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Zach Wilson and BYU Football off to historic, hype-filled 5-0 start

By CALEB TURNER

Junior quarterback Zach Wilson threw three touchdowns in the final 16 minutes of BYU Football's meeting with Houston on Oct. 16 to erase a double-digit deficit and win 43-26 to give the Cougars a 5-0 start for the first time since 2008.

BYU has started 5-0 just six times in program history: 2020, 2008, 2001, 1984, 1981 and 1979, with the 1984 season ending with a national championship. The impressive streak by this year's team is gaining attention from national media, with the Cougars moving up two spots to No. 12 in the AP Top 25.

According to ESPN's Football Power Index, BYU has the second-best chance in college football to win out and go undefeated on the season, at 47.7%. According to the same index, the Cougars are favored to win in each of their remaining games, with the closest matchup being at Boise State on Nov. 6, when BYU is still favored with a 59.1% chance to win.

BYU has gone undefeated just once in its 98-year history, when the Cougars went 13-0 in 1984 to secure their lone national title. The closest record in recent memory was a 14-1 campaign in 1996, led by current Alabama offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian at quarterback.

Speaking of quarterbacks, Wilson is not only helping this year's squad to incredible team records but is being recognized for his individual excellence



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

Zach Wilson takes off to evade a Houston defender on Oct. 16 at TDECU Stadium. Wilson had a career-high 400 yards and four touchdowns in a 43-26 comeback victory.

as well.

The BYU signal-caller currently leads the FBS in pass completion percentage (minimum 100 attempts) at 78.7%. Super Bowl MVP Steve Young set the record for single-season completion percentage at BYU in 1983 at 71.3%, putting Wilson in all-time territory if he continues at his current rate.

Wilson currently owns the sixth-longest streak of passes without an interception in BYU history at 132, and is the first BYU quarterback since Ty Detmer in 1991 to go four games without an interception.

Detmer won the Heisman Trophy in 1990 – the only BYU player to win college football's highest honor – and Wilson is getting some Heisman hype of his own after the first 400-yard outing of his career against Houston.

National football writer Dennis Dodd of CBS Sports put Wilson at No. 3 on his "Week Seven Heisman Hype" rankings on Twitter, behind Clemson's Trevor Lawrence and Alabama's Mac Jones.

During the Alabama-Georgia game in primetime on Oct. 17, CBS showed a graphic with the title, "Heisman Watch," featuring Wilson alongside

Lawrence, in a side-by-side comparison of statistics from their previous games.

Lawrence went 24-for-32 on passes and threw for 404 yards, with five touchdowns and one interception against Georgia Tech, while Wilson went 25-for-35 on passes and threw for 400 yards, with four touchdowns and no interception against Houston

In addition to the Heisman hype, Wilson has been getting plenty of NFL attention as well, both from players and draft analysts. Super Bowl MVP and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes retweeted a video of one of

Wilson's touchdown passes against Houston, which mimicked a play the Chiefs used just the week before.

"Well done!!" Mahomes said, quoting a Tweet from ESPN College Football that said, "Very Patrick Mahomes of you, Zach Wilson."

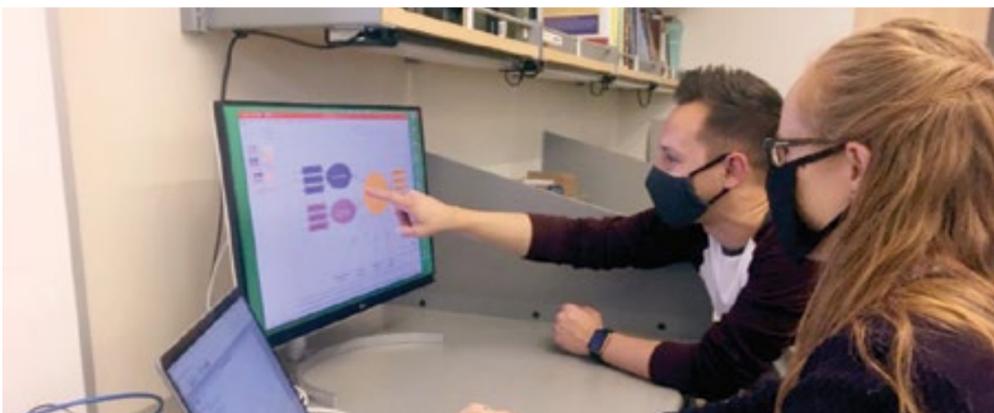
The play was a no-look shovel pass to fullback Masen Wake for a run up the middle into the end zone.

Mel Kiper, an NFL draft analyst for ESPN, has Wilson at No. 5 on his 2021 Draft quarterback rankings. Mike Renner, the lead draft analyst at Pro Football Focus, tweeted, "I'm ready to start talking about BYU QB Zach Wilson as a first-rounder."

If Wilson gets drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft, he would be the first BYU player to do so since Ezekiel "Ziggy" Ansah in 2013, and the first BYU quarterback to do so straight out of college since Jim McMahon in 1982. Steve Young was technically taken in the first round of the 1984 supplemental draft, which only included players from the now-defunct United States Football League.

Heisman hype, shout outs from NFL superstars and a potential first-round draft pick is uncharted territory for BYU Football in recent memory and puts this special Cougar squad among some of the best in BYU history.

The team takes on Texas State at home on Oct. 24 next, as BYU tries to extend the win streak to six games in front of 6,000 fans in LaVell Edwards Stadium — the first game in Provo with fans this season. The game will be broadcast on ESPN at 8:15 p.m. MDT.



Mahealani Kaloit

Professor Jamie Jensen and Ph.D biology student Danny Ferguson analyze data and charts on the computer for their research. Jensen was one of the professors involved in the vaccine study.

BYU study shows COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy

By CASSIDY WIXOM

A recent study conducted by BYU professors and students, published on Oct. 3, found two major discoveries regarding people's attitudes towards a COVID-19 vaccine.

One discovery highlighted people's pre-existing attitudes towards vaccines greatly influenced their willingness to take the COVID-19 vaccine. The study also found that people's willingness to take the vaccine depended on how much they felt the coronavirus is affecting the country.

"The most exciting thing for me is the idea that taking community responsibility and people caring about the state of the country was part of the intent to be vaccinated. People want to help out and they care," said molecular and microbiology professor Brian Poole.

Poole has studied vaccine hesitancy in the past and wanted to see how that changed during a pandemic. The number of people who are against or hesitant about vaccines has been rising recently, which is "causing harm," he said.

The study also found that political affiliation had no correlation with attitudes on getting the vaccine, but price, safety, income level, satisfaction with healthcare and education level had strong correlations.

The study, titled "Influences on attitudes regarding potential COVID-19

vaccination in the United States," consisted of a survey sent to 300 people randomly distributed across the country to analyze the factors that predict vaccine uptakes.

The study was conducted to understand what people are thinking about the coronavirus and vaccines. The survey included questions that ranged from basic demographic questions like geographic region, age, sexuality, gender, religion and political affiliation to bigger questions about vaccine efficacy, general attitudes on vaccines, safety of the vaccine and more.

The study states that "most study subjects were agreeable towards vaccination for COVID-19, although only 46.11% of respondents 'strongly agreed' with the statement 'I am likely to be vaccinated for COVID-19 when a vaccine becomes available.'"

The study said another 22.46% "somewhat agree" to the statement. This means a total of 68.57% of respondents indicated they were "amenable," or open and responsive, to receiving a vaccine.

"A vaccine is the best tool we're going to have to get our lives back to normal after this pandemic," said biology professor Jamie Jensen who helped analyze the data of this study. The importance of this study, she said, is to learn everything they can about people's attitudes toward the vaccine so they can best know how to get the vaccine out.

When making public campaigns for the vaccines, "emphasizing that

by taking the vaccine you are protecting America and protecting everyone around you" will convince more people to get the vaccine, Jensen said.

Kendall Pogue, a microbiology junior at BYU and first author of the study, said it was interesting to dive in and find out what people "really thought" about the coronavirus and the vaccine. Because the survey results were only sent to the lab Pogue works with, the people participating were "brutally honest" with their answers, since they knew only a handful of people would see them.

Pogue said she hopes this study encourages people to do their own research, trust science and find reliable sources to help them decide what is true amid all the false information floating around on the internet.

"It's important to remember that in order for the pandemic to be over, we can't just rely on a vaccine. We must rely on ourselves as well," she said.

The study found that many people are hesitant about a specific COVID-19 vaccine because they worry it has been rushed in the production process. People are also mainly concerned about the safety and side effects of the vaccine.

Poole said he hopes to "educate and alleviate people's concerns about vaccines so they can be more confident in the medical progress and the real dramatic benefits that vaccines provide."

"We all say we want the vaccine, but really we want something that works," Pogue said.

'Truth is still truth' with online BYU Education Week



Photo illustration by Karina Andrews

BYU Education Week was held online this year due to the pandemic. Scan this image with the Universe Plus app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

By MADDIE MEHR

Speakers and administrators rose to the challenge to provide an equally spiritual experience over the internet as BYU Education Week moved to an online format this year.

"The medium may change but the heart of the message is the same," said BYU President Kevin J. Worthen in the President's Welcome address.

Education Week typically offers more than 1,000 classes on subjects like education, religion, marriage and family, and genealogy, but due to the pandemic, it moved to an online video format with 55 virtual lectures. Viewers can access the lectures on the Education Week website for \$49 from Oct. 7 to Mar. 31, 2021.

BYU Continuing Education said in a press release that while canceling the in-person experience was disappointing, the online format creates an exciting opportunity to reach a worldwide audience.

"We've all been instructed by our Church and university leaders to look for the good that comes from difficult circumstances, and offering the online classes is an example of something good that came about faster because of the current conditions," program administrator Bruce Payne said.

Payne said the preparations for Education Week required many behind-the-scenes efforts to finish the required video-editing, copyright permissions, transcriptions and

other tasks.

"(Preparing the program) proved to be time-consuming but very rewarding when we saw the end product," Payne said.

Education Week presenter Tyler J. Griffin, a professor in the Ancient Scripture department, said the Holy Ghost isn't limited by technological adjustments.

"It is definitely strange to enter a studio and speak to a camera without any kind of audience feedback or reaction," Griffin said. "Truth is still truth, and the inspiration to speak and learn by the Spirit can still operate fully in this adapted setting."

Presenter John Hilton III said that while he misses the energy and personal connections that come from presenting live, he loves being able to watch the classes with his wife at home instead of having to rush from one class to the next.

"We'll actually probably wind up watching more classes online than we would have in person!" Hilton said. "As with many things, the pandemic

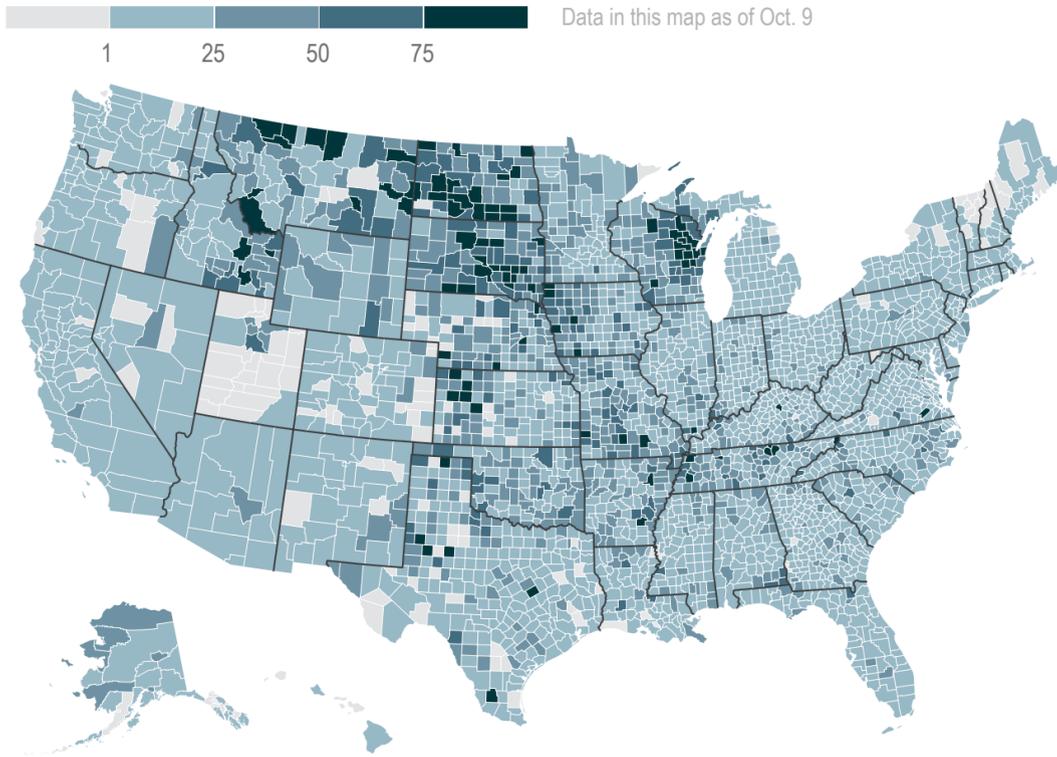
is giving us the opportunity to do things differently. I'm excited to see what happens in the future."

BYU ancient scripture professor Brad Wilcox said the willingness of individuals to participate in Education Week when they can't come to campus shows the crucial role of education. "It says a lot about how devoted Latter-day Saints are to education. For us, an education is not just about making a living, but making a life—including an eternal life."

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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

New daily COVID-19 cases



Seven-day rolling average of new cases per 100,000 population according to Johns Hopkins University.

Associated Press

Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



Racial justice movement a factor for 5 state ballots

The Black Lives Matter movement isn't named in any of the 120 statewide ballot measures up for a vote on Nov. 3. This year's nationwide protests over police brutality and racial injustice are major factors in the campaigns in several states for measures with distinctive racial themes.

Elsewhere, the topics include a replacement for Mississippi's Confederate-themed state flag, a proposed change in Rhode Island's official name to remove the word "plantations," and efforts in Nebraska and Utah to strip language from the state constitutions providing an exemption to the ban on slavery.



Leader of dark-web opioid drug ring gets life sentence

A suburban millennial convicted of becoming an online drug kingpin was sent to prison for life Oct. 15, but not before he was confronted by a grieving mother.

Tova Keblish said her son thought he was buying painkillers online to cope with his agony after leg surgery. Instead, authorities say the pills were fakes pressed in the suburban Salt Lake City basement where Aaron Shamo built a multimillion-dollar drug ring. The pills contained the opioid fentanyl, a drug that authorities say can be deadly with just a few flakes.



Sen. Romney calls for US commission to handle wildfires

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah announced legislation Oct. 15 to establish a national commission focused on diminishing future wildfire disasters. The proposed commission would study and recommend fire mitigation policies to Congress, including forest management tactics and federal spending.

Romney's announcement came as wildfires have raged across the West this year. Blazes have grown more intense and dangerous as the changing climate dries out forests thick with trees and underbrush.



French premier joins tributes to beheaded teacher

France's prime minister joined demonstrators on Oct. 18 who rallied together across the country in tribute to a history teacher who was beheaded near Paris after discussing caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad with his class.

The demonstrations came hours after U.S. President Donald Trump sent France a message of solidarity in the wake of the attack. Samuel Paty was beheaded on Oct. 16 in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine by a 18-year-old Moscow-born Chechen refugee who was shot dead by police.

As virus flares globally, new strategies target hot spots

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK CITY, New York — After entire nations were shut down during the first surge of the coronavirus earlier this year, some countries and U.S. states are trying more targeted measures as cases rise again around the world, especially in Europe and the Americas.

New York's new round of virus shutdowns zeroes in on

individual neighborhoods, closing schools and businesses in hot spots measuring just a couple of square miles.

The concept of containing hot spots isn't new, but it's being tested under new pressures as authorities try to avoid a dreaded resurgence of illness and deaths, this time with economies weakened from earlier lockdowns, populations chafing at the idea of renewed restrictions and some communities complaining of unequal treatment.

Pandemic leaves American Samoa residents stranded, homesick

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa — Makerita Iosefo Va'a hasn't been home for nearly eight months.

Va'a left the U.S. territory in the Pacific in February with her husband for medical treatment. They planned to fly home in March from San Francisco but decided to postpone.

Since then, they haven't been able to leave because American

Samoa Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga closed the territory on March 13 to protect those on the islands from COVID-19.

"The interests of the 60,000 residents on-island and protecting their lives outweighs the interest of the 600 or more residents stranded in the United States," said Iulogologo Joseph Pereira, chairman of the territorial government COVID-19 task force. "More healthcare facilities are available in Hawaii and mainland states that they can access if they contract the virus."

Pandemic driving children back to work, jeopardizing gains

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOTOLCHEN, Mexico — The coronavirus pandemic is threatening the future of a generation of the world's children, depriving them of schooling and sending them to work. Across the developing world, two decades of gains against child labor are eroding.

With classrooms shuttered and parents losing their jobs, children are trading their ABCs

for the D of drudgery.

Instead of going to school, children in Kenya are grinding rocks in quarries. Tens of thousands of children in India have poured into farm fields and factories. Across Latin America, kids are making bricks, building furniture and clearing brush, once after-school jobs that are now full-time work.

These children and adolescents are earning pennies or at best a few dollars a day to help put food on the table.

China rapidly expands use of experimental COVID-19 vaccines

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAIPEI, Taiwan — China is rapidly increasing the number of people receiving its experimental coronavirus vaccines, with a city offering one to the general public and a biotech company providing another free to students going abroad.

The city of Jiaying, south of Shanghai, is offering a vaccine under development by Sinovac, it said in an announcement

Oct. 15. It said high-risk groups, including people who are "responsible for the basic operations of the city" will receive priority, but that residents who have emergency needs can also sign up.

Chinese drug companies have five vaccines in final stages of testing but none is approved for public use. They are part of a global race to develop a vaccine that, if successful, offers the fledgling Chinese industry the potential for prestige and worldwide sales.

Hospital over capacity in 'unsustainable' coronavirus spike

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — One of Utah's largest hospitals had no beds left Oct. 16 in its regular intensive-care unit as the governor declared the state's weekslong spike in coronavirus cases "unsustainable."

The University of Utah Health had to set up extra ICU beds staffed by doctors and nurses working overtime to care for its critical patients this week as the unit hit 104% capacity, said Chief Medical Officer Dr. Russell Vinik.

Health officials again reported near record-breaking levels of new coronavirus cases Oct. 13, meaning hospitalizations could continue to rise.

Utah health officials reported nearly 1,500 new cases on Oct. 13.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

BYU religion professor Guy Dorius remembered after death

By EMILY HARRAH

Longtime BYU religion professor Guy Dorius, 61, died on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. He is remembered by many students and faculty as a life-changing professor and friend.

Alex Baugh, chair of the BYU Department of Church History and Doctrine, expressed his condolences in a statement.

“Brother Dorius was a longtime faculty member of the Department of Church History and Doctrine here at BYU where he served for 26 years. He taught thousands of students over the years and specialized in teaching courses on the Eternal Family (REL C 200) and the Doctrine and Covenants (REL C 324 and 325). He was a master teacher. He will be sorely missed,” Baugh said.

Baugh added that Dorius was a friend to many student athletes. Members of the BYU football program remembered Dorius in a video they posted online.

BYU student Steven Miller expressed that although he only had one class taught by Dorius, he was impacted by his teachings. “As a member for my whole life, I usually don’t expect to learn a ton of new stuff from religious classes, but he taught me something new quite often,” Miller said.

Religion professor Hank Smith broke the news that Dorius had died on Twitter. “The BYU Religion Department has lost a dear professor. Dr. Guy Dorius



BYU Religious Education

Guy Dorius died on Oct. 13 after teaching religion at BYU for 26 years.

passed away today. He was beloved by students, faculty, and staff. A fantastic man and kind friend,” Smith’s Tweet reads.

Former BYU student Adam Zimmerman commented on Smith’s Twitter post. “I took his Book of Mormon classes. I did truly appreciate him. Thank you for sharing the news. Comforting to realize Brother Dorius probably got right to work teaching the Gospel in the Spirit World,”

Zimmerman said.

Dorius was born in Salt Lake City and graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor’s degree in fuels engineering. He later attended Brigham Young University and received a master’s degree in education administration and a doctorate in family studies. He is survived by his wife, Vicki, and their seven children. More information can be found in his obituary.

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alums find success in applying dance education to teaching



Taft and Eliza Robinson

Two 2020 graduates are finding unexpected uses for their BYU dance education in their work as elementary school teachers. Eliza and Taft Robinson sought employment in New York City’s artistic and performative networks as they prepared to graduate in April. They were not expecting to find work as teachers but were open to the “incredibly fulfilling” idea of teaching, Eliza Robinson said. The Robinsons were thrilled to be hired as remote teachers by NYC’s Success Academy. Eliza Robinson said her time at BYU was essential to her artistic, mental, and emotional development and prepared her well for her current job, even though her major was not directed towards elementary education.

“The dance program at BYU facilitated my creativity and put my work ethic into overdrive, and that’s exactly what teachers have to do every day,” Eliza Robinson said. “Teaching, like dancing, is not just a job. Teaching is a craft that will take me years and years of hard work to cultivate.”

“I expected this job to be challenging, but I never anticipated the intellectual and emotional growing pains that come with being a first-year teacher,” Taft Robinson said. “This job is more of a refining fire than I ever anticipated, and I’m hoping to become a better person through it.”

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Photography student wins prestigious award from competition



Emma Squire

Freshman photography student Emma Squire recently won a prestigious award from the Fujifilm Students of Storytelling competition. Out of 600 entrants, Squire was one of 30 to be awarded new photography equipment and a personal Fujifilm profile page. Squire’s visual story on the history of prosperity was inspired by paintings she saw in an art history class. The photo series involved researching items that signified wealth in different time periods, interviewing people to assess symbols of modern affluence, and photographing her interpretations of those items.

“My art is either telling a story or trying to make a statement,” Squire said. “I want the viewers to be caught up in the narrative or to reflect on the message the image is trying to convey. My ultimate goal is to create meaningful art that I’m proud of.”

IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Students awarded with opportunity to work on flagship project



Engineering Building

The BYU College of Engineering was awarded the opportunity to work on a project at the National Science Foundation (NSF) Engineering Research Center. This competitive flagship project is the second to be awarded to BYU, the first of which was in 1986. BYU engineers will work with the University of Arizona to develop a Center for Quantum Networks, a program lasting at least five years and funded by at least \$25 million. Their work will center on developing a new quantum internet that will enhance security, discovery, material design and data privacy on computers. This NSF project stems from a 2018 United States law putting America on the front lines in the race to quantum internet.

“It’s really a privilege for BYU to be a part of the new NSF Center for Quantum Networks,” professor Ryan Camacho said. “Quantum networks will enable fundamentally different and radical ways of connecting people and machines. In the future, devices won’t just share data, but will be quantum mechanically entangled across space and time.”

BYU student serving as missionary dies after hiking accident

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Sister Annabelle Nielsen, a missionary serving in the Alpine German-Speaking Mission and a BYU student, died after a hiking accident on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

“She and five other missionaries were hiking when Sister Nielsen tragically slipped and fell down a steep incline,” says a statement from Church spokesman Daniel Woodruff.

“We pray they will feel the peace and comfort of our loving Heavenly Father as they deal with this tragedy and honor her life,” Woodruff said in the statement, expressing sincere condolences to her family and loved ones. “We also pray for the other missionaries who were with Sister Nielsen at the time of the accident and are working to provide them with the necessary support as they process what happened.”

According to posts on Nielsen’s Instagram, she started BYU in Fall 2018.



Nielsen family

Sister Annabelle Nielsen had been serving in the Alpine German-Speaking mission since July 2019. She recently died after a hiking accident.

Her last Facebook post was on July 24, 2020, and her last Instagram post was on July 28, 2019. Comments on her social

media posts flooded in concerning her sudden death and expressing condolences to her family and loved ones.

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Dr. Eboo Patel
Author and Founder
of Interfaith Youth Core

“What It Means to Be Educated: Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Pluralism”

Dr. Eboo Patel was born in Mumbai, India, and raised an Ismaili Muslim in the suburbs of Chicago. As a student at the University of Illinois, he was involved in social justice work. He soon came to realize that the leaders he respected most had found their inspiration in faith. While earning a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship, Dr. Patel began organizing interfaith projects around the world, laying the groundwork for what would become Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC). Over two decades, he has led the organization from a handful of volunteers to a nationwide nonprofit that empowers students and educators on almost 600 U.S. college and university campuses.

Recognized as a key voice in national discussions around religious

diversity and civic engagement, Dr. Patel is an Ashoka Fellow and has served on the Religious Advisory Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of four books, including *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* and *Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise*. He writes *The Faith Divide*, a featured blog on religion for the *Washington Post*, as well as *Conversations on Diversity*, a regular blog for *Inside Higher Ed*. His interviews, articles, and op-eds have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Washington Post* and on National Public Radio and *PBS NewsHour*.

Dr. Patel currently lives in Chicago with his wife, Shehnaz, and two young sons.

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Education Week



Brad Wilcox

Brad Wilcox defends the Book of Mormon

By EMMA GADESKI

Second counselor in the Young Men general presidency and BYU religion professor Brad Wilcox discussed the power of the Book of Mormon and defended its translation process to BYU Education Week viewers.

In his recorded speech, “Another Testament of Christ,” Brother Wilcox said even though the Book of Mormon’s translation is not academic or acceptable to everyone, the book’s validity comes from the way it changes lives by bringing people to the Savior.

Church members shouldn’t apologize for the way the Book of Mormon came forth because it helps them acknowledge that there’s no way Joseph Smith could have done it without the Lord, Brother Wilcox said.

This unconventional translation process involved various seer stones in addition to the Urim and Thummim. One way Smith could have used these stones was by reading words in English off of them, Brother Wilcox said.

In the face of criticism, Brother Wilcox said members of the Church sometimes wish for a story that is more academic or acceptable. “Something that we could say to strangers without feeling like we’re saying something that they can make a Broadway musical about.”

If this was the case, it wouldn’t mean the story would have more power, Brother Wilcox said. He used the example of the Dead

Sea Scrolls. They were translated by scholars and everything about them is very academic and factual. The difference is that he can’t name one person whose life was changed because of the Dead Sea Scrolls, but there are millions who have been touched and changed by the Book of Mormon.

One way the Book of Mormon changes lives is through its teachings on the Savior’s Atonement. It teaches the Atonement in more clarity than any other book — including the Bible, Brother Wilcox said.

It also has the power to lead people to the temple and Jesus Christ. “The book is correct because it corrects our course.”

“It’s the supernatural way that the book came forth that backs us up against a wall and says, ‘Are you going to take a leap of faith?’ And the minute we take that leap, then our lives are changed forever,” Brother Wilcox said.

In another Education Week speech, “Your Part in Gathering Israel,” Brother Wilcox discussed the “birthright” of Church members that sets them apart and gives them the responsibility to help gather Israel — now and in the millennium.

“We’re doing the most important thing that can be happening on this earth. We’re gathering Israel,” Brother Wilcox said. “Every aspect of the work of salvation and exaltation is part of the gathering as we prepare the world for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, where the real work of gathering His family, of gathering God’s family, can commence.”



Emily Taylor

Emily Taylor speaks on conflict

By EMILY HARRAH

Emily Taylor, assistant director of BYU’s Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution at BYU Law School, shared insights on how to recognize and resolve conflict in her virtual Education Week address.

“Each of us is on a different trajectory, but there are universal human needs, and there are very tangible and practical things that we can do that will allow us to find peace in this life,” Taylor said.

She compared conflict to two people bumping into each other in the middle of a busy road. She taught that conflict is natural. “Because we are unique and mortal, meaning we are fallible, we make mistakes. We don’t have perfect information. We experience bumps with each other,” Taylor said.

Taylor said conflict is usually caused by unmet needs. She shared a story of her husband not attending their child’s preschool graduation because to him it seemed to be an insignificant event. This caused conflict within their marriage. After some time thinking, Taylor realized that her frustration came from an unfulfilled need of being together, not so much stemming from the event itself.

“I’m hammering in the idea that needs drive most of conflict and conflict

resolution. If we can do the work to identify our needs and then also do the work to identify what other people’s needs are, we are going to be so much closer to coming up with solutions,” Taylor said.

To find solutions to conflict, Taylor gave examples from the ministry of Jesus Christ, who showed mercy to all while avoiding contention. “We will not always be reconciled to those we have grievances with, but we will seek so to do, to be like the Savior,” Taylor said.

The feeling of peace is something sought after during conflict. She shared suggestions for avoiding conflict from President Russell M. Nelson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: show concern for others, control words spoken, bridle the passion to speak contentiously and humbly love God.

It is important to accept that conflict cannot be completely avoided. “Rather, what we need to be careful of is contention, and that is a choice,” Taylor said.

“The Savior said, ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God.’ And they shall see God and everyone around them because they will understand that each of us have divine needs that are given to us from long ago,” Taylor said. “As we learn to get along with each other, we are able to build what our Heavenly Father desired for us: that His children would get along.”



Steven Eastmond

How to help loved ones who have depression

By ALLISON MCARTHUR

Clinical social worker Steven Eastmond encouraged individuals to understand depression and learn how to support those who have depression in his Education Week presentation.

Eastmond walked viewers through three major topics: understanding depression, how to recognize it and what to do to support loved ones who have depression.

Eastmond explained depression to viewers from the experience of his clients. “They just don’t feel like they’re even able to plug into their circumstances, and it creates a real dependency for them as they’re with loved ones and they know they’re supposed to feel some joy ... but they feel nothing,” he said.

He said it can be hard for those who have not experienced depression to understand. “The brain is powerful in what it tells us is going on. Most of the time it works well for us. It’s hard for us to understand sometimes when another person’s perspective is different.”

According to Eastmond, 20% of U.S. residents deal with mental illness, 6.7% deal with depression, and only a third of those individuals are receiving help. He hopes that as people learn about depression they’ll be able to recognize and help their loved ones.

Eastmond said he does not suggest diagnosing loved ones. Just one symptom does not diagnose or classify an individual

as depressed, but “what we’re looking for is more of a constellation or myriad of symptoms taken together that are a little out of the bounds that you’d normally see.”

Viewers were told that symptoms can be different for various age groups. Eastmond said loud outbursts and heavy crying can be symptoms in children, and changes in personality, grades dipping or irritability are larger symptoms that could be signs of depression in adolescents. In adults, sadness, an inability to connect with people or things they used to find satisfying, sleep and appetite changes as well as lack of concentration are symptoms. In elders, it can differ with excessive worrying about finances or health problems and the concern of feeling like a burden.

Eastmond said in order to support loved ones with depression, people should first try to understand the situation. “It’s critical we try to get information from them. They might not want to talk much, but it’s important for us to ask questions and seek understanding,” he said.

He warned individuals to avoid lecturing or minimizing the symptoms others are facing by assuming they just need to think more positively.

Eastmond encouraged individuals to continually reach out and invite loved ones to participate in activities they used to enjoy. He said to express love, support and gratitude for the presence of these loved ones in their lives.

How to positively harness personal influence

By ALLISON MCARTHUR

Attorney and author Merrilee Boyack invited Education Week viewers to harness their influence in five ways through her presentation titled, “Being Anxiously Engaged without Being Anxious — The Power of Influence.”

Boyack shared many experiences where she saw an individual influence many and the influence of many, impact just one.

“Sometimes our influence can change the world. I have met many people throughout my life — young and old, tall and short, and rich and poor and all kinds of people — who have absolutely changed the world through their influence,” she said.

Through this influence, she said, “(it) is my hope, that we may weld every link of our chain of influence with love. That love will be used with every ounce of influence that we have.”

Boyack explained her experience in recognizing the powerful influence she had as a mother. She noticed the influence she had on her children and thus her children’s friends and so on. From this experience, she remembered the words of David O. McKay. “There is one responsibility that no one can evade. That



Merrilee Boyack

is the effect of one’s personal influence.”

Once she recognized the power of her influence, she better knew how to harness it.

Boyack said gifts of influence are often small but can make a great impact. She explained that these gifts are not physical gifts but the gifts of time, attention, sacrifice and knowledge.

She gave examples, such as taking time to speak to someone when running late, or teaching another about cars or how to play the piano.

Boyack challenged viewers to take the pledge of “giving away five split seconds a day.” By saying words of appreciation to a child or complimenting a roommate, Boyack promised, “If you chose to live your life this way, giving away a split second of influence, your life will dramatically change.”

She explained individuals can be influences for good by the promptings of the Holy Ghost. “Whether we are women, men, or children, the Holy Ghost can and will magnify our good influence on others. Particularly as we listen and respond to promptings that we are receiving,” she said.

Boyack said radiating love “changes the way we interact with people. It has such a profound influence. And they can absolutely feel that.”

Boyack reminded viewers to “turn to the example of the greatest influencer who ever lived, Jesus Christ.”

From these steps to harnessing personal influence, Boyack explained that “sometimes we don’t know the influence we have on other people,” but encouraged viewers to remember the ripple effect of personal influence everyone has.

Brigham Young defended in ‘Saints,’ Volume 2 overview

By CASSIDY WIXOM

Church History department managing director Matthew Joseph Grow defended Brigham Young in his Education Week overview of “Saints,” Volume 2.

Recently, Brigham Young has been under attack by many who think his actions were racist, sexist, authoritarian, violent and more. There was even a petition created asking for Brigham Young University to be renamed.

Because Brigham Young is a central character to “Saints,” Vol. 2, Grow defended Brigham and his reputation while still trying to accurately display the complex figure he was.

To help members of the church wade through all the evidence and history, Grow outlined three keys to understanding “Brother Brigham.”

The first key is knowing the people loved Brigham because he was one of them. Grow said how Brigham insisted on engaging with everybody and actually being interested when he talked to people.

Many of those who dislike Brigham try to paint him as a “thoroughly unlikeable person,” Grow said. In reality, Grow said he was a loving and caring leader who didn’t just “lead from the pulpit,” but led



Matthew Joseph Grow

the church from all over their territory.

Grow pointed out that the church gladly followed Brigham’s lead. “When we hear some people’s perception of Brigham as an authoritarian, harsh leader who cared little for those around him, we don’t know why people would follow him across the street. But they followed him across the country,” Grow said.

The second key to understanding Brigham, Grow said, is to recognize that his involvement in plural marriage was motivated by what he understood to be the law of God at the time. Brigham went through “a trial of faith” when first learning he had to practice plural marriage. But by the end of his life, Grow said Brigham learned to see the blessings that came from it

and consistently put his family first.

Brigham’s final testimony before his death did not occur in General Conference or in front of a large congregation. Instead “it came as a father helping his daughter in a moment of crisis,” Grow said.

The last key to understanding Brigham deals with knowing that he was a spiritual leader as well as a practical leader.

Grow discussed the huge importance Brigham put on the temple and on temple work throughout his whole life. He helped finish and dedicate the Nauvoo temple before moving the saints out of Illinois. He systemized and organized the temple ordinances and ceremonies and oversaw the construction and dedications of five pioneer era temples.

Getting to know BYU Men's Basketball transfer Gideon George

By CAMERON MUH

It has been quite the journey to BYU for transfer forward Gideon George. It started in Nigeria, where he's from, and it took five trips to the American Embassy in Nigeria before he was finally granted a visa to come play basketball in the U.S.

"I went to the embassy and they gave me my visa — I was shocked," George said. "I never believed it, I was like, 'Woah'. I've gone through it, so I can give the testimony to people. It's hard to get an American visa in Nigeria."

After arriving in America, George played at New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) for two years. Last season, George averaged 14.5 points, eight rebounds and 1.3 assists per game for the Thunderbirds.

George adapted to the American style of basketball while at NMJC. He said one of the biggest differences was the speed.

"I will say Nigeria is way slower. You have to use strength all the time. But out here in America, the game is super fast, and you have to use your IQ to do everything. Almost all the basketball players are smart, so you have to outsmart them."

Playing at NMJC helped George "a lot." He worked with coaches to improve his shooting form and gained more confidence in his shot. He also watched "a ton of film," something he had never done before back home.

George is looking forward to two things at BYU: getting a great education and playing basketball.

The Cougars' style of play is what drew George to BYU. He said one of the reasons he chose to transfer here is because "they shoot the ball a lot."

"Mark Pope doesn't care as long as you're wide open and as long as you own your shot," George said. "He gives you that confidence to shoot the ball more."

George will also look to make a



Gideon George drives against fellow newcomer Caleb Lohner in practice on Oct. 14. George is one of three transfers on this year's squad, in addition to Matt Haarms and Brandon Averette.

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difference for the Cougars on the defensive end.

"I'm trying to work on that as much as I can, to be the defensive guy on the team, the guy that can bring energy on the team," George said. "Nowadays, if you can play defense, you can win a lot of games."

Head coach Mark Pope made a

point to emphasize this in a recent press conference.

"From the day he got here until today, I don't know if I've seen a player grow more than (George). He's so exciting," Pope said. "He's a guy that in one possession will come up with three deflections. Most of the guys try to get three

deflections in one practice, and he's getting three deflections in one possession."

George was the first player to announce he was transferring to BYU over the summer. The Cougars also added Matt Haarms from Purdue, Brandon Averette from Utah Valley, and freshman Caleb Lohner, who

originally signed with the University of Utah.

Away from the court, George is majoring in communications studies and his favorite place to eat is Buffalo Wild Wings. He also collects shoes to donate to people in his hometown of Minna, Nigeria with Time Out 4 Africa.

Women's Cross Country crushes competition at OSU Invitational, men's team takes third



BYU Photo

Whitni Orton runs in the NCAA National Championships in November 2019 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Orton took first at the OSU Invitational to help BYU Women's Cross Country to a first-place team finish.

By ANDREW CALL

BYU Women's Cross Country took home a dominant first-place victory on Oct. 17 at the OSU Invitational, led by senior Whitni Orton's fourth individual title of her collegiate career. The men's team took third, with Conner Mantz and Casey Clinger finishing second and third, respectively.

The women's 6K ended with six Cougars in the top 10, putting them at 22 points, well ahead of Southern Utah, who finished in second place with 62 points. Orton led the pack with a time of 20:27.8, with junior Aubrey Frenthway taking third (21:00.01) and true freshman Lexy Halladay taking sixth (21:15.4).

The meet took place at the OSU Cross Country Course, the same site where the NCAA Championships will be held on Mar. 15, 2021. Head coach Diljeet Taylor wanted her athletes to treat this race like a preview of the upcoming championships.

"I was really pleased with the effort given today by the women," Taylor said in the team's press release. "Our

main goal coming into the meet was to get our feet on the grass and get familiar with it. It is a grueling course and very tough. We were very conservative for a majority of the race, running most of it together. Being the first cross country meet, you just never know what to expect so I was pleased with the effort everyone showed today."

The men's squad finished in third place with 59 points, behind Northern Arizona's 36 points and Oklahoma State's 42 points. The competition was stiff, with many of the teams being relevant in the upcoming championships, namely Oklahoma State, Southern Utah, and Northern Arizona, who took second behind BYU at the 2019 NCAA championships.

BYU's star duo of Mantz and Clinger performed as expected, with Mantz finishing the 10k only one second behind first-place finisher Luis Grijalva of Northern Arizona, with a time of 23:31.4. Clinger, who recently returned from his Latter-day Saint mission in Japan, crossed the finish line soon after with a time of 23:38.7.

"We went up against four teams that will be very relevant in the

NCAA Cross Country Championships this March," men's head coach Ed Eyestone said in the press release after the race. "I thought we did a very good job, particularly Casey and Conner. They put themselves up there right where we expected them to be. There wasn't really a question on how they were going to race, and they ran very, very well."

A key piece of the team's scoring was missing in All-American Clayton Shumway, who ran the race unattached and placed eighth overall with a time of 24:01.5. Shumway is taking a gap semester, but will be back in class and running for the team in the spring ahead of the championship. "With Clayton factored in, it would have been a much closer contest," Eyestone said. "Without Clayton in the mix and with Brandon Garnica and Matt Owens not 100 percent, I think we're going to be in a good place come the NCAA Championships based on today's performance."

This was the first meet the BYU cross country teams have competed in this year, with no other fall meets currently scheduled until the spring season officially begins on Jan. 23.



BYU Photo

Mark Pope leads a team huddle on the first day of practice in preparation for the 2020 season. Pope and the Cougars announced on Oct. 14 they will play in the Legends Classic multi-team event.

BYU Men's Basketball confirms Legends Classic as multi-team event

By CAMERON MUH

BYU Men's Basketball confirmed Wednesday that it will participate in the Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper on Dec. 2-3 as the Cougars' multi-team event (MTE) this season.

The Legends Classic has drawn nationally relevant programs since its inception in 2007. The Cougars will join UConn, USC, and Vanderbilt in this year's field. It has traditionally been held at the Barclays Center, the home of the Brooklyn Nets, since 2012.

This season, however, the Legends Classic will be held at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut, due to uncertainty surrounding indoor arena restrictions in New York City amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Head coach Mark Pope joined Ben Criddle on his radio show, 'Cougar Sports with Ben Criddle,' on Oct. 13 to discuss the Legends Classic and the upcoming season.

"In terms of our MTE competition, we actually were able to take a big step up," Pope said on Cougar Sports. "Connecticut might not be as sexy a trip as going to the Bahamas, but in terms of the teams in the tournament, it's a better field."

The Cougars were originally set to play Boston College, George Mason, and Tulsa on the island of Bimini in the Bahamas from Nov. 17-21, but with the delay of the start of the season until Nov. 25, BYU

found another option.

Pope also responded to those wary of the "aggressive" and difficult schedule that he and his staff put together, a staple of his head coaching style.

"I love the idea that our guys get a chance to go prove it on the court," Pope told Criddle. "They get a chance to show the world who they are and who they're not, and we don't have to leave people wondering and guessing. If we fall short of our goals at the end of the year, it's not going to be because we didn't play the best teams in the country."

The team began its official pre-season practices leading up to the Nov. 25 start date Oct. 14. The evening practice was broadcast live on the BYUtv app, featuring interviews with players and coaches. It gave insight into a team made up of high-profile newcomers in Matt Haarms and Caleb Lohner, and solid returners such as Alex Barcello and Gavin Baxter.

BYU has yet to announce additional non-conference matchups for the team, but Pope did mention they are trying to preserve the Dec. 12 meeting with the University of Utah. Unless the Cougars schedule another opponent for the end of November, the Legends Classic could likely be the first time fans see BYU Men's Basketball take the court in competition this season.

Matchups, game times, broadcast plans and ticket information for the Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper will be announced at a later date.



WEEKLY QUESTION

Daily Universe editors post a question on Instagram each week asking readers their view on a specific topic. Here's what they had to say. Responses are unedited.

Is BYU's beard ban outdated? What are your thoughts on it?

I don't know. I just like guys without beards. :)

@CLARISSATEKEIAKI

Neatly trimmed beards should be allowed for all men.

@INGRIDJSORENSEN

I like the beard ban. It makes students look more professional

@HEATHERSLATER_

I t still don't understand why it exists...???

@THEOREGONSIERRA

I feel like if Jesus and Brigham Young were allowed to have beards, students can too.

@KIERNI_JENSEN

Soooo stupid. The guys that want facial hair are forced to grow creepy mustaches instead

@HAILEYSUE32

They should ban mustaches too

@MCKENNA.NANCE

It's a needless restriction on a form of self expression. Let people be individuals.

@ACOUSTICCANDY96

It's outdated. No one sees a beard and thinks of rebellion. Not even on campus.

@CHASE_DAHL20

I don't really get it, but also most the guys I know can't grow a good beard

@CARSEN.POOL

Get rid of it. It's dumb. All those baby faced boys need some of that beard action

@CHEW_BECC

Keep it! Students represent the University and part of that is being well-groomed.

@_CASSIDY_STRATE

I think it helps maintain a look of professionalism but I could be swayed either way

@HYRUM.WRIGHT

The dumbest part of BYU life

@EVAN_CA_REYNOLDS

Male BYU students now that classes are online



"I study better at night"

Me at 11pm:



OPINION OUTPOST

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

Religion is not 'nonessential'

It is a critical failure of some governments that they did not recognize religion as essential to the lives of billions of people worldwide in the midst of a pandemic.

Americans remember well, at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis earlier this year, federal and local governments began using the term "essential businesses" to dictate which organizations could continue to operate in exception to

lockdown orders and other responses to the spreading virus. That too few acknowledged religious exercise as essential shows a lack of understanding of how important religion is to so many participants and how important it is to a functioning society.

... Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ... participated remotely in the annual G-20 Interfaith Forum, where he argued that the reaction of governments worldwide to religious communities has created a "crisis of legitimacy" of the response to COVID-19.

We concur with Elder Bednar's hope that "government officials and faith leaders can collectively respond to

COVID-19 in ways that protect both physical and spiritual health." That starts with respect and a focus on what truly is essential.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Vote count

In an election year like no other before in American history, the country must pursue as prompt and credible a vote count as possible with unprecedented determination. This is doubly true since a principal method for enabling citizens to cast votes safely amid a pandemic — mail-in and absentee voting, on a large scale — poses major logistical challenges.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Utah government

"If men were angels," James Madison wrote, "no government would be necessary." If he were around today, the primary framer of the U.S. Constitution might say something more like "If people had a lick of common

sense, or the least bit of concern for one another, no government action to slow the spread of deadly pandemics would be needed."

But, as those who run the government of Utah are ... realizing, far too few of us will listen to reason or take even small

inconvenient steps to save the lives of others.

A real mask mandate, especially if it were issued months ago and carried penalties for defiance, is likely to have saved hundreds of lives.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

READERS' FORUM

The jokes need to stop

One of the best viral videos going around mass media features a caption saying, "You think you can hurt my feelings?" Different users go on to respond with their own humorous caption demonstrating a point of belittlement. One response is "Well try being single your first semester at BYU."

Women here at BYU face problems like this every day. Hard work and accomplishments are overlooked by jokes and statements that women will be married before their first year is up. People need to stop demeaning the achievements of women attending BYU with humor regarding their marital status. The test scores, GPA and extracurriculars required to get into BYU are not an easy feat. Yet, the accomplishment of getting in is overlooked almost immediately by family, friends or even peers on campus because of the marriage rates that coordinate with the university.

Overall, the jokes and expectations being made about marital status must stop. All women at BYU have installed a self-driven work ethic that has allowed them success in their journey this far. They are choosing to be educated regardless of where a love life could lead throughout college. Take part in realizing the potential of others here on campus beyond a relationship.

—BreAnn Benson
Idaho Falls, Idaho

It's time to come together

I was in the JFSB a few weeks ago when the fire alarms sounded. As we evacuated, the crowd outside surprised me. Students, faculty and others poured from every visible building. I started to wonder if people were evacuating every building on campus, so I left to find out.

I started looking at buildings but quickly turned to the people. Those coming from the JFSB had a hipster feel and they stood around making conversation. The denizens of the Talmage building were mostly seated, squinting at screens. As I walked past the JKB, I saw a circle of students around a professor, speaking loudly in a language I didn't recognize.

I neared the Wilk and saw students with stylish haircuts laughing together, and others alone and downcast. I had never seen anything like this: all the people on campus out in the open without anywhere to go.

Once the alarms turned off, people flooded back into their respective buildings. I wandered back to the place where I had been working, thinking about what I had just witnessed: much of the BYU community forced to be together in a new way. And before we try to "save" BYU from one another, or protest one another's views, or shun or attack one another, we should try to remember that necessary togetherness. This campus contains multitudes. We should do our best to love them all.

—Taylor Topham
Meridian, Idaho

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@EGeeUnofficial
BYU Off-campus Housing is a menace and should be abolished entirely

@madsbarr
Forget cuffing szn, it's breakup szn and I for one, am having a great time

@lilyy_r
currently baking 60 muffins for my relief society lesson. let it be known that i am extra

@larknap
First year at church we will be allowed to wear "masks" for church Halloween parties?

@hanofearl
Controversial take: Utah "scones" are just naked beignets

@bayoulejeune
Life is a highway but that highway is I-15 in Lehi

@mynameisTiff
Okay but WHO decided that BYU students don't need a fall break because I JUST wanna talk

@paynebunker
the cashier said "would you like to round up to help kids go to college" and i said "i'm kids going to college"

@aussishumble
In Utah, the first few seconds of a red light actually mean go, and i think that's beautiful.

@joshforrealz
don't mind getting ghosted during spooky season

@MalettaAnthony
no college kids are learning right now... we are simply just submitting assignments

@SunshineFranson
Yo, @Raising_Canes can y'all make our 2020 a lil better and announce when you're opening your Utah locations? I need to plan ahead and take the day off work.

@OremUte
Bruh I hate Mutual but it is literally my only source for dating. What do I do?

@RandallOtisTV
How it started: I'm gonna write a novel during quarantine
How it's going: I have forgotten how to read

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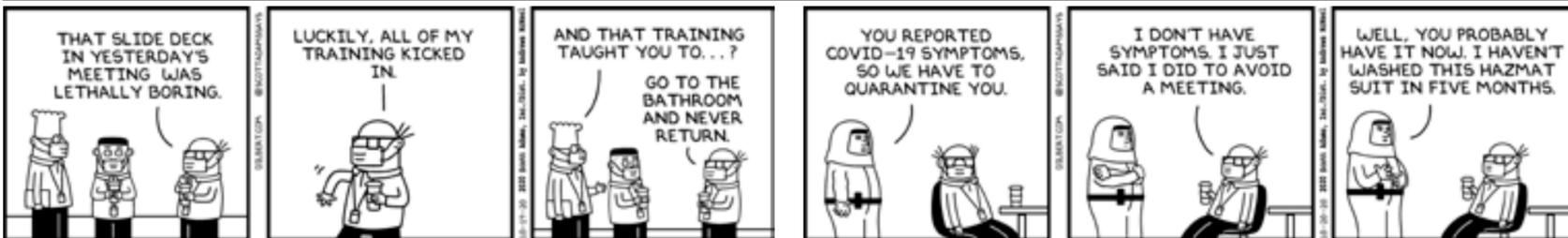
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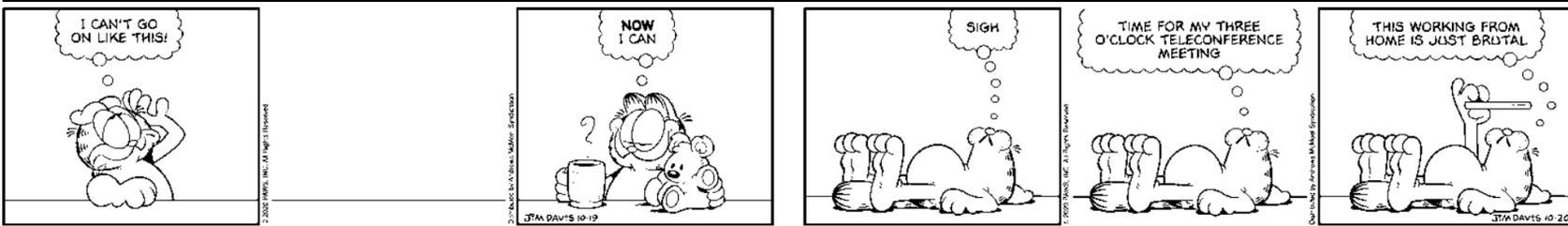
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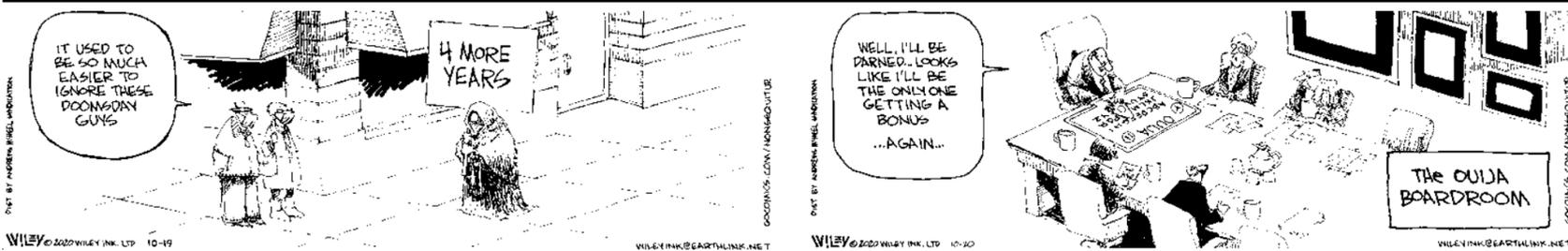
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Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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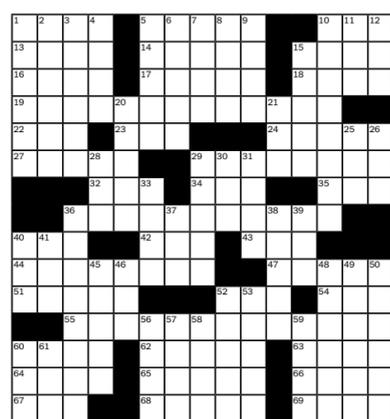
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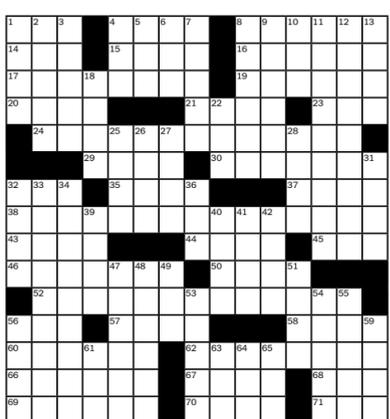
- ACROSS**
- 1 Insect that builds a paper nest
 - 5 Takes a breather
 - 10 Fig. of total economic output
 - 13 Mayberry boy of 1960s TV
 - 14 Make legal
 - 15 Logs, for a fire
 - 16 Riddled (with)
 - 17 Lamented Princess of Wales
 - 18 Sin often associated with green
 - 19 Major-league team from the Motor City
 - 22 Frozen H₂O
 - 23 Female deer
 - 24 Not quite right
 - 27 Start of a tennis rally
 - 29 "Hold your horses!"
 - 32 Variety
 - 34 Prefix often associated with green
 - 35 "You there!"
 - 36 Ballot for candidates of more than one party
 - 40 One that gives a hoot?
 - 42 Humor
 - 43 Container at a beer bash
 - 44 Number of minutes on hold before getting a customer representative
 - 47 Greek I's
 - 51 Two-___ sword
 - 52 Precollege exam
 - 54 Genetic material
 - 55 Comes out ahead in either case ... as exemplified by 19-, 29-, 36- and 44-Across?
 - 60 Sources of much spam
 - 62 Helper in conning
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- 1 "People are saying ..."
 - 2 Each
 - 3 Kitchen gizmo for flour
 - 4 Equal
 - 5 SiriusXM medium
 - 6 Best of the best
 - 7 Part of a window blind
 - 8 Morrison who wrote "Beloved"
 - 9 Gala giveaways
 - 10 Item with cross hairs
 - 11 Home of Carson City; Abbr.
 - 12 Two-___ toilet paper
 - 15 Physicist Enrico after whom element #100 is named
 - 20 Three-time Pro Bowler Beckham Jr.
 - 21 Dine
 - 25 "Nevertheless, ___ persisted"
 - 26 Porker's quarters
 - 28 Big shot, for short
 - 29 Italian for "seven"
 - 30 French for "here"
 - 63 Nuptial exchange
 - 64 At no cost
 - 65 Stage before metamorphosis
 - 66 Gambling mecca north of Carson City
 - 67 Gave a meal to
 - 68 Helpers
 - 69 Genesis garden
 - 45 What good movie trailers do
 - 46 Gridiron scores, for short
 - 48 Sent to another team
 - 49 "Can I get a volunteer? Somebody ...?"
 - 50 Jeans brand popular in the 1980s
 - 60 Very close pal, informally
 - 61 Mine carts



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Orchestra site
 - 4 Ritzy
 - 8 Big name in lawn care
 - 14 Rumpus
 - 15 Giant in media streaming
 - 16 World's most-visited art museum
 - 17 Who says "Th-th-that's all, folks!"
 - 19 Extend beyond
 - 20 Inter ___ (among others)
 - 21 Damage badly
 - 23 "Gross!"
 - 24 Disney character based on a Dickens character
 - 29 Drive-___ window
 - 30 Like gunpowder and the seismometer, by origin
 - 32 Treacherous, as winter roads
 - 35 Little more than
 - 37 How many shows are broadcast
 - 38 "Be patient!" ... or advice seemingly ignored by 17-, 24-, 52- and 62-Across
 - 43 Jazz's Fitzgerald
 - 44 Naive sort
 - 45 It may be affected by traffic, in brief
 - 46 Actress Janney who won an Oscar for "I, Tonya"
 - 50 Part of many a rocking chair
 - 52 "Hunny"-loving A. A. Milne character
 - 56 When doubled, a dance
 - 57 Brand of shoes or handbags
 - 58 Talking horse of a '60s sitcom
 - 60 Vice president who won a Nobel Peace Prize
 - 62 Jellystone Park "pic-a-nic basket" thief
 - 66 Buffy, to vampires
 - 67 Ireland, to poets
 - 68 Ocean, e.g., in Santa Monica, Calif.; Abbr.
 - 69 Some fall blooms
 - 70 Cold and damp, as a cellar
 - 71 Morning coat
- DOWN**
- 1 Family man
 - 2 People with stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
 - 3 Doughnut-shaped
 - 4 Snoop
 - 5 Alley-___
 - 6 Take to the slopes
 - 7 Message on a candy heart
 - 8 Hunch over
 - 9 Question of possibility
 - 10 No longer in the closet
 - 11 Authority to broadcast
 - 12 Entertainment by a pool player
 - 13 Look for
 - 18 Mario ___ (video game)
 - 22 "The Walking Dead" network
 - 25 "Goodness me!"
 - 34 Berating at high volume
 - 36 Mess up
 - 39 Pill ... or a reason to take a pill
 - 40 Instruction on a door
 - 41 Up to the task
 - 42 Kind of tide
 - 47 One catching the game?
 - 48 Edmonton athletes
 - 49 Mr. Flanders of "The Simpsons"
 - 51 ___ of the Unknowns
 - 53 Pountain (with)
 - 54 Mountain nymph
 - 55 Release, as a sigh
 - 56 Spanish abode
 - 59 Doodled, e.g.
 - 61 "Hey!", in Jalisco
 - 63 60 minuti
 - 64 Tom Collins ingredient
 - 65 Tattoo, slangily



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BYU political science students, faculty react to Mitt Romney statement

By JOSH CARTER

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah made headlines Oct. 13 after calling the current state of American politics “a vile, vituperative, hate-filled morass that is unbecoming of any free nation.”

Romney, in a statement released via Twitter, called out leaders from both sides of the political spectrum, writing, “it is time to lower the heat.” Romney’s statement sparked much debate from people of all political affiliations eager to weigh in.

Members of the BYU political science community added their voices to the discussion and further examined the timing and motives of Romney’s comments.

“I do think that the world of politics is very divisive,” BYU College Republicans president Sam Crofts said. “There has been a lot of emotion dragged into the political climate from both sides and that can lead to an ‘us vs. them’ mentality.”

“But I don’t think that this is really anything new,” Crofts added. “I think that’s been going on in American politics since the very beginning. So, I do find his timing just a little bit suspect. I think Sen. Romney can sometimes be opportunistic with the timing of his statements.”

BYU College Democrats co-president Abigail Ryan agreed, pointing out that election day remains just weeks away. Ryan sees the statement as a potential “last-minute push” to convince any swing voters to vote Democratic, or at least not for President Trump.

“While he does call out certain Democratic leaders such as Nancy Pelosi, at the same time he consistently condemns Trump,” Ryan said. “So, he’s definitely trying to reach Republicans who feel frustrated by what they’re seeing on the left, but equally frustrated with what they’re seeing within their own party.”

Ryan feels Romney, who has not given his presidential endorsement to Trump nor Joe Biden, is far from the only



Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, speaks during the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee business meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Washington. Romney recently sparked widespread debate after calling the current state of American politics “vile” and “hate-filled.” Scan this photo with the *Universe Plus* app for a Spanish translation of the story.

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prominent Republican leader annoyed with the president’s behavior. Although Romney has been more outspoken towards Trump than most, Ryan believes Romney is trying to make clear his empathy for other leaders who share similar feelings.

With regard to Romney’s comments on the increased sense of political polarization,

Ryan feels he “hit the nail on the head.”

Richard Davis, a BYU political science professor who specializes in American politics, believes Romney calling out both Democratic and Republican representatives was a “much-needed move.”

“Politicians have been quick to criticize the other party for uncivil behavior, but not people

within their own,” Davis said. “Sen. Romney rightly pointed out that President Trump has been a highly negative force of incivility since he first ran in 2016. He has coarsened political discourse and divided the nation.”

While Davis acknowledged Romney may have put together the statement in hopes of influencing the upcoming election,

he also wonders if Romney might have just been pushed past his breaking point.

“He may just be fed up with incivility,” Davis said. “He may have watched General Conference (of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and decided he needed to stand up.”

Crofts hopes the statement can have some effect on tempering the political climate and help both sides of the spectrum to see the importance of working together. He feels in order for anyone to be willing to listen, Romney must show his own willingness to work with those around him.

“No matter where you look in the political world, people have the same end goal,” Crofts said. “They just have different ways of getting there. So, I don’t know whether or not Romney’s statement will necessarily help bring people together. But it is important to call out divisiveness if you can be an example of bringing people together yourself.”

Romney went on to release another Twitter statement on Friday, Oct. 16, concerning Trump’s refusal to denounce the QAnon conspiracy theory during an Oct. 15 town hall with

NBC News.

“The President’s unwillingness to denounce an absurd and dangerous conspiracy theory last night continues an alarming pattern: politicians and parties refuse to forcefully and convincingly repudiate groups like antifa, white supremacists, and conspiracy peddlers,” Romney wrote.

During the town hall Trump told NBC News anchor Savannah Guthrie he knew nothing about QAnon, a conspiracy theory centered on the idea that there exists a cult of politicians and celebrities involved in child sex-trafficking. Despite Guthrie’s repeated efforts, Trump declined to disavow the conspiracy theory.

Romney warned of what he feels could happen if the country’s political leaders continue to remain silent regarding such radical groups.

“Rather than expel the rabid fringes and the extremes, they have coddled or adopted them, eagerly trading their principles for the hope of electoral victories,” Romney wrote. “As the parties rush down a rabbit hole, they may be opening the door to a political movement that could eventually eclipse them both.”

Police Beat

BYU GUN ASSAULT

Oct. 12 – UVU soccer player James Dunning was arrested on three counts of aggravated assault for a drive-by BB gun shooting Oct. 11 near Helaman Halls. Three students were hit and one required medical attention for a head wound.

THEFT

Oct. 12 – A bike was reported stolen and the chain cut from a bike rack near Helaman Halls.

FRAUD

Oct. 13 – A student in Heritage Halls reported online blackmail/fraud.

CITIZEN CONTACT

Oct. 8 – Students were report-

ed for using a slip and slide at Helaman Halls.

PUBLIC PEACE

Oct. 9 – Multiple groups at Helaman Halls were reported for disturbing residents by talking too loudly.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Oct. 7 – An individual was reported for suspiciously riding a bike while wearing a cow mask near Helaman Halls.

Oct. 7 – An individual was reported for writing on a car with a marker in a parking lot near Helaman Halls. The culprit was the owner of the vehicle.

Oct. 13 – Two males wearing clown masks were reported for banging on car windows and scaring people near Budge Hall.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Oct. 8 – Four individuals were caught toilet-papering a vehicle parked near Hinckley Halls.

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HOMICIDE

Oct. 12 – A homicide was reported near 1300 East on Center Street.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Oct. 12 – Forcible sexual abuse was reported near 1200 North and 900 East.

Oct. 13 – Forcible sexual abuse was reported near 1900 North on Canyon Road.

BURGLARY

Oct. 11 – A burglary was reported near 800 West and 400 South.

THEFT

Oct. 10 – Property theft was reported at residences near 1400 North and 900 East, 3600 North and 100 East and 600 North and 400 East.

Oct. 10 – Property theft was reported near 2600 West and 270 North.

Oct. 10 – A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 300 North and 400 East.

Oct. 11 – A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 600 North and 100 East.

Oct. 11 – A bicycle was reported stolen near 1200 North on Riverside Avenue.

Oct. 12 – Property theft was reported at a residence near 400 East and 100 North.

Oct. 12 – Property theft was reported near 200 West and 100 South and near 100 South and 300 West.

Oct. 13 – Property theft was reported near 1300 South on University Avenue.

Oct. 13 – A bicycle was reported stolen near 300 West and 500 North.

Oct. 14 – A bicycle was reported stolen near 600 North and 200 East.

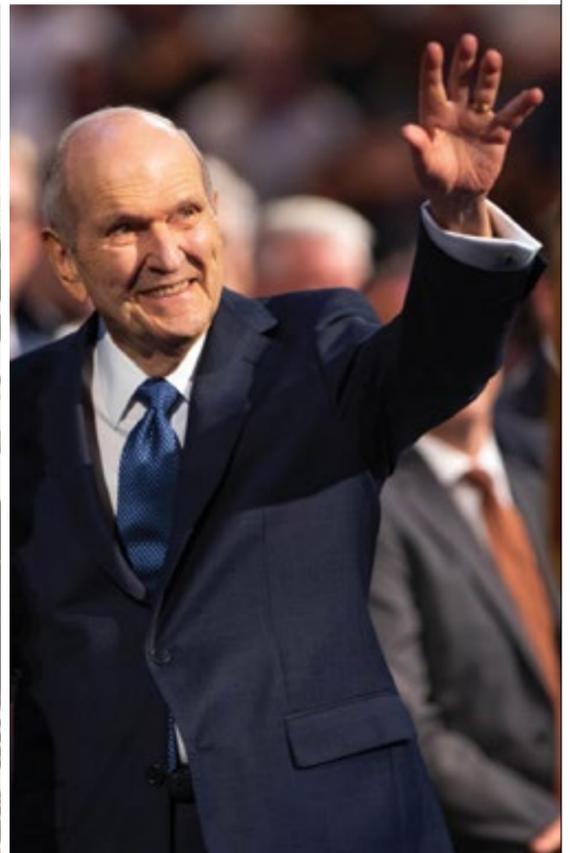
Oct. 14 – A bicycle was reported stolen from a residence near 300 North on Seven Peaks Blvd.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Oct. 10 – An automobile was reported stolen near 800 East on Center Street.

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