team wants to focus on strengthening the areas they are currently serving.

The group currently delivers groceries to individuals and families in Utah and Salt Lake counties. Requests for deliveries can be made online at uvcovidrescue.org or by calling 801-598-3993.

People interested in volunteering can visit the group’s website and fill out a registration form. They will be invited to join a Slack channel where delivery request notifications are posted. Volunteers are expected to adhere to strict sanitation guidelines and refrain from posting their service activities on social media in order to protect the privacy of those participating.



Emily Anderson

Sandra Rogers hosts the 2020 BYU Women’s Conference. She spoke about how to safely gather Israel during unpredictable times.

BYU holds first fully virtual women’s conference

By EMILY ANDERSEN

BYU hosted its first fully virtual women’s conference on May 1. The event was hosted by BYU’s International Vice President Sandra Rogers, who was also the first speaker in the live session of the conference.

Rogers spoke about safely gathering Israel during uncertain times. She reminded viewers that the first part of gathering everyone to Christ is to bring one’s self to Him, and she shared her belief that the Lord “will give us strength as we climb this 2020 version of a pioneer rocky ridge.”

Rogers was followed by Kate Holbrook, the managing historian of women’s history for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Holbrook focused on revelation and the process that it sometimes requires, citing the origins of revelation that took many years.

“When it takes a long time for an initial revelation to bear

actual fruit, some of us start to doubt our interpretation of the revelation. While it’s good to be prayerfully open to the possibility that we have misunderstood something, it’s also important to remember that revelation is a process and takes time,” Holbrook said.

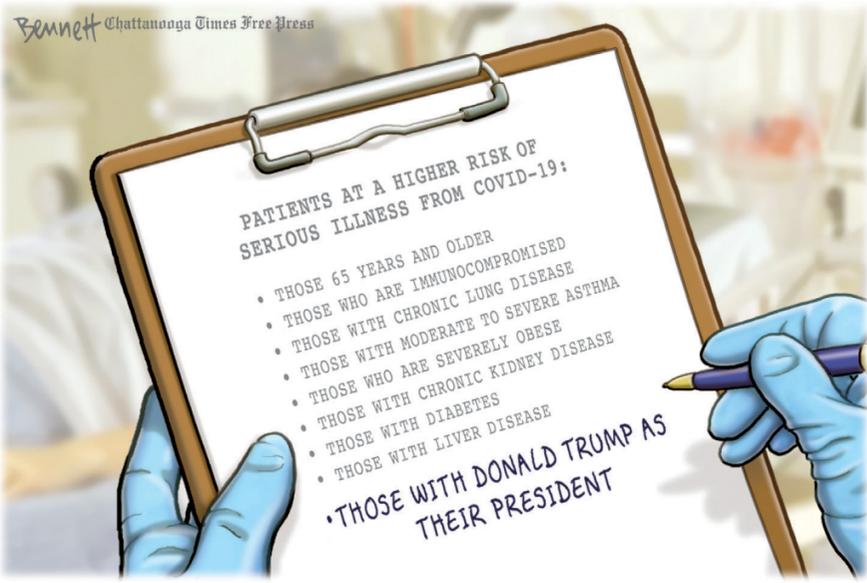
Holbrook also spoke to those who feel they don’t receive revelation as easily as others around them, suggesting three remedies: remaining humble, acknowledging that individual differences mean some have an easier time receiving revelation, and recognizing the good that comes from participating in the Church. She also pointed out that receiving revelation is a skill that can be learned, and she encouraged women to strive to improve that skill.

After the live session, there was a pre-recorded “Sister-to-Sister Conversation” with Sister Reyna I. Aburto, second counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency; Sister Becky Craven, second counselor in the Young Women General Presidency; and Sister Lisa L. Harkness, first counselor in the Primary General

Presidency. The conversation was led by Tracy Browning of the Relief Society General Board, who picked from questions that Church members sent in earlier.

The women discussed everything from how their schedules have changed during the quarantine to their experiences as young mothers and how women can apply the power of the priesthood in their lives. At the end of the video, they encouraged women to continue seeking out their own answers to unanswered questions and to find ways to safely serve and gather Israel.

There are four other pre-recorded videos that were released at noon on May 1 as part of the conference. They are talks from others who had originally been invited to speak at the on-campus event, including Sister Jean B. Bingham and Sister Sharon Eubank, the president and first counselor of the Relief Society General Presidency, respectively. Sister Bingham and Sister Eubank spoke in their video about gathering together in the latter days.



How I sleep at nights knowing I don't have to leave the house tomorrow



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@factaurial
"I'm studying public health, but my dream job is not related to my major...I want to sail yachts for billionaires."
@HeardAtBYU

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2 years at BYU and my friends starting to get engaged has not made me want to get married any faster but do you know what has? The home improvement side of tiktok

@mrrriaahh
if you see me on this website less it's because a) i'm feeling happier and healthier, so i'm out doing things, and b) the tik tok algorithm finally matches what i want to see

@colindross
My favorite quarantine activity is drinking water because that's all I can do

@jortday26
First zoom class: I'm going to need to keep my camera off so my classmates don't see my reaction to their comments

@abby_lasagna
No matter how old I get, I will always choose a little fork or spoon over a big one

@joewheat27
Being an accounting major really means I just got a master's degree in excel.

@math_n_flowers
"...and I'm pretty sure manna had raspberry filling..." yeah my new professor is really focused #OnlineClasses #Statistics @HeardAtBYU

@laney0g
if you're wondering how seminary works these days, my mom just figured out how to do kahoot over zoom

@uku_hailey
Just missed my first zoom lecture of spring term bc I forgot about the time difference, I should just drop the class entirely

@eldermars
J. Golden Kimball began a stake conference talk asking "How many have read the 17th chapter of Mark?" Most of those in the audience raised their hands. "There are only 16 chapters in Mark, and you're exactly the people I want to talk to today. My talk is on liars and hypocrites."

@TheStakeClerk
Pro Tip: If you're struggling to get your wife's attention, simply sit down, relax and look comfortable. Works every time without fail.

@ShelbyHintze
Who keeps checking the weather to decide what to wear even though it literally doesn't matter anymore?

@tedtalks719
Annoyed in the grocery store when others get too close because I'm the protagonist and they aren't respecting my storyline of listening to moody music while shopping in an apocalyptic future where I am sad and alone.

Tweets are unedited.

READERS' FORUM

The textbook paradox

Did you know that 80% of students work while in college, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce? Not only that, they also found that tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities have risen 19 times faster than average family incomes since 1980. Families are failing to keep up with the finances, so naturally, many students are forced to work in order to receive an education.

Fortunately, BYU students have a much lower tuition rate than other private universities. The economical cost helps thousands of students receive an excellent education. However, when it comes to textbooks, we aren't so lucky. One month into my freshman year, I realized the money I had saved from summer and high school jobs was not going to cut it. Although my savings paid for rent and tuition, there were many other expenses in college. I decided I would need to work on the weekends to cover my books and other living expenses.

Last semester I purchased a textbook for a term class and left the BYU Store \$173 poorer than I was just minutes earlier. That textbook will be used for a mere seven weeks but cost me around 19 hours of work to buy. The irony is I have to sacrifice study time to purchase my study materials.

Professors should measure the cost of class materials by the average student hourly wage. One textbook consumed 3.5 Saturdays of work, valuable days I could have spent studying. As students we need to come together and gain the courage to ask our professors to rethink their assigned textbooks and urge them to remember that those expenses directly impede precious study time.

—Erika Wells
Draper, Utah

Voluntourism

Commonly dubbed as "voluntourism," humanitarian aid trips have become quite popular among teenagers and young adults. Their aim is usually to travel to a third-world country to improve the lives of those living in less-fortunate situations. However, the true effectiveness of these trips, while difficult to measure, is lacking and can be improved upon in order to create a long-lasting, positive impact. This can be done through better training, research and a change in perspective from both companies and volunteers.

Unfortunately, many humanitarian aid trips are lacking accurate training. If the goal is to help those suffering in third-world countries, those who volunteer on trips must have the proper training in order to effectively administer help. However, a majority of volunteers are young, and inexperienced, which can create health and social risks.

A combination of better training and more time would bring success to these trips. The change that needs to occur also needs to begin with a change in intentions and perspective of those organizing humanitarian trips. Their current perspective can be twisted, often focused on money and tourism, which is highly unhelpful when it comes to humanitarian aid.

Rather than focusing on those in need, it focuses on fulfilling the wants of the volunteers, derailing the purpose of the trips. Volunteers also need a switch in perspective, from going to experience a change within themselves to going to improve the lives of others.

This way, voluntourism can be transformed into genuine humanitarian aid.

—Aubrey Martin
Lacey, Washington

OPINION OUTPOST

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

Easing of restrictions in Utah

Gov. Gary Herbert has rightly made it clear that we are not going back to life as normal. In moving the dial of his public health directive from Red to Orange, there are still a great many precautions that must be observed.

Whether this easing of restrictions proves to have been a good idea or a reckless step into the darkness will depend less on Herbert and the rest of state and local governments but on individuals, businesses and health care providers. On us.

If we continue to follow — or exceed — the recommendations of state and local officials and health experts and the numbers continue to move in the right direction, then we can reopen more aspects of life and look forward to a new, more careful, normal.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Declining marriage rates

A large body of academic work supports the notion that marriage is good for society. So when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study last week showing that the marriage rate in the United States has fallen to its lowest level in recorded history, that ought to make everyone take notice.

This is a trend with long-term negative consequences. What to do about it? Some have suggested expanding tax advantages and other official incentives for married people.

These are positive notions, but urging people to marry for the sake of marriage, without the necessary skills or the commitment to succeed, isn't likely to solve the problem.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Tara Reade's allegations

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democrats' presumptive nominee for president, has forcefully denied allegations of

sexual harassment and assault made against him by Tara Reade, a former staff assistant in his Senate office.

As is so often the case in such situations, it is all but impossible to be certain of the truth. But the stakes are too high to let the matter fester — or leave it to be investigated by and adjudicated in the media. Mr. Biden is seeking the nation's highest office.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Inaccurate COVID-19 testing

The nation is awash in more than 120 antibody tests for the novel coronavirus that were approved by the Food and Drug Administration without requiring the usual verification of accuracy.

The agency was attempting to get the tests out quickly and avoid a repeat of the unconscionable delays in producing the PCR tests, which remain in too short supply.

But having plenty of tests won't help if they're inaccurate, and some of the antibody tests have unacceptably high rates of false positives. Such mistakes

give people the dangerous belief that they're safe from the disease and an even more dangerous belief that they can't infect others.

Those who show up at a medical office for antibody testing are unlikely to know exactly which test they're being given and what its accuracy rate is.

—Editorial Board
The Los Angeles Times

ObamaCare vs. Nuns

Catholic nuns aren't known as an anxious bunch, but by now the Little Sisters of the Poor must be meditating with St. Augustine's work "On Patience." For seven years the sisters have

fought ObamaCare's contraception mandate, and on Wednesday, May 6, they'll be back in the Supreme Court.

To review: The Affordable Care Act requires insurance to cover women's "preventive care," which the Obama Administration said meant all manner of birth control.

Churches were granted a full exemption, but not employers like the Little Sisters, a religious order that runs nursing homes for the poor.

Assuming the government has an interest in broadening access to contraception, surely that doesn't require conscripting the health plans offered by Catholic nuns.

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

Press freedom dies

The coronavirus is testing the resilience and moral fiber not just of people around the world but also of governments forced to face up to their actions — or inaction — in the face of a pandemic.

Sadly, journalists are often the canaries in the coal mine, the first to feel the brunt of government reprisals when the truth is difficult to bear — and for that reason even more important to convey.

The president's slights and insults of the press in the White House briefing room have set a poor example for other democracies

—Editorial Board
The Boston Globe

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Steve St. Pierre's journey from player to head coach

By KEVIN HATCH

Great athletes may have the dream of one day becoming a champion, and BYU men's rugby head coach Steve St. Pierre was no different.

Years of playing and now coaching rugby have given St. Pierre the opportunity to realize that dream several times over.

St. Pierre grew up in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and played high school football. He never played rugby growing up, but football gave him the skills needed to venture out to other sports.

After graduating from high school, St. Pierre enrolled at BYU and tried out for the rugby team in 2002, his first year playing the sport. His football experience paid off as he made the rugby team that year.

BYU played a full regular season schedule that year. However, because the college rugby tournament scheduled games only on Saturdays and Sundays, the Cougars did not play in the postseason because of BYU's no-Sunday-play policy.

"We were great," St. Pierre said. "But we could never play for a championship because the game was always played on a Sunday."

After a year of playing rugby for BYU, St. Pierre left for Arcadia, California, to serve a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While he was on his mission in 2004, college rugby changed its postseason tournament play to a Friday-Saturday format, thus accommodating BYU if it were to qualify for the postseason.

After St. Pierre returned home from his mission in 2005, he would play at BYU for another four years. During his first three seasons, St. Pierre and the Cougars won often and advanced to the championship game each year. However, they never won the final game. While being a national runner-up for so many seasons was a sign of a successful program, St. Pierre and his team wanted to be champions.

Unfortunately St. Pierre injured his



BYU Photo

Players on the BYU men's rugby team huddle up before a game. After playing for BYU for five years, Steve St. Pierre returned to coach. He has used his experience as a player to help him lead as a coach.

shoulder during his junior year and needed surgery. "Injuring my shoulder was a huge challenge, but I played through it," St. Pierre said.

Setbacks only motivated St. Pierre to aim for better results. The team had to dig deep to find out what they were missing.

As captain of the squad, St. Pierre helped his team members improve and set high goals for the next season. He led them in a more intense weightlifting program to improve the strength of each player. When his senior year arrived, St. Pierre and his teammates were driven by the hope of finally winning a national title.

"We had a really strong brotherhood and connection my senior year," St. Pierre said.

That season it finally happened. BYU won the national championship in 2009. All of the hard work and determination had paid off. The Cougars found a way to overcome the obstacles that kept them from achieving their dream.

After St. Pierre's graduation, the team went on to notch second-place finishes in each of the following two years. BYU hired St. Pierre as an assistant coach in 2012, and the Cougars won the national championship in each of the next four seasons. St. Pierre was able to apply the knowledge he gained as a player to his new role to help the team see even more success.

After leaving BYU for a year to be the head backs coach at Herriman

High School, St. Pierre was rehired by BYU in 2018 to be the head coach of the rugby program. While St. Pierre has enjoyed his new role at BYU, he said there have been many new challenges to face as a head coach.

"The challenge is helping both experienced and new players keep the tradition and standard of this program," St. Pierre said.

He leads regular early morning practices every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6 to 8 a.m. at the Indoor Practice Facility. It is during these early morning hours that players prove to St. Pierre they can meet the challenges that must be overcome to become champions.

"This team's attitude and work rate have been great," team captain Tosh



BYU Photo

Coach Steve St. Pierre talks to the BYU men's rugby team in a game against Utah.

Wilcox said. "Huge improvement from past years. Everyone has a lot of stuff going on — work, school, family, rugby, etc. — and yet, the boys still manage to put in the extra work."

Wilcox also noted the hard work of his coach. "Steve and the other coaches do a great job of bringing a high-focused intensity to practice," he said. "They are very passionate about the team and about winning."

Recent COVID-19 concerns prematurely ended the 2019-2020 season for the Cougars.

"It was tough," Wilcox said. "We had put in so much time and work and then it was just over. Very disappointing but there is no one to blame. It's a totally unavoidable situation and it's just unfortunate that it happened."

Despite the setbacks, skill development on the team will continue with an eye toward the team's reunion. St. Pierre's new challenge is to motivate his players through uncertain times, which may be the biggest challenge of his coaching career.

St. Pierre is not one to back down when faced with disappointment. He continues to drive his team to work hard and be ready to play with the same competitive spirit that inspired him and his team in 2009 — the year the Cougars first realized their championship dream.

BYU football adjusts to coronavirus uncertainty

By SYDNEY TOWNSEND

Special teams coordinator Ed Lamb and tight ends coach Steve Clark were mainly focused on the younger players in the program, with only six spring practices under their belt, Lamb felt like he wasn't able to assess his newer players as much as he would have liked. His younger players were also looking for chances to show their abilities and potential.

"Normally, we try and get a good idea of who our two-deep players are," Lamb said. "I don't think our younger players got a good enough opportunity to show what they can do."

In contrast, Clark had enough time to see what his players were capable of.

"We start early in March, so at least we got some practices in. Some teams didn't get any," Clark said. "I think the most critical thing we did at tight end and fullback was to get the younger guys in and see how they did in the competition. I think they all did very well, and we have an idea of what we have in the fall."

Coaches and players soon found themselves figuring out how to achieve their off-season goals without the rest of spring practices. The coaches made sure to still contact their players to discuss their strengths and things they should continue to work on. Clark still conducted his "state of the union" with his players over video chat and phone calls. Coaches sent out plenty of film and other resources for the players to maintain their football IQ with their time off. They also issued workout challenges.



Hannah Miner

BYU quarterback Zach Wilson, left, talks with wide receiver Gunner Romney at a spring practice before the COVID-19 outbreak. Several options are being discussed to ensure a 2020 season of play amid the pandemic.

"We started off doing pushup challenges," Clark said. "Everybody had to do 200 a day."

Players have been doing their part to stay in shape and stay sharp. Junior offensive lineman James Empey has been working with the strength staff remotely.

"Our strength staff is great," Empey said. "They have sent us a bunch of different workouts to keep us sane at this time."

Sophomore linebacker and running back Tyler Allgeier and junior quarterback Zach Wilson have been taking advantage of their time off by working with different coaches and trainers. Allgeier has made an effort to stay connected and active.

"With all of this free time, I'm trying to get workouts in," Allgeier said. "Also trying to get healthy and get rid of nagging injuries."

Wilson's main focus for the

off-season is progressing in every aspect and developing more as a leader. He hopes he can become a more complete quarterback to lead his team to a better season. Quarterbacks coach Aaron Roderick emphasized making good decisions on the field and recovering from bad plays. Wilson was also especially eager for this off-season for the time he would have to train.

"Last year I missed the off-season because of shoulder surgery," Wilson said. "And now I have a healthy shoulder and hand it is just how much bigger, stronger and faster I can get."

With all of the uncertainty surrounding the reopening of the country, there is no definite answer on whether or not there will be college football in the fall. The consequences of not having a season could be costly. The commissioners of each conference talked with Vice President Mike Pence about the circumstances where college football would be allowed. College football and other fall sports would only take place if universities hold classes on campus.

Options like playing in the winter and spring have been presented as a possibility. The coaches and players have been mindful and sensitive to the situation and continue to stay hopeful.

Lamb has remained positive throughout the whole situation.

"College athletes and coaches see everything through a lens of competition," Lamb said. "And when something like this happens, it is a bit of an eye-opener that there are more important things in life. It does not mean that athletics or competitions are any less important but it's more of a perspective."

BYU falls short in Twitter tournament

By JACKSON PAYNE

It was a Cinderella run for the ages, but the Cougars ultimately fell short to the heavy favorite North Carolina Tar Heels in the championship round of this year's NCAA tournament action.

Only this tournament wasn't played out on the hardwood; it was battled in the internet realm.

The Fox Sports college hoops "Ultimate Fan Bracket" Twitter tournament aimed to fill part of the void left by the cancellation of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. It did so with a unique twist — Twitter users voted for each matchup in order to determine which program had the best fans in the country. The main incentive of the competition was Fox Sport's pledge to put a billboard in favor of the winning school in the city of their rival.

BYU entered the competition as a 10 seed, snatching "upset" victories over No. 7 Missouri, No. 2 Michigan State, No. 4 Tennessee and No. 1 Indiana. The Cougars also came out on top after a neck-and-neck, verbally-violent showing against similar mid-major and No. 11 Dayton.

Cougar fans flocked to the polls, racking up more than 230,000 total votes throughout the tournament to lead the contest. In the final round against No. 1 UNC — six-time national champions and alma mater to NBA legends like Michael Jordan and Vince Carter — BYU trailed by as much as 14 percentage points and led by as many as four before losing seemingly at the buzzer by a handful of loose votes.

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I WISH SHE WOULDN'T TELL ME HOW IT RUINS MY APPETITE.

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THIS LAMP. I PUT A NEW LIGHT BULB IN IT, BUT IT STILL WON'T GO ON.

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NOT WORKING. ARE YOU SURE?

RAWR

WATCH IT. DAD'S IN A MOOD.

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**
- Swiss peaks
 - Cracked open, as a door
 - Do something
 - Fabric for a winter coat
 - Sport with mallets
 - God, to Muslims
 - It's against the rules
 - Cocktail often served with a celery stick
 - Alternative to FaceTime or Google Hangouts
 - "Gil Blas" author Alain-René
 - Says "Our Father, who art in heaven ...," e.g.
 - Largest city in Switzerland
 - Yellowstone attraction
 - One of 100 in D.C.
 - chi (martial art)
 - Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - Horse with a reddish coat
 - Incline
 - Thus
 - Eyes up and down
 - Adele, voiceless
 - Sign of the Ram
 - A son of Isaac
 - Utah national park
 - Film director Spike
 - Month with Earth Day; Abbr.
 - Many a marathon winner
 - Layers of rock heaven ...; e.g.
 - Greek sandwiches
 - Minor accident
 - From Holland
 - All settled up

DOWN

- Grain bristles
- "Here's the thing ..."
- My Little (Hasbro toy)
- Sandwich that might spill onto your hands
- Police dispatch, for short
- Pirate flag
- Plants that yield a soothing gel
- Aussie jumpers
- Weapons in classic sci-fi
- Fudd who hunts "wabbits"
- Lead-in to carte or king
- It goes back and forth on a street or up and down in an elevator shaft
- "... will be done ..."
- Groggy state
- Triage centers, for short
- Prefix with -naut
- Home of Milano and Firenze
- Event on Black Friday or Cyber Monday
- Typographic flourish
- Actress Moreno or Hayworth
- Enemy alliance in W.W. II
- "Bad, Bad Brown" (1973 #1 hit)
- Ten C-notes
- Little bites

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMOK HGTV SKIFF
 BORE ERIE CASIO
 ETSY AINT RHINO
 HOPELESSCAUSE
 ANTS OWN
 HOLDTHEAPPLAUSE
 ERASE SAT SHAM
 ATLAIRAYKROCUNC
 THAI QUE HORDE
 HOWCOULDIREFUSE
 EPA SERF
 AHOUSEDIVIDED
 SLAVS MINI UZIS
 TEHEE TETE TROU
 YEARS STOW YARN

PUZZLE BY LEE TAYLOR

- Ohio city that's home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Litigant
- Conveyance preceding Uber and Lyft
- Hit the spot
- Opposite of future
- Video segment
- Make a pass at
- Setting for much of "La Bohème"
- Silent sign of approval
- Very cheap wine, in slang
- Prenatal procedure, informally
- Immigrants' class subj.
- Gets better, as a wound
- California governor Newsom
- Geese's flying formation
- Make a boo-boo
- Revolving tray on a dinner table
- Submarine sandwich
- Keep pestering

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- ACROSS**
- Group consisting of Agnetha, Benny, Björn and Anni-Frid
 - French fashion magazine since 1945
 - Animal whose full name means "nose horn"
 - Four-year degs.
 - Muddle through
 - Dreary
 - Home of the statue Christ the Redeemer, familiarly
 - Left
 - Frisbee sport
 - Earned in the end
 - Swing wildly back and forth
 - Sounds in a dentist's office
 - Tune also known as "Butterfield's Lullaby"
 - Card game akin to crazy eights
 - Word after head, heart or belly
 - Name of a celebrated 1970s concert tour with Bob Dylan
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DOWN

- Enhances, with "to"
- Cheese with a white rind
- Core political supporters
- They can be sung to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"
- Some future Girl Scouts
- Not feel well
- Seating for two or more
- Good-hearted sort
- Item in a box marked "In case of fire ..."
- Short stiletto shoe
- Grammy-winning James
- Profound
- 3:1 or 4:1, e.g.
- Ancient France
- Poison-pen letters
- Rubbernecker, e.g.
- "Ben-..."
- Respond quickly and sharply to criticism ... or a hint to 17-, 28- and 46-Across
- Like the middle band of the flag of Mexico
- Point
- Sugary frozen beverage
- Blue period?
- Signal to go onstage
- Coke or 7Up

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ORCA STATIC BRO
 COOL TACOMA RAW
 TVRECEPTION ACE
 EEE ARI DESKS
 TRIEDON JEANS
 SIGHED ALTEREGO
 INE WRY RRRR
 AGNOSTIC ESTEEM
 MEDICINEBALL
 ELITE IRECKON
 MARYS GTE OTS
 QMG SEARCHPARTY
 SPA ORDEAL TEEN
 TSP REALTY MARC

PUZZLE BY CHRISTINA IVERSON AND ROSS TRUDEAU

- the Riveter (W.W. II figure)
- Sports item absent from wrestling and track
- Keats or Pindar
- Tiny change to a master clock
- Give someone the stink eye, e.g.
- Wild Australian dog
- Provide, as with a scholarship
- One of the friends on "Friends"
- Long-billed wading bird
- Bell
- Got 100% on
- Home furnishings store with a three-syllable name
- Records
- Singer Reed

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Called to serve in a pandemic

Editor's note: Thousands of missionaries across the world are facing upended plans during the pandemic. Some are returning home before completing their missions, others are serving in quarantine, and many are receiving new calls. The Daily Universe is looking at how these missionaries are grappling with challenges in a series of stories.

Utahn among first missionaries to receive reassignment

By LISI MERKLEY

Thirteen days after Sister Caroline Guilott traveled from the MTC in São Paulo, Brazil, to the Brazil Brasilia Mission, she had a high fever, a bad cough and couldn't breathe. A few days later she was admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with pneumonia.

At the time she wasn't able to get tested for COVID-19 because Brazil didn't have any tests available. But looking back, Sister Guilott and her family wonder if she actually had the coronavirus.

When she was released from the hospital, Sister Guilott and her companion were told to quarantine in their apartment for two weeks. At the end of those two weeks, the whole mission was told to stay in their apartments for an additional two weeks because of the pandemic. When the two-week, mission-wide quarantine ended, Sister Guilott and the other missionaries not from Brazil were sent home.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encouraged all returning missionaries to quarantine or isolate for two weeks after returning home, so Sister Guilott spent another two weeks in quarantine at home, making six total weeks of quarantine.

Sister Guilott returned home on March 26 and received a new, temporary reassignment on April 28 to serve in the Arizona Tempe Mission. She left on May 5.

Sister Guilott's trip from Brazil to her hometown of Pleasant



Caroline Guilott

Sister Caroline Guilott knocks on a door in Brazil. Guilott returned from the Brazil Brasilia Mission on March 26 and left for the Arizona Tempe Mission on May 5.

Grove, Utah, took 50 hours. When she found out she would be headed home, she burst into tears. "I didn't want to leave Brazil, but I knew it was God's will and whatever happened needed to happen," she said.

Her mom Juliet Guilott, said they knew her daughter was coming home, but the family never received her travel itinerary. Sister Guilott sent her mom a message from a computer in the Apple Store in the São Paulo airport saying what her next flight was, but no one knew for sure where she was going or when she would be home.

Luckily, Juliet saw a picture of Caroline in a Facebook group for moms of missionaries and was

able to connect the dots about her daughter's location. Juliet said she knew her daughter would be flying to Utah from Los Angeles, but there were three flights coming in that day.

"We kind of went for the middle flight, and we pulled into the airport seriously four minutes before she came walking out," Juliet said. "I'm so thankful for the network of moms online that were all working together to help."

Sister Guilott said she was so excited to learn she was being reassigned because there were too many what-ifs in her mind surrounding the future of her mission. "Just finding out that you're going back out and you're

going to go be a missionary again, I was just so overjoyed."

Caroline wanted to return to Brazil and said she hopes that because the Church said this was her temporary reassignment, she might have the opportunity to return to Brazil in the future. "I don't want to say I want to pray to go back to Brazil — but I do — but I'm excited to go be a missionary in Arizona."

Juliet said they were shocked to learn that her daughter had been reassigned because they hadn't heard of anyone else receiving a temporary assignment at that time. "I immediately went and got on the crazy Facebook mom pages, and no one had posted anything, and I'm like, 'What? We're first?'"

Once they got over the shock of the call, Juliet said she was thrilled and excited for her daughter's new assignment. "With all the uncertainty, I was excited it was someplace here in the States, and I was surprised because, I mean, I can't even go to the grocery store like normal."

Sister Guilott and her mom have already done some research into her new assignment, and they learned the mission's Facebook page does a fireside live video every Sunday that about 2,000 people watch.

Juliet said she has been impressed with the work missionaries have been doing online during the pandemic. "I know what these kids can do online," she said. "For them to take that knowledge now and translate it into missionary work is so exciting to me."

Missionary enrolls at BYU while waiting to go back out

Trying to remain productive

By LISI MERKLEY

Elder Braden Terry and the rest of the missionaries in the Tokyo North Mission were at the end of their mandatory two-week quarantine after the COVID-19 outbreak when they received some heart-breaking news.

They had been looking forward to a mission-wide Zoom call with a member of the Area Presidency where they would receive an update on the situation.

However, right before the Zoom call, the member of the Area Presidency was called into an unexpected meeting with the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the missionaries instead had a two-hour conference with their mission president.

"The entire time he was telling us, 'No you're not going home. Everything's fine. Just focus on what you need to do,'" Terry said.

Before the missionaries left the call, the mission president told them he had just received a text from the Area Presidency. The message said all non-Japanese missionaries would be going home as soon as possible. "The mission president started to cry," Terry said.

Initially the missionaries were told to pack their bags immediately because they would be leaving that day, but Terry didn't end up boarding a plane until four days later on Wednesday, March 25. "The Church cannot coordinate to get 800 missionaries out of Japan in one day," he said.

When Terry got home, he, along with the other missionaries in his stake, were released over a group email rather than being released individually and in person. "(My stake president) said this is a very weird time, so we do weird things during weird times," he said.

Terry said he knew he wouldn't be able to go back out into the field anytime soon based on his understanding of COVID-19 and its spread. His stake president encouraged him to do something productive with his time while he waited, and Terry agreed.

He decided to enroll in a religion class and ECON 110 at BYU during Spring Term. "The most productive thing I can do is continue my schooling," Terry said. "If I were finished with my mission, that's exactly what I would do. I would go back to school."

When his stake president asked him what his official plans are for returning to the mission, Terry said he hopes to return to the field as soon as possible. "But I also made it known that I am attending Spring Term, so as soon as possible for me is after Spring Term."

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