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## How do the courts impact close elections?

By LISI MERKLEY

The 2020 presidential race was called for Joe Biden on Nov. 7, but President Donald Trump is reluctant to concede the election.

Shortly after the race was called, the Trump campaign released a statement saying the election is not over and it would be pursuing legal actions. "Beginning Monday, our campaign will start prosecuting our case in court to ensure election laws are fully upheld and the rightful winner is seated."

When an election is close, like this year's, the two parties and campaigns turn to the courts to ensure a fair election. Shortly before Election Day, the Associated Press reported that around 300 lawsuits had already been filed, calling it "the most litigious presidential election in memory."

"Both sides view this election as epochally consequential and will not hesitate to resort to the courts if that offers a route to victory," BYU law professor Justin Collings said.

Now, after polls have closed, lawsuits continue to roll in with Republican incumbent Trump driving in a narrative of election fraud.

"Courts play an important role at the margins. Insofar as they vindicate, or fail to vindicate, voting rights, they decide who gets to vote and that can influence who wins. But their influence is usually indirect, and it tends to matter only where the votes are already close," Collings said.

### Pre-election lawsuits

Prior to Election Day, litigation focused on how to handle the increased number of mail-in ballots due to the pandemic.

In one Texas case, *Hotze v. Hollins*, Republicans questioned whether 127,000 votes cast in drive-in voting locations violated state laws. The day before the election, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen decided the Republicans had no standing in the case, allowing drive-in votes to



Associated Press

President-elect Joe Biden speaks to supporters Nov. 4 in Wilmington, Delaware. The former Vice President has been declared victor over President Donald Trump to become the 46th President of the United States. Legal challenges are a common part of the election process with lawsuits already in play as ballots are still being counted.

count. Republicans appealed the case, but to no avail. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals denied their request to block drive-in voting.

In the end, however, the county's election clerk Chris Hollins decided to shut down nine of the 10 drive-in locations as a precaution. Hollins cited concerns over the question if the drive-in tents would count as buildings that are required for polling places. "I cannot in good faith

encourage voters to cast their votes in tents if that puts their votes at risk," Hollins tweeted.

Other cases dealt with whether mail-in ballots received after election day should be counted. One case out of Pennsylvania asks to count mail-in ballots received three days after election day if they are postmarked by Nov. 3. This case is currently waiting for review by the Supreme Court after the state supreme court allowed

these votes to be counted

On Oct. 28, the Supreme Court said it would not make a decision on the case before Election Day, so the votes in question in Pennsylvania are currently being counted separately in case the Supreme Court overturns the lower court's decision.

BYU political science professor Chris Krewson said this case could impact the election "if Pennsylvania determines the election" and the

votes received after Election Day are thrown out. "Biden could lose Pennsylvania and still win the presidential election," he said.

### Post-election lawsuits

In the days after polls closed, Trump has referred to the election and the counting of certain votes as fraudulent. "If you count the legal votes, I easily win. If you count the illegal votes, they can try to steal the election from us," he said at a press conference on Nov. 5, blaming election interference on "big media, big money and big tech."

Trump's campaign began planning legal action to combat unsubstantiated election fraud claims as states that leaned towards Trump on Election Day switched to Biden as mail-in votes were counted, but the impact of these lawsuits are in question.

"I don't see those efforts having a meaningful effect in terms of changing the election outcome, but they are consistent with his messaging that the election is being stolen," Krewson said.

Collings agreed with Krewson that Trump's efforts would likely not succeed. "Counting is slow this time around, but I don't see any Florida 2000-type scenarios emerging," Collings said, referring to the infamous Supreme Court decision that determined the winner of the 2000 presidential election.

The *Bush v. Gore* Supreme Court case forced Florida to stop its recount after the candidates were separated by just over 500 votes, leading to Bush being named the winner. "That was a 5-4 decision in which all five Justices in the majority had been appointed by Republican presidents. That was, and is, a hugely controversial decision, and I think many are worried that something similar might happen this time around," Collings said.

Whether or not these court cases will impact the election to the extent of the 2000 *Bush v. Gore* decision remains to be seen as votes continue to be counted in close swing states.

## What's next for BYU Football after big Boise State win?

By MAX CLARK

No. 9 BYU broke the Smurf Turf curse on Nov. 6 with a 51-17 statement win over No. 21 Boise State.

The 8-0 Cougars solidified their place in the AP Top 10 with a No. 8 ranking following their first win in Boise, but fans and analysts now turn to the postseason possibilities and awards for this special BYU team with just two games remaining on the schedule.

It is too early in the season for anyone to decide which four teams will book their places in the CFB Playoff, but BYU certainly can't be counted out. ESPN's College Gameday crew dedicated a large portion of its Saturday morning show on Nov. 7 to the Cougars' path to the playoff.

"They're winning games by an average of 45-13," analyst Kirk Herbstreit said. "What else can you ask them to do? I don't care what the schedule says. It's about what you're doing on the field, and they do everything."

COVID-19 has brought unique challenges to college football, including the way teams will be judged ahead for playoff contention. The College Gameday crew discussed a number of different criteria for playoff teams, including strength of schedule, number of games played and overall record.

"Other than Alabama, Clemson and Ohio State, if BYU were to play anybody in the country, would you absolutely, 100% pick any other team in the country to beat BYU?" Chris "Bear" Fallica said on College Gameday. "Look, I give BYU a chance against anyone else in the country."

The CFB Playoff Committee releases its first Top 25 rankings on Nov. 24, three days after BYU's next game at LaVell Edwards Stadium against FCS team North Alabama.

The New Year's Six is an unofficial term used to describe the six most-coveted bowl games in college football: the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Peach Bowl and Fiesta



Addie Blacker

Zach Wilson runs the ball against Western Kentucky on Oct. 31. Wilson is tied for the most rushing touchdowns by a college football quarterback with eight.

Bowl. If the Cougars do not make the CFB Playoff, they will more than likely book a ticket to one of college football's hottest bowl games. ESPN's Kyle Bonagura projects that Zach Wilson and the Cougars will play Pac-12 powerhouse Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2, 2021 in Phoenix.

BYU has certainly demonstrated that they can compete with just about anybody in 2020.

"We've always had big dreams and big ideas about what we want to do as a team and where we want to be," senior defensive lineman Bracken El-Bakri said. "I don't think that's any different from this season than it has been in other seasons. We want to succeed. We want to play well as a team. We want to go places together as a brotherhood. But the way to do that is to take it week by week."

BYU cannot be counted out of any postseason conversations at the

moment. "(BYU is) a tough team all around," Herbstreit said. "As teams keep losing, do not forget about BYU. They're legit."

Wilson's last appearance on the Smurf Turf prior to this season came when the young BYU prodigy threw a perfect 18-for-18 in the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. His teammate at the time, receiver Dylan Collie, had a bold prediction for Wilson following that performance that seems to ring true today.

"He set the bar for himself but I'll set it even higher," Collie said in 2018. "This kid will be one of the, if not the greatest, quarterback in BYU history."

While some may disagree that Wilson will be the best quarterback in BYU history, the junior standout has unquestionably made a name for himself on the national stage.

After the win at Boise State, Wilson is now the nation's highest-graded

quarterback with a 94.3 rating through eight games. The Heisman contender also leads the nation in rushing touchdowns among FBS quarterbacks this season with eight.

"It is a dream, but I always tell the guys on the team this when they bring it up: it is really a team award," Wilson said on the Heisman attention. "No one is winning the Heisman if you are losing games."

The Cougars' perfect record certainly bodes well for Wilson's Heisman candidacy, but the season isn't over quite yet.

Clemson's Trevor Lawrence, Alabama's Mac Jones, Ohio State's Justin Fields and Florida's Kyle Trask are all still in the running to book a room in the Heisman House, but Wilson is surely rising through the ranks to be one of the three or more finalists invited to New York in December.

BYU Athletics and other media outlets have begun a Heisman campaign for Wilson using the hashtag #WILSONHEISMAN. The team has created similar campaigns for players in the past such as Ty Detmer, when the Cougars gave out "Heisman Ty" neckties to fans.

BYU currently has two games remaining on its schedule: North Alabama on Nov. 21 and San Diego State on Dec. 12. While the Cougars have a bye this week, BYU Athletic Director Tom Holmoe hinted that BYU may not be done scheduling games.

"Coug Nation, we've played seven games in a row," Holmoe said. "With a game scheduled in two weeks, if we add a game this week that would make nine in a row. Kalani (Sitake) will use the bye this weekend wisely to strengthen the boys - in every way - for whatever lies ahead. Love your passion!"

The team has open dates on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 to potentially add an 11th or 12th game to a schedule that could use bolstering. Even if the opponents aren't elite competition, more games will keep the Cougars in the national spotlight and on the minds of voters.

## CAPS offers advice for election stress

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Stress is high as election drama drags on and misinformation about the voting process runs rampant.

Nearly 70% of Americans are experiencing election-related stress, according to a recent survey from the American Psychological Association, and 77% are concerned about the future of the country.

BYU Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) psychologist Clint Hobbs has some advice on how to cope. He said students need to first and foremost take care of themselves.

"It can be so easy to be consumed by the contention in our society these days. Being active and involved is vital, but there comes a point where you have to recharge yourself," Hobbs. "Know when to tune out."

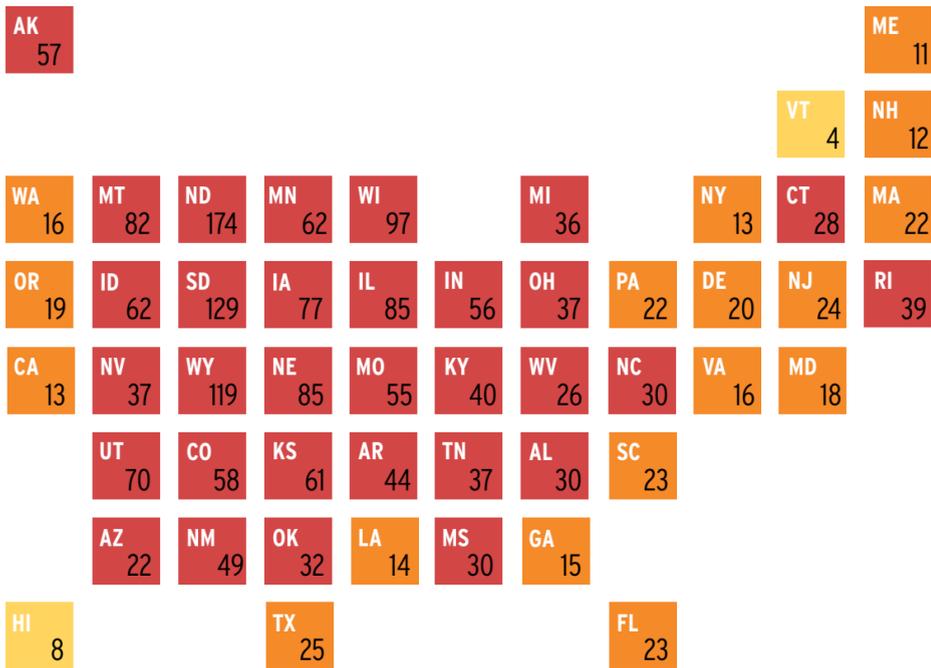
He also encouraged students to focus on self-care, which he said includes getting enough sleep and sticking to a sleep schedule, eating healthy, socializing in a COVID-19 appropriate way and relying on the support of friends and others.

CAPS has not experienced an election-related rise in demand for its services and has not seen such a rise in previous election cycles. Hobbs acknowledged, however, that students of color can experience strains on mental health related to the political atmosphere. CAPS recently hosted a Racial Stress Awareness Week to better support students of color as they deal with these issues.

Students who are experiencing increased stress can contact CAPS for a quickcare appointment, which is a one-time appointment scheduled within a week. If students are in crisis, CAPS does have some same-day crisis appointments, according to Hobbs.

# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Virus cases per 100,000 people and risk levels in each state



**Green:** On track for containment. Less than one case per 100,000 people. Monitor with viral testing and contact tracing program.

**Yellow:** Community spread. 1-9 cases per 100,000 people. Rigorous test and trace programs advised.

**Orange:** Accelerated spread. 10-24 cases per 100,000 people. Stay-at-home orders and/or rigorous test and trace programs advised.

**Red:** Tipping point. 25+ cases per 100,000 people. Stay-at-home orders necessary.

Cases per 100,000 people in a 7-day rolling average and the risk levels of each state as reported by Harvard Global Health Institute, Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Rockefeller Foundation, CovidActNow, Covid-Local, CIDRAP and many more.

Allie Peterson

## Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



### Hot spring chicken: 3 cited for Yellowstone culinary caper

A park ranger heard that a group with cooking pots were hiking toward the park's Shoshone Geyser Basin. The ranger found two whole chickens in a burlap sack in a hot spring. A cooking pot was nearby, Yellowstone spokeswoman Linda Veress said.

Eric Roberts, of Idaho, and Dallas Roberts, of Utah, were ordered to serve two days in jail and pay \$540 in fines and fees for the incident, according to court documents.

Eric Romriell, of Idaho Falls, paid \$1,250 in fines and fees. All three are banned from Yellowstone while serving two years of unsupervised probation.



### In blue and red states, milestone wins for LGBTQ candidates

Across the nation, LGBTQ candidates achieved milestone victories in Tuesday's election, including the first transgender person elected to a state Senate, and the first openly gay Black men to win seats in Congress.

The landmark wins came not in only blue but also red states such as Tennessee, where Republican Eddie Mannis, who is gay, and Democrat Torrey Harris, who identifies as bisexual, won seats in the state House to become the first openly LGBTQ members of that legislature.

According to the LGBTQ Victory Fund that leaves only Alaska, Louisiana and Mississippi as states that have never elected an LGBTQ legislator.



### Utah attorney general takes time off to aid Trump campaign

Utah's newly reelected attorney general said Friday he is taking personal leave time to help support President Donald Trump's legal challenges to election procedures. Trump has claimed without evidence that the vote is unfair and rigged.

Republican Attorney General Sean Reyes wrote on Twitter that he'll be helping support litigation in several states dealing with what he called a "compromised" election process. State and federal officials have not reported any instances of widespread voter fraud.

"Biden & his allies know @POTUS will win if only verified, #legal votes are counted," Reyes wrote.



### 5 states OK measures for eradicating racist language

Alabama voters reversed themselves from a few years ago and removed racist vestiges of segregation from the state constitution that courts long ago ruled unconstitutional. Rhode Island did a similar a U-turn to eradicate the word "plantations" from the state's official name.

In a year when discussions of racial justice have dominated U.S. society like few others, five states voted to cleanse the public sphere of words, phrases and symbols that to many were painful reminders of the nation's history of slavery and the systematic oppression of Black people.

## Utah governor announces statewide mask mandate

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert announced a statewide mask mandate Nov. 8 citing record COVID-19 numbers and full hospitals.

Utah's cases numbers, deaths and hospitalizations have shot up over the past week. The state reported 2,386 new cases on Nov. 8, bringing the seven-day total to 16,111. The move marks a new step in the

governor's pandemic response, during which he has repeatedly resisted issuing a state-wide mandate, instead preferring to leave the issue up to individual towns and cities.

The mask mandate is accompanied by new restrictions and an expanded testing program that will include weekly testing of college students, high school students who participate in extra-curricular activities, individuals in the workplace under the age of 35 and high school teachers.

## US sets record for cases amid election battle

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New confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. have climbed to an all-time high of more than 86,000 per day on average, in a glimpse of the worsening crisis that lies ahead for the winner of the presidential election.

Cases and hospitalizations are setting records all around the country just as the holidays and winter approach, demonstrating the challenge that either President

Donald Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden will face in the coming months.

Daily new confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S. have surged 45% over the past two weeks, to a record 7-day average of 86,352, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Deaths are also on the rise, up 15 percent to an average of 846 deaths every day.

The total U.S. death toll is already more than 232,000, and total confirmed U.S. cases have surpassed 9 million. Those are the highest totals in the world.

## Arizona-Utah canceled, Pac-12 down to 4 games to open season

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The season opener scheduled for Nov. 7 between Utah and Arizona in Salt Lake City was canceled following a request from the Utes due to what the Pac-12 said were a number of COVID-19 cases among Utah players.

The cancellation announced Nov. 6 is the second in two days for the Pac-12, which is just preparing to kick off a seven-game football season. The game between

Washington and California was canceled Nov. 5.

The league said Utah doesn't have the required minimum number of scholarship players available for the game as a result of positive tests and the need for other players to isolate under contact tracing protocols. The Pac-12 didn't specify how many players had tested positive.

In all, 10 Bowl Subdivision games this week were either canceled or postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, bringing the total to 47 since Aug. 26.

## Utah State club dedicates altar to honor COVID-19 deaths

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LOGAN, Utah — Utah State University's Latinx Creative Society has dedicated an altar to those who have died due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The club's founders, alumni and community members on Nov. 2 made an "ofrenda" outside of the Taggart Student Center on campus. The altar features 30 photos of local residents who died as a result of the coronavirus pandemic,

The Herald Journal reported.

"A lot of people who died didn't have the opportunity to say good-bye," said Crescencio Lopez-Gonzalez, an associate professor at the university and the head of the club.

Of Utah's 620 coronavirus deaths, 126 have been Latinos, despite making up only 14.2% of the state's population, according to the state Department of Health.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested.

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## Utah governor 'frustrated' with record-breaking virus cases

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SALT LAKE CITY — In a prelude to his statewide mask mandate, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said he is feeling "frustrated" with the state's rising coronavirus numbers as new cases and hospitalizations continued a streak of new record highs on Nov. 5.

State health experts are projecting that the numbers will continue to rise dramatically and overwhelm the state's hospitals if people don't modify their behavior, Herbert said. He said he's concerned that people are feeling fatigued from the pandemic and continued his months-long plea for Utah residents to follow masking and social distancing requirements.

"I worry that as we announce the numbers that we just kind of glaze our eyes over, become numb with what's taking place," Herbert said.

The state recorded 2,807 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus, which brought the seven-day average of new daily cases to 1,943. In the past week, Utah's positivity average has increased from 18.1% to 21.2%, according to state data. Hospitalizations also rose with a record 444 COVID-19 patients.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

## BYU political science professors say sun will rise after election



Associated Press

President Donald Trump supporter Loretta Oakes reacts while watching returns in favor of Democratic candidate Joe Biden at an election-night watch party on Nov. 3 in Las Vegas. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.



By EMILY HARRAH

The results of the 2020 presidential election will not be the end of the world, BYU political science professor Richard Davis told students during a Nov. 4 panel on the pending election results.

"The republic does not fall apart. It may someday, but it's not going to be because of this election," Davis said. "The bottom line here is that there will be another day. The sun will come up, after let's say Donald Trump becomes the president again."

"You really are a ray of sunshine," BYU political science professor Kelly Patterson interrupted, laughing.

Patterson and Davis, along with BYU political science professor and director of civic engagement Quin Monson, answered questions about the election results and what they will mean for the state of American government as part of the "Challenges to Democracy" lecture series hosted by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies.

Monson agreed that students should remain optimistic about election results. He encouraged students to "take the long view" and look for productive ways to make a difference in local politics. "You can have more of an impact more quickly and distract yourself from whatever madness is happening at the national level that you can't

control very much by turning your attention to the local level."

Monson, Patterson and Davis each focused on different challenges to democracy during their opening remarks in the panel. Monson said President Donald Trump's claims of voter fraud during his speech on election night could potentially undermine the integrity of American elections.

"If you're going to make claims about malfeasance in elections or fraud in some way, you need some evidence. And he hasn't produced any," Monson said. In an interview prior to the panel he said it would be difficult to conceal widespread voter fraud, and in the case of some inaccuracy, it will be important to accept the outcome, move on and try to improve voting for the next election rather than trying to go back and change the results.

Patterson said much of the tension surrounding the election can be traced to the electoral college, whether it is necessary, and whether it is functioning the way the framers of the Constitution intended it to function. He also raised the issue of funding with elections, stating that often county clerks are overburdened.

"If we really want a political system that tells itself that it's democratic and accountable to the people that we have to have really good procedures in place to make sure that that happens. And as a nation we haven't figured that out yet," Patterson

said possible inefficiencies in Utah voting may not be as visible because Utah is dominated by Republican voters and the results aren't usually close.

Davis said the presidential race is evidence of how divided America has become politically. "This could be the closest political election since 1876. It could be that the gap that separates the candidates is two electoral votes," he said. Davis attributed the national division between Republicans and Democrats to the two narratives being presented by the news media.

"It isn't just related to this election. It is related to a trend that has been going on for some time, that party has become the way which people decide how to vote but also how to see the world," Davis said.

Anessa Pennington, a BYU journalism senior, has been a teaching assistant for the "Challenges to Democracy" lecture series (IAS 301R) for multiple semesters and said the series is one of her favorites so far.

"I'm pretty liberal. Sometimes I don't really feel like I see a lot of academic perspectives on the right, but I feel like in this lecture series there's been a wide array of people on political spectrums," she said. "It's so relevant and so what we need right now."

Students can hear more lectures in the "Challenges to Democracy" series Wednesdays at noon. They can find past lectures in the Kennedy Center lecture archive.

## COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES BYU students, professors and alums creates new chemical catalyst



A BYU chemistry team is combining supercomputers with a 90-year-old theory to make a never-before-seen chemical catalyst. The Ess Research Group, led by professor Daniel Ess, includes BYU undergraduates, graduate students and a postdoctoral scholar working to solve chemical problems. Ess's group built on the transition state theory of Henry Eyring, father of President Henry B. Eyring. Their research modeling how certain complex chemical reactions happen and how new catalysts can solve important chemistry problems was recently published in the *Chemical Science* journal. Their new catalysts can speed up chemical reactions, lower energy barriers, and save time, energy and resources in the chemical industry.

The combination of students and scholars with different education and experience levels was critical to the group's success. Engineering student Nick Rollins expressed gratitude for Ess, who gave Rollins the mission of learning about guided artificial intelligence for the project. Ess's group is the first to use machine intelligence to predict chemical reactions' selectivity.

## MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Alum becomes successful operations manager soon after graduation



Allison Oberle

A BYU global supply chain management alumna has become an operations manager for a major company just five years after graduating. Allison Oberle ('15) learned how to persevere and

overcome obstacles from her experiences at the BYU Marriott School of Business.

Oberle was denied acceptance into the Marriott School of Accountancy, determinedly tried again, and was then accepted by BYU Marriott. This experience helped Oberle decide not to let anyone limit her path. Oberle chose global supply chain management over accounting after realizing her aptitude and began involving herself in the campus community. Studying abroad with the BYU Marriott Europe Business program, being the president of the BYU Marriott Global Supply Chain Association, and performing on the BYU folk dance team are just a few of the ways Oberle gained experiences at BYU that now benefit her in the workforce.

## IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING Engineering professor earns international award



Evan Bingham

A BYU engineering professor won a reputable international award from the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC). Construction and facilities management professor Evan Bingham received the ASC Excellence in Teaching Award after previously winning the regional award twice.

ASC is a professional organization promoting and inspiring excellence in teaching and research. Bingham is only the second BYU faculty member to receive the international award after Clifton Farnsworth in 2016 and is the fourth at BYU to earn the regional award. This award was supposed to be presented at the Liverpool Cathedral in the United Kingdom but was instead given virtually due to COVID-19.

"It is no surprise that this teaching award has a consistent history of being given to a teacher from BYU," Bingham said. "There is a great camaraderie and mentorship that happens among the construction management faculty here that leads to success in and out of the classroom. I am so grateful for the opportunities to grow as a teacher that have been given to me through my colleagues and through the many helpful initiatives at BYU."

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**Elder Quentin L. Cook**

*Member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

Elder Quentin L. Cook was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in October 2007. Called as a General Authority in April 1996, he served in the Second Quorum, the First Quorum, and the Presidency of the Seventy.

As a Seventy he served in the Area Presidency in the Philippines, as president of the Pacific Islands and the North America Northwest Areas, and as Executive Director of the Missionary Department.

At the time of his call to be a General Authority of the Church, he was vice chairman of Sutter Health System. Previously he was president and chief executive officer of a

California healthcare system. Prior to that he was a business lawyer and managing partner of a San Francisco Bay area law firm. He has been a board member of several profit and not-for-profit corporations.

Elder Cook has served the Church as a bishop, stake president of the San Francisco California stake, and as regional representative and Area Authority in the North America West Area. As a young man he was a missionary in the British Mission.

A native of Logan, Utah, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from Utah State University and a doctor of jurisprudence from Stanford University. He and his wife, Mary Gaddie, are the parents of three children.

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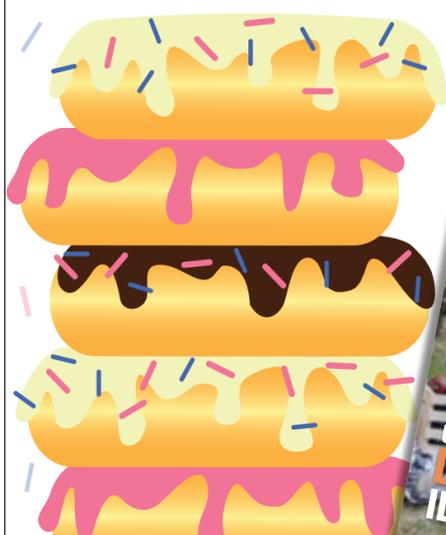


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# The 'scope' of the argument: Why the Second Amendment matters

By NATHAN WANLASS

The U.S. Constitution's guarantee of the right to bear arms has been a primary conversation topic among Americans in 2020. As uncertainty and fear have plagued the world over the last eight months, there has been a surge in gun sales nationwide — many of them to first-time owners.

Austin and Danielle, one young couple in Utah, had always talked about owning a firearm. Austin grew up in a city where gun ownership was less common, but Danielle grew up in a small town where gun ownership was normal. They both said the events of 2020 them to buy a firearm.

"We always talked about having a gun," Austin said. "I thought they were probably important to have for self-defense. Once COVID-19 hit, it made getting one feel like an important purchase to make."

The couple bought their gun in early April. While they believe in gun ownership, they wanted to keep their last name anonymous to avoid the negative stigma some associate with gun owners.

"I feel like a lot of people have a mental image of gun owners as uneducated or having low IQs," Danielle said. "I do feel like most gun owners are responsible and only want them for recreation and self-defense purposes, but

some people think they are hillbillies."

The two cited the case of the Orem wildfires in mid-October, which were caused by target practice at a local gun range. They also mentioned a few other reasons they didn't want to be labeled as "gun owners."

"We wanted to remain anonymous because we didn't want to be targeted for our political beliefs or because we choose to own a gun," Austin said. "Remaining anonymous is a safe choice. That's the reason I bought a gun — it's something to protect my family and keep us safe."

While some Americans have sought to restrict gun ownership, for many others it is a cherished right they work to protect. According to The New York Times, demand for guns has surged since the start of the pandemic in March and hasn't let up all year. The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) recorded an estimated 28 million background checks from January to the end of September.

Salt Lake City Police detective Jeffrey Denning, teaches firearm safety classes to private parties. He has seen a dramatic increase in people wanting to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

"One gun store owner I talked to said the day after the Utah earthquake on March 13th, he received the most sales he had ever gotten," Denning said.



Gun stores have seen increased sales since the pandemic hit in March. Scan this image with the **UNIVERSE PLUS** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

"After that, sales started going through the roof. The numbers are off the charts."

According to the data reported by the NICS, the first spike (3.7 million background checks) in firearm demand happened in March likely because of the pandemic. The second spike (3.9 million background checks) was larger and occurred in June — right after acts of civil unrest began in major American cities.

"People should be able to

protect themselves individually and collectively," Denning said. "We should be able to preserve our freedoms — this lets us have agency and a land of liberty."

Denning said that while firearms are certainly good for personal protection, the reason the Second Amendment is considered a right is more complex than that.

"The Second Amendment was included in the Constitution so the government could not take over," Denning said. "It's

to serve against government encroachments. The amendments were developed because of what the founding fathers saw in other parts of the world."

Most historians agree that this was the premise of the Second Amendment. But some people have grown increasingly wary of the potential dangers of an armed population. Because of this fear, there has been heated debate in recent years over whether to update or reform the Second Amendment.

Lucy Williams, an assistant professor of political philosophy, said the conflict was most pronounced in the 2008 Supreme Court case *D.C. v. Heller*.

"For some time, there was a debate about whether the prefatory clause 'A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State' was intended to limit the right to bear arms or if it merely explained why the right is important," Williams said. "The debate is now largely settled."

Williams said reformers proposed that the Constitution only protects a right to bear arms in relation to military service. People who took the other position argued the right was not connected to military service. The Supreme Court sided with the latter position.

After this Supreme Court decision, it seems that the debate has shifted. Instead of asking whether individuals should be allowed to have firearms, the

debate is focused on whether the government has the ability to regulate and restrict specific weapons from entering the public sphere.

This threat of potential regulation has made some Americans nervous, and conservative politicians say the Second Amendment is under attack, or will be eliminated because of their political opponents. Williams said this is not likely.

"Although the scope of (the Second Amendment) may change, it's hard to imagine that the right could ever be eliminated entirely," Williams said.

Though reform may happen in the future, more people are making use of their Second Amendment right. Background checks, first-time gun purchases and training classes are increasing in demand. It remains to be seen whether gun sales will trend downward anytime soon.

"If you haven't had a gun in 70 years, and are only interested in one because you're scared, there is no reason to buy one now," Denning said. "You are going to be fine."

Despite this, Denning said individuals who have considered buying a gun and want to educate themselves should do so.

"It's ignorant and foolish not to have a plan for preparation and protection," Denning said. "You can think all day long that something won't happen here or to you but if it does, you're not going to be prepared."

# Long-time BYU donor Jack Wheatley leaves behind a legacy of service, humility

By CASSIDY WIXOM

Jack Wheatley was one of the first people to show up and help whenever a need arose at BYU. He selflessly dedicated countless hours, effort and funds to improving BYU in priceless ways.

The influential BYU donor died at home on Oct. 31, 2020, after a life dedicated to service, philanthropy, discipleship, humility and love.

Family members, friends and colleagues are saddened by his death, but his impact at BYU and elsewhere will not be soon forgotten.

Wheatley's son Charles said his father taught his family to be hardworking and faithful to the Lord and to always uplift others.

Wheatley slowly grew wealthy through his engineering and building expertise and business investments in real estate after being born a small-town farm boy.

Charles said his dad took his stewardship of resources and wealth seriously, always giving away as much of it as he could. "He always felt that the more he gave away to good causes, the more he was blessed with more resources to give away." Charles said his father got a lot of joy and satisfaction out of doing good things and impacting people for the better.

## Impacts on BYU

After a massive and successful fundraising campaign for BYU, Charles said Wheatley and his team were inspired to create a group of donors that would be supporters of BYU on an ongoing basis. In 2000, BYU formed the President's Leadership Council.

As co-chair of the President's Leadership Council for 10 years, it was Wheatley's job to contact potential donors and pitch ideas to them. Charles said many of those Wheatley recruited will jokingly say Wheatley was their "most expensive" friend because he persuaded them to donate so much to the university.

Dick Oliver was one of many friends and colleagues Wheatley recruited to become a member of the council. He said Wheatley was never ostentatious with his money and instead used what he was given to bless others' lives.

"If you want to spread your good fortune, the best way to do it is to put it into young people," Wheatley said in 2013.

"It was very obvious to everybody that his love was not only for BYU, but to do something. To do something good with what the Lord had blessed him with," said King Husein, a close friend and fellow BYU donor.

Wheatley influenced many people to live the gospel of Christ more fully. Husein said Wheatley taught him how to live a consecrated life and



Long-time donor Jack Wheatley and his wife, Mary Lois, are known for their philanthropy. Wheatley died on Oct. 31 after a lifetime of service to the BYU community.

that he "embodied Christlike attributes."

Wheatley first visited BYU in the 1970s and ever since has donated significant funds to BYU for building construction, landscaping, projects and more.

According to a 2013 *BYU Magazine* article, Wheatley paid for thousands of trees, built fountains and landscapes around the buildings, designed the gardens at the Jerusalem Center, and supported or founded many more BYU programs and institutions. He also sponsored construction of the Hinckley Center, BYU Broadcasting Building, Life Sciences Building, replacement of the Joseph F. Smith Building and design of the new Heritage Halls complex.

Wheatley, according to the magazine article, also donated to BYU—Idaho, BYU—Hawaii, BYU—Pathway Worldwide, West Point Academy, Southern Virginia University, Idaho State University, the University of Utah, and many historic sites and temples for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Tanise Chung-Hoon, philanthropies managing director for the Church, worked with Wheatley for many BYU projects. She said he "invests his time, talent, treasure and his testimony into every project."

Chung-Hoon said his primary interest was in the beautification and building of BYU. She said he believed that when people are in beautiful spaces, they can accomplish their goals more effectively and magnify their talents. Which in turn, he believed, would lead people to bless those around them.

"He had a vision of what a beautiful Zion campus could be," Chung-Hoon said. He lent his leadership and design talent in addition to financial investments.

Chung-Hoon originally met Wheatley when she was a BYU student. Over the years, she grew closer to him through mentorship and work opportunities.

She said she is honored and humbled to have had his mentoring influence in her life.

But for all of his charity, Wheatley refused to take credit. Charles said he was "doing it to create good," not to get praise.

## Museum of Art

One major contribution Wheatley made to BYU was aiding in construction for the Museum of Art. Former Museum Associate Director Ed Lind said "the museum simply wouldn't be here without Jack."

The Museum of Art published a tribute to Wheatley on its website just four days after his passing. It says "there is no part of the BYU Museum of Art's structure, collections, or vision that have not been informed and enriched by Jack Wheatley and his family."

Wheatley's wife, Mary Lois, was a trained painter who helped Wheatley understand the beauty and importance of art leading to his heavy involvement with the museum. With his farm background and her artistic background, Charles joked "my mom wanted fine art on the walls. My dad just wanted walls."

Museum Senior Registrar Trevor Weight said Wheatley wanted to support Mary Lois's artistic endeavors leading to his developed love for philanthropy surrounding the promotion of fine art.

Weight said Wheatley mentored Oliver in art collecting and acquisition which led Oliver to purchase and donate a famous Edward Redfield painting to the museum.

"Jack's legacy extends not just in what he did but with who he brought in," said Weight. This network of philanthropists has brought many opportunities to the museum that would not have been possible without Wheatley.

"Because of his business expertise and wisdom in investing and finance, he helped to ensure the longevity and future financial health and stability of

the organization," Weight said.

Lind said Wheatley did so much for the museum that it could be named after him, but Wheatley would never have allowed it. Lind said he has never met anyone else that has the same amount of humility, graciousness, and elegance the Wheatleys had.

During the 10 year museum

anniversary celebration, Wheatley said the best investment he ever made was purchasing the iconic masterpiece "Christ Healing the Sick at the Pool of Bethesda" by Carl Heinrich Bloch. Since being donated to the museum in 2001, the Bethesda painting has been permanently on display.

Wheatley intended on remaining anonymous in his gift. After much persuasion by Campbell Gray, the museum director at the time, Wheatley finally relented. Gray knew that if Wheatley associated his name with the donation, he would inspire others to donate as well.

"When an institution is able to put a name to a gift, that institution has a greater capacity to get gifts from others," Gray said. Sure enough, Gray said once Wheatley's name was associated with his gift, many other donors started contributing to the museum.

Both Weight and Oliver said even as Wheatley's wealth and status grew, it never impacted his ability to treat everyone equally. When Wheatley visited the museum, Weight said he didn't care if you were the director or the student custodial

worker. "Everybody was important to Jack."

## Wheatley Institution

Another large impact Wheatley made was founding the Wheatley Institution, located in the Hinckley Center on campus. Wheatley found inspiration from the Hoover Institute at Stanford which was a think tank focused on public policy issues. The Wheatley Institution is not politically focused like Hoover, but rather it seeks to elevate the conversation and raise awareness of the core institutions that sustain society.

Families, civic virtue and religion were the three main pillars Wheatley charged the institution to emphasize.

"The greatest gift of working at the Wheatley Institution has been getting to know the heart of Jack Wheatley," Reynolds said in a heartfelt tribute to Wheatley.

She said she hopes people will be inspired by Wheatley's Christlike love and will push forward in building the kingdom of God like he did.

"And that is why, when the tears are dry, we will go on seeking to do the good he always believed we could do," she said.

# Police Beat

## BYU

### THEFT

**Nov. 3** - A bike was reported stolen and the cable lock cut at a bike rack near Helaman Halls.

### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

**Oct. 31** - A suspicious vehicle was reported in the MTC parking lot. Officers found three female occupants listening to music in the car.

### FIRE

**Oct. 31** - The cause has not been determined for a small fire started in a dryer in the Wyview laundry facility.

### CITIZEN CONTACT

**Nov. 1** - Individuals dressed up in Halloween costumes were reported for posing for pictures with the Karl Maeser statue. The individuals were contacted by an officer and left without incident.

### ABANDONED VEHICLE

**Nov. 2** - A Jeep Cherokee was reportedly abandoned in Lot 23 near Heritage Halls and was tagged to be towed in 10 days if not moved.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**Nov. 4** - Graffiti was found on a concrete wall near a dumpster at Heritage Halls.

### TRAFFIC OFFENSE

**Nov. 3** - A skateboarder who reported he was practicing skiing was observed being pulled be-

## hind a truck in Parking Lot No. 9 near the Joseph Smith Building. University police responded and warned the participants.

### Provo

#### ANIMAL PROBLEM

**Nov. 4** - A child was reportedly bitten by a dog at Wyview Park and required medical attention.

#### THEFT

**Oct. 31** - Property theft was reported near 100 South and 300 West.

**Oct. 31** - A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 1300 North on Freedom Boulevard.

**Nov. 1** - A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 900 North and 50 East.

**Nov. 1** - Property theft was reported at a residence near 200 East and 100 North.

**Nov. 2** - Property theft was reported at a residence near 1300 West and 500 North.

**Nov. 2** - A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 1000 East on Center Street.

**Nov. 3** - Property theft was reported at a construction site near 500 West and 1820 South.

**Nov. 3** - Property theft was reported near 100 East and 300 South.

**Nov. 5** - Property theft was reported near 1400 North on State Street.

**Nov. 5** - Property theft and deception were reported near 200 North and 2970 West.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

**Nov. 2** - An automobile was reported stolen near 400 South and 400 West.

**Nov. 2** - An automobile was reported stolen near 2100 West on Center Street.

**Nov. 4** - An automobile was reported stolen near 1600 South on State Street.

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Nov. 2** - An individual reported being raped near 100 South and 300 West.

#### BYU POLICE WARNING

Be on the lookout for a male suspect who may be associated with recent thefts of wallets and purses in open offices on campus.

The suspect is a white male in his forties with short snow-white hair. He is of medium build and is between 5'7" and 5'9" with a possible lazy eye and occasionally wearing eyeglasses. He usually carries some type of a bag over his shoulder, wears a brown or beaded bracelet on his left wrist, and usually has his pants rolled/cuffed above his shoes.

If you recognize this man or see him on campus, notify BYU Police investigations at 801-422-5216.

## Jared Ward: Olympic marathon runner and BYU stats professor

By ANDREW CALL

BYU statistics professor Jared Ward spends much of his time teaching his students through complex numbers and data. But those aren't the only stats on his mind.

He's more concerned about his marathon mile splits.

Ward is a long-distance runner who is best known for his appearance in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. He placed sixth in the marathon, a race that included 155 athletes from 79 different countries. The 32-year-old continues to train today in preparation for the 2024 Paris Olympics while teaching his stats class on the side.

"I tell students that running is my job and teaching is my hobby," Ward said.

### Early running

Ward knew he had a talent for running at an early age. Because he was often the smallest in his class, other sports weren't as accessible, but running was always one of his strong suits. The Kaysville native kickstarted his running career at Davis High School, where he had to crawl his way up to the varsity team.

"I had a really supportive high school coach," Ward said. "Even in the early years in high school when I was deep down in the junior varsity squad, he still invested time in me and validated my goals."

Ward was leading the Davis High long-distance runners by the time he was a senior, helping both the track and cross-country teams to state titles in 2007.

Following high school, Ward had his eyes set on continuing his running career, with little interest in academic pursuits. He was recruited by several universities in Utah, but something was different about his meeting with BYU cross country coach Ed Eyestone, who was a former Olympic marathon runner himself.

"(Eyestone) showed up at my house and he was wearing an Olympic ring," Ward said. "I thought that was so cool, and it kind of hit me that I could have the opportunity to be coached by an Olympian."

After touring the university and being introduced to the BYU cross country team and staff, Ward knew it was where he wanted to run.

### Time as a Cougar

Upon arriving at BYU in 2010, Ward was asked to choose a major by one of his athletic advisers – a thought that had never crossed his mind until that point. Only one subject stood out to him.



Photouron

BYU stats professor Jared Ward ran the race of his life in Rio de Janeiro, finishing sixth with a time of 2:11:30, a personal best for him at the time.

"I told her that I felt like I was good at math but I didn't really like it," Ward said. "And then I said, 'Well I did like my statistics class in high school.' And she said, 'You can major in statistics.' And I was like, 'Oh great, put that down.'"

Little did the freshman know that statistics major application would turn into a graduate degree, and eventually a teaching opportunity at BYU.

Ward red-shirted the first year after his mission, a period in which he got married, began his statistics program, and traveled with the team while recovering from a stress fracture. This busy time of his life proved to be overwhelming, and one day after practice he decided to tell Eyestone that he was going to quit running.

Instead of pressuring him to continue, Eyestone encouraged him to pray about the decision.

"I went home and I spent some time thinking about it, and spent some time praying about it," Ward said. "And I remember feeling so strongly that I was supposed to be a runner. And so I was like, 'If God wants me to run, then I'm going to run.'"

With a greater perspective and stronger mentality, Ward grew to love the sport again and chose to run the next four years for the Cougars. In his time at BYU, Ward was a four-time All-American, made a USTFCCCA First Team, and consistently led his team in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter races, all while earning All-Academic

honors three of those four years.

"He was a great team leader that the guys looked to and wanted to emulate," Eyestone said.

### 2016 Rio Olympics

Ward graduated in 2014 with running still at the forefront of his mind, and Eyestone saw that Ward had potential to compete at an elite level beyond college.

"Jared was one of those guys you could depend on," Eyestone said. "He was very consistent. And usually the more consistent a runner you are, the better a marathoner you're going to make as you transition up out of college."

Ward continued to train with Eyestone after graduation and began to compete in marathons across the country. He quickly gained national recognition, taking home several first-place victories in some of the biggest races, including the 2015 USA Marathon Championships in Los Angeles.

Eyestone and Ward set the goal for him to run in the 2016 Rio Olympics, which meant he had to place in the top three at the U.S. Olympic Trials. The trials were held in Los Angeles on Feb. 12, 2016, and Ward would be up against the best marathon runners in the country, under the hottest conditions he had ever competed in.

Against all odds, Ward crossed the finish line in third place and earned himself a place on the Olympic team. Eyestone approached Ward after the

race to congratulate his athlete.

"We were both emotional," Ward said. "I think I said something like, 'I did it coach.' And he started laughing and said, 'Jared, you're going to get one of those rings.'"

Six months later, Ward stood at the start line in Rio de Janeiro surrounded by rain puddles, cameras, and the most runners the Olympic marathon had ever seen. He and Eyestone had agreed beforehand that they would be pleased with a top-10 finish but set a top-six finish as the stretch goal.

At about the 16-mile mark, Ward felt sick to his stomach because of the unfamiliar humidity. But when the thought of quitting came to his mind, he was empowered by thinking about why he was there in the first place.

"I'm running for my family and my faith and my school and America," Ward said. "It was that motivation that helped me figure out how to navigate those last few miles."

Ward began to surpass runners and even made up ground on the medalists, before finishing in sixth place. His time of 2:11:30 was less than three minutes behind the first-place finisher, Eliud Kipchoge, from Kenya.

With his goal met, Ward crossed the finish line with a smile on his face. The media spoke with him after the race, calling him the happiest sixth-place finisher they had ever seen at the Olympics.

### 2020 and beyond

Ward still consistently attends

BYU Cross Country workouts and trains with Eyestone today. His quiet leadership continues to impact the current BYU runners, especially Conner Mantz, who is following closely behind Ward's career footsteps.

"Jared is very personable," Mantz said. "While Eyestone writes most of our workouts, it's Jared who is a big supporter and leads by example."

Earlier this year, Ward ran at the U.S. Olympic trials in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. While his expectations were higher than ever, Ward did not place or earn a ticket to the Olympics. But this disappointment has only deepened his determination to compete, and brought him gratitude for what he has accomplished thus far.

"The Olympics come around every four years," Ward said. "It's one high-stakes race to get there, and then it's one opportunity to perform in the Olympics. I had this cycle in 2016 where I had the race of my life to make it to the Olympics, then I had the race of my life again at the Olympics to finish sixth. And I couldn't have drawn that up any better."

Ward is preparing to compete in the 2024 Paris Olympics, with the help of his coach and the support of his wife, who would love to visit France. He still competes in marathons around the country and took eighth place at the Boston Marathon in 2019.



Nate Edwards

Carson Lundell watches the ball following a swing at Riverside Country Club in 2018. Lundell led the Cougars at the Rustic Collegiate Classic with a second-place finish.

## Lundell takes second in final fall tournament for BYU Men's Golf

By EMILY FAIRBANKS

BYU Men's Golf played its final tournament of the year this week at the Rustic Collegiate Classic in Moorpark, California.

The Cougars had their best outing of the fall season, with junior Carson Lundell tying for second place and BYU taking third place as a team. BYU has now improved at each tournament this fall, going from fifth place in the season opener, fourth at the second, and now third place in the final tournament of 2020.

The Cougars started off slow at the Rustic, posting a score of 290 (+6) in the first round. They improved on their first-round score with a 282 (-2) in the second round and 284 (E) in the third round. BYU finished the tournament with a combined score of 856 (+4).

Pepperdine won the tournament with a combined score of 831 (-21) followed by San Diego with a score of 853 (+1).

"Today was more like what I think this team can do," BYU head coach Bruce Brockbank said. "They showed some toughness we had not seen yet this year."

Lundell tied for second place overall posting a 209 (-4) for the tournament. He shot a final round of 66 (-5), which was the lowest round for the Cougars. This matches Lundell's best finish as a Cougar when he came in second at the Nick Watney Invitational as a freshman in 2018.

"Carson played really well through the middle of his round today with three birdies and an eagle," Brockbank said. "Kelton also played solid all week and was very consistent. It was nice for him to have a solid finish."

Senior Kelton Hirsch shot even in

all three rounds of golf putting him in ninth place. His combined score was 213 (E).

Sophomore Cole Ponich tied for 15th place. Despite difficult weather early on, Ponich shot a 78 (+7) round one, 68 (-3) in the second, and 72 (+1) in the final round.

Freshman Max Brenchley tied for 22nd place finishing with score of 222 (+9). Brenchley is the only other Cougar with a top-10 finish this fall, earning fifth place in his first collegiate tournament at the La Purisima Invite in October.

Impressive play from underclassmen like Brenchley and Ponich is much needed for a Cougar squad that lost All-Americans Peter Kuest and Rhett Rasmussen last season.

BYU has yet to announce its plans for spring tournaments, but the one certainty is that the season will culminate at the NCAA Regionals in May 2021.

## BYU Women's Basketball announces non-conference schedule



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The BYU women's basketball team practices during the pandemic. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

By CAMERON MUH

BYU Women's Basketball announced its 2020-2021 non-conference schedule Nov. 3, with the Cougars' first game on Nov. 27 against LSU.

"It's been difficult to try and get our seven games, but we've put together a good schedule against good competition," head coach Jeff Judkins said. "We're excited about the teams we're playing that will give our players plenty of experience playing in different venues against solid programs."

Headlining the seven-game slate is a Nov. 27 matchup against LSU in the South Point Shootout, the Cougars multi-team event (MTE) this season. They will play three home games, two road games and two neutral court games in Las Vegas as part of their MTE.

To open the season, BYU will participate in the South Point Shootout

in Las Vegas over Thanksgiving break. The Cougars will play LSU on Friday, Nov. 27, and Tennessee Martin on Saturday, Nov. 28.

After Thanksgiving, the team will head down to St. George for a game at Dixie State on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The Trailblazers are competing as a Division I program for the first time this year as members of the Western Athletic Conference.

The Cougars will then travel up to Logan on Monday, Dec. 7 for another in-state matchup, against the Aggies of Utah State.

BYU will then host three straight home games before beginning its conference schedule on Dec. 28. The Cougars play Montana State on Thursday, Dec. 10, and Boise State on Saturday, Dec. 12. They close the non-conference slate against Utah Valley on Tuesday, Dec. 15 in the Marriott Center.

Game times and broadcast plans for both non-conference and conference games this season will be announced at a future 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.

### When is the appropriate time to start playing Christmas music and decorating for Christmas?

I listen to Christmas music year round so the sooner the better  
@CAROLINE\_PICKETT

I usually say after the week of Thanksgiving, but this year we need more joy, so go at it!  
@MICHAELBARKEROFFICIAL

Whenever the heck you want, it's your choice! Just don't be annoying about it  
@MENTOR\_MADELEINE

Normally the day after thanksgiving. But I might start early this year  
@CLAIREBATES3

After Thanksgiving. Doing Christmas too early cheapens the magic of the holiday season  
@GREENTRIFORCEGIRL

Preparations can take place at any time, but not put into action until after Thanksgiving  
@THELDSGUY

After we finish Thanksgiving Dinner!  
@STERFRY1234

When it starts snowing  
@CARSEN\_POOL

Whenever! It's about Christ so remembering the reason for the season is Always!  
@CHRISANNA\_AJOM

As soon as your mental health needs it  
@ABZ\_CLARK

We are celebrating early at my apartment cause I'm moving out at thanksgiving.  
@AMANDA.BOEWEG

Not until after thanksgiving! Leave some sanctity for gratitude, people!  
@BROCKPATE

November 1st! Spooky season changes to Christmas season in the twinkling of an eye.  
@JEFFREYCROWLEE

## READERS' FORUM

### Stop defining based on outside appearance

Bounce, catch. Dribble, catch. My mind was quiet as my focus shifted from the raucous crowd to the front of the rim. Before I could release the ball, I heard a player from the opposing team behind me laughing. "He's only shooting because he's Mexican." The whole team snickered as the basketball fell through the net. Unfortunately, I was used to people making remarks about my dark skin, even if they weren't white themselves. What hurt most was that I'm not even Hispanic. My opponents only cared enough to identify me as some minority; to them, it didn't matter that I'm Polynesian.

Maybe it's time that we stop defining people by their looks and admit that, in fact, we're all minorities. Be that as it may, the oppression of ethnic groups is horrid and unacceptable.

Regardless of our disparities, the time to act is now. We must seize the opportunity of the current political climate that is frothing with talks of racial injustice before it is too late. The next time you hear someone say, "He's only shooting because he's Mexican" suggest to them that, "He's shooting because he was fouled." My hope is for all people to be admired for their skills or abilities and not discredited for what they look like.

—Joshua Folau Britton, Michigan

### Keep the library open longer

It's 1 a.m., and you have a paper due tomorrow. The more you try to use the cheap Wi-Fi in your apartment, the slower it gets.

Have you ever had a hard time studying at night in your apartment, be it due to the Wi-Fi, roommates, or lack of study space? I have, and it's frustrating. The Harold B. Lee Library closes at midnight and opens at 7 a.m., forcing students to finish their studies at home. So why isn't 17 hours enough time, you may ask? In an article by the Salt Lake Tribune, a study done by Utah System of Higher Education showed that "about two-thirds of all Utah students work during their college careers. With "two-thirds" of students working, they need a more flexible library schedule.

A study was done by consumer genetics company 23andMe using DNA samples of 89,283 people found that 75.8% of people under the age of 30 are "night owls," and the rest are morning people. I understand that a 24-hour library may cause unhealthy habits — I have seen it in my life. However, students are not forced into unhealthy habits; it's the student's choice. The benefits of a 24-hour library outweigh this potential cost. Let the library live for 24 hours a day, six days a week, and sign our petition!

—John Warner

When you wait until 12:01 on Sunday to go out to In-n-Out



Me: Why are you sad?  
My 17yo: It just hit me that there will never be another snow day.  
Me: What do you mean?  
My 17yo: We have zoom now. We'll always be able to go to school. The magic of a snow day is over.  
Me:



the idea of having a loving significant other dating in provo



## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut. Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

**@uku\_hailey**  
I don't wanna hear any hate 4 early Christmas celebrating considering the fact that the first three weeks of December r just finals season !!! let us enjoy Christmas early so we can have a crumb of joy before having it get crushed !!!

**@qgoodman\_**  
Hmm hmm hmm, peeking at my bank account balance was NOT the wisest move this morning

**@camillewhis**  
Something about married people studying in the periodicals would not sit right with me

**@caless**  
covid has rotted my brain i just saw a video where a man hugged his wife and i panicked for a full five seconds

**@itsabsaf**  
1/3 of my timeline is election stuff, 1/3 is Bachelorette stuff, and 1/3 is Supernatural stuff... mom can you come pick me up I'm scared

**@TylerJCameron3**  
Just drove through Provo Utah and wow that is a beautiful little downtown

**@notmarymartinn**  
seeing y'all publicly thirst after the bachelor guy for being in provo tonight is giving me second hand embarrassment

**@julzmeredith**  
why did everyone suddenly remember scooby doo existed this year

**@jojohall23**  
growing up is doing your own spanish homework instead of hitting on a spanish RM to do it for you

**@knittedlapras**  
literally every single one of the emails ive sent to my professors has started with "im sorry this has been such a crazy week"

**@ladlelikeaspoon**  
can't believe i was able to go to sleep on election night 4 years ago smh who did i think i was

**@factaurial**  
@byu\_hbll really has the audacity to play Everytime We Touch as its closing song during a pandemic

Tweets are unedited.

## OPINION OUTPOST

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

### Biden's victory

Having peered into the abyss of autocratic nationalism, the American people have chosen to step back from the brink. The ballot counting will continue for a few days yet, but the math is what it is: Joe Biden will have the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, and likely many more. President Trump's four-year assault on our democratic institutions and values will soon end.

The tally comes with disappointment on both sides: for Biden supporters, who hoped

for a more resounding repudiation of Trumpism and for a Senate ready to enact their agenda, and for Trump supporters, who hoped for another four years and to chasten their critics. Fortunately for America, Mr. Biden promises to be a president for both sides — a welcome shift from a leader who has spent his tenure dividing the electorate into perceived fans and enemies.

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

### Why did the protests stop?

Can we take down the plywood over the windows now? With Joe Biden on his way to the White House, can we

show our goods again in the storefront, confident that "largely peaceful" protesters won't loot the place or burn it down?

In the event, Mr. Biden has won the election pending recounts and, what do you know, there was little or no violence. Instead the streets were filled Saturday with partisans celebrating the democratic result they wanted.

The Trump supporters stayed home. No doubt they are disappointed, perhaps even angry. But perhaps they are also accepting the results as unfortunate though the price of living in a democratic republic. Sometimes your candidate loses.

—Editorial Board  
The Wall Street Journal

### New American mandate

The final outcomes and disputes will ultimately be settled in the coming days. ... Regardless of who is in charge, the country continues to face

enormous challenges. America is always a better nation when differing ideas, policies and solutions are presented, debated and ultimately enacted.

The 2020 election will not be identified as a mandate election for those sworn into office come January. Perhaps it is a

time to flip the meaning of the mandate.

Rather than having the mandate come from voters to those they elect, a new American mandate might instead come from the country to its citizens.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

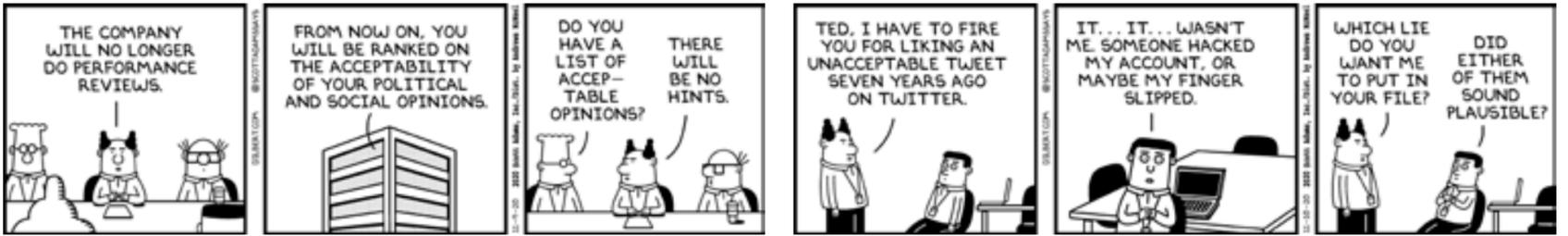
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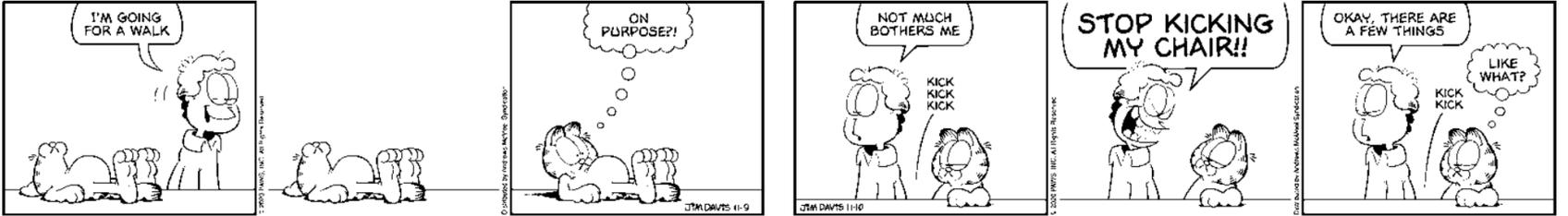
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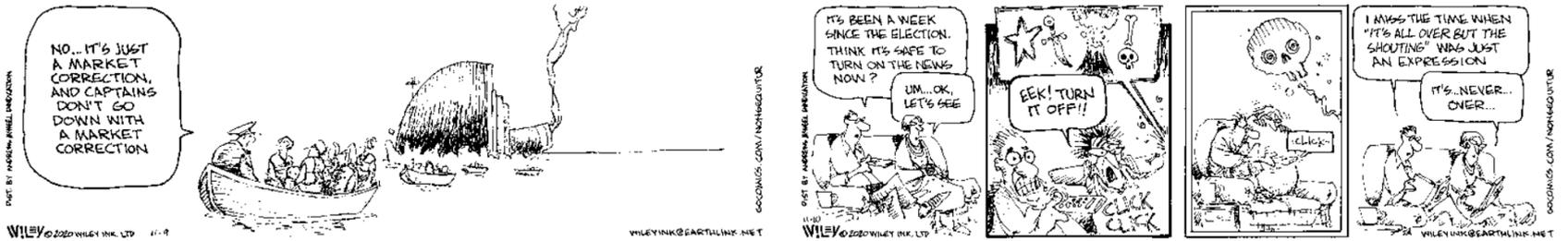
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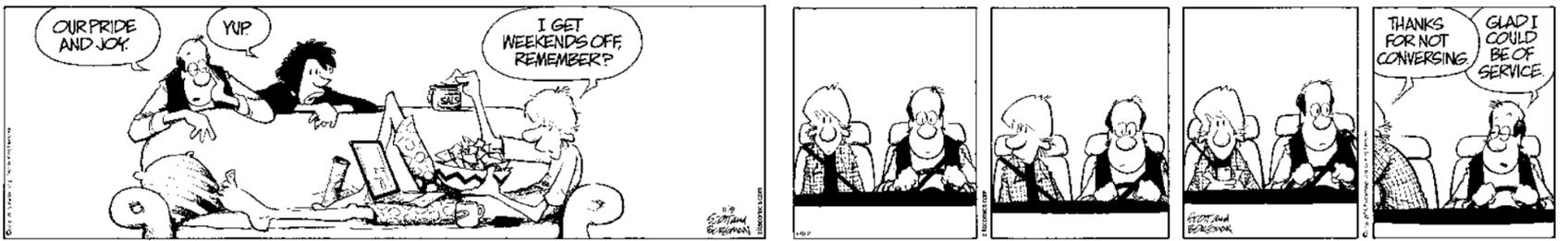
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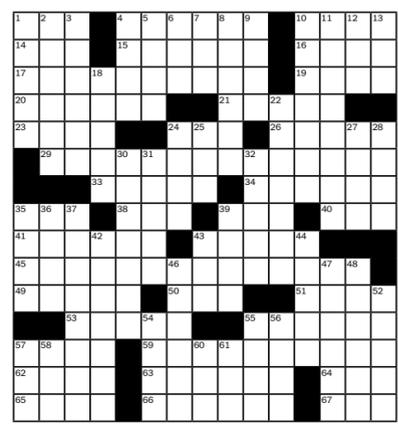
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Access code to use an A.T.M.
  - 4 Inventor's goal
  - 10 Banking org. founded during the Great Depression
  - 14 Opposite of WNW
  - 15 Dickens's "\_\_\_ Twist"
  - 16 Actress Garr of "Tootsie"
  - 17 Unedited film
  - 19 Degs. for entrepreneurs
  - 20 Marie Curie's research partner and husband
  - 21 In accordance with
  - 23 Dress in India
  - 24 East Coast rival of Caltech
  - 26 Sam who directed the "Evil Dead" series
  - 29 Off-the-wall concepts
  - 33 Worker for a feudal lord
  - 34 In a sorry state
  - 35 Director Lee
  - 38 "Gross! Nobody wants to hear that!"
  - 39 \_\_\_ Majesty the Queen
  - 40 One-named singer with the 2014 hit "Chandelier"
  - 41 Beer brand whose popularity didn't drop during the 2020 pandemic, surprisingly
  - 43 "Dead \_\_\_ Society"
  - 45 Committed accounting fraud
  - 49 Bind tightly
  - 50 Newsroom figs.
  - 51 Equipment in Monopoly and Yahtzee
  - 53 Like Galileo, by birth
- DOWN**
- 1 People in police "walks"
  - 2 Book after Song of Solomon
  - 3 What a revolution may usher in
  - 4 Rich's opposite
  - 5 \_\_\_ vera
  - 6 Relative of a chickadee
  - 7 "Little" girl in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
  - 8 Nullify
  - 9 Number between dos and cuatro
  - 10 Md. home to the U.S. Cyber Command
  - 11 Gets intel from after a mission
  - 12 \$\$\$ put away for old age
  - 13 Opposite of trans, in gender studies
  - 18 Bit of embellishment
  - 22 Before
  - 24 Travelers to Bethlehem, in Matthew
  - 25 "I Like \_\_\_" (1950s political slogan)
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- 1 Radiator sound
  - 5 One way to stand in poker
  - 8 When tripled, et cetera
  - 13 When Hamlet sees his father's ghost
  - 14 Part of the foot
  - 15 Poet who wrote "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
  - 16 Revolutionary Trotsky
  - 17 Part of the foot
  - 18 Girl Scout cookie with toasted coconut
  - 19 Scary landlord?
  - 22 Clean with elbow grease
  - 23 Marseille Mrs.
  - 24 Anti-fuel extraction slogan?
  - 31 Massachusetts' Cape \_\_\_
  - 34 Classify, as blood
  - 35 Element extracted from kelp
  - 36 Gung-ho
  - 38 Pac-12 sch.
  - 40 Send a naughty message
  - 41 Imposed, as a tax
  - 44 "Oh, you told a funny"
  - 47 Sound of an air leak
  - 48 One who freely admits not being any good?
  - 51 Time in history
  - 52 What light bulbs represent in comics
  - 55 What Fancy Feast and Meow Mix compete in?
  - 61 Steinway or Baldwin
  - 62 President who finished third in his race for re-election
  - 63 Jason's ship, in myth
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## 7 amendments to Utah's Constitution pass

By MARTHA HARRIS

Voters passed all 7 amendments to Utah's constitution that appeared on the November ballot. The new amendments will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

Based on an unofficial ballot count, 58% of voters were in favor of Constitutional Amendment A and 42% were against. This amendment will update the gender terminology in the State Constitution, removing all gender-specific words ("men") and replacing them with gender-neutral words ("persons").

Amendment B passed with 80% of voters for and 20% against the change. Amendment B clarifies the timing of when a state legislator needs to be 25 years old in order to be eligible for office. Now candidates need to be 25 by the time they are elected or appointed to office, not necessarily when they file to run.

Amendment C removes language from the State



Associated Press

Utah legislators fill the House chamber at the state capitol.

Constitution that allows for slavery and involuntary servitude when it is a punishment for a crime. The amendment passed with 81% of voters supporting this change and 19% against.

Amendment D passed by a narrower margin with 61% for and 39% against. This amendment revises local water rights, allowing cities and towns to sell or supply water outside of their boundaries.

Amendment E grants individuals the constitutional right to hunting and fishing within the state. It passed with 75% of voters for and 25% against.

Amendment F allows the state legislature more flexibility on when it begins its annual 45-day session, rather than always starting it on the fourth Monday in January. The amendment passed with 67% of voters for and 33% against.

Amendment G changes the way in which education is funded by allowing the state's Education Fund to also be used for other state programs that support children or people with a disability. Based on the ballots counted so far, Amendment G was the most controversial with 54% of voters for and 46% against.

## Utah County voters say 'no' to Prop 9

By KAELA CLEARY

Utah County's proposition 9 did not pass in the Nov. 3 election, with 59.29% of voters vetoing the measure as of Nov. 4.

The failed proposition would have restructured Utah County government from a three-member commission to a mayor-council format with a county mayor and five council members.

Utah County Commissioner Bill Lee said he was "elated" when he saw the results.

"It was reflective of what we were seeing and feeling throughout the county. So just fantastic and down here at our watch party everyone is pretty excited about it," Lee said.

Lee said he had been concerned it wasn't an ongoing discussion that many citizens of Utah County were having, but the voice of the people came through the polls.

"The people have spoken and said in a pretty resounding way, we want to stay with a three member commission. I think for us we had felt that and we were hoping it was going to break that way. It's hard to tell for sure; you're



Kaela Cleary

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always nervous," Lee said.

Lee said he hopes everyone in Utah County can respect what's happened, move forward and be productive.

"It is time for us and for Utah County to come together and go forward with what we want and what the people have (decided)."

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