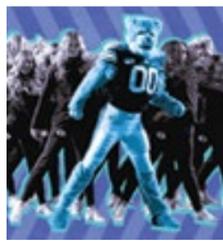




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The intersection of politics and religion

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Growing up, Latter-day Saint Sam Dearden frequently heard comments like “You can’t be a liberal or a Democrat and be a good Mormon.”

“I think for a lot of members of the Church, who tend to have conservative backgrounds, it’s just second nature often to say these two identities go together very well,” said Dearden, who now works for the U.S. Agency for International Development. “I think that’s pretty inappropriate considering that conservative and Republican are nowhere near as important identities as Christian.”

In today’s political climate members of all faiths are having to balance their religious beliefs with their political views — and it’s no easy task.

Mixing politics and religion can be beneficial for some, such as Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who said prayer had a major role in his decision to vote in favor of impeaching President Donald Trump. But it can also have darker consequences like increased secularization and the demonization of those of one’s faith with opposing viewpoints.

The balance between politics and religion is nothing new in the United States. Separation of church and state is written into its founding documents, yet the philosophical ramifications of that idea are still debated. Where’s the line between the two?

Americans are divided on the question. A 2019 Pew Research Center survey found that although 63% of U.S. adults want religious groups to stay out of politics, more than half also view religion as a force for good in society.

A blurred line

For Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, religion is a fundamental part of his political ideologies. “My religious beliefs form every aspect of my life. There’s nothing in my life that isn’t influenced in one way or another by them,” the Latter-day Saint told The Daily Universe.

BYU student Ryan Griffith, who hosts a conservative podcast called “Not at the dinner table,” also uses religion to shape his political stances. “I always look at it through the lens of what eternal truths are at play here,” he said. “So when I look at issues like abortion, I can see the internal truth of agency, but I also look at choice and accountability, and I look at the eternal value of life.”

Mo Elinzano, a Latter-day Saint who worked on the Biden 2020 campaign, tries to focus on which party’s platform best represents her religious values and morals. “I am very passionate



Sydnee Gonzalez

Protesters hold religious signs in Lafayette Square, sandwiched between St. John’s Episcopal Church and the White House, on Election Night 2020. Politics and religion are increasingly intersecting in U.S. politics. Like many religious groups, Latter-day Saints find themselves in the middle.

and proud of being both a Mormon and Democrat,” she said. “If we’re really trying to emulate being like the Savior, I don’t think the Republican Party, especially under Trump or conservatism, reflects that.”

Mixing the two isn’t always straightforward. Lee received widespread criticism in October for comparing Trump to Book of Mormon hero Captain Moroni during a political rally in Arizona. He acknowledged that not all members of his faith agreed with the comparison, but added that he wasn’t impressed with the manner in which individuals expressed their disagreement.

“We shouldn’t belittle others when they draw on a spiritual or a scriptural argument in defense of what they believe,” Lee said. “It has the effect of essentially banning religious thought and religious expression from the public square.”

Lauren Lethbridge, a copywriter from Utah who leans conservative, believes trying to keep religion and politics separate can be exhausting and that individuals should let their morals and personal beliefs, which can often be based on religion, guide their actions and decisions.

She remembers politics and religion being mixed from a young age and said her parents often looked to Church leaders to determine their political choices or opinions. That connection, though, is something she’s broken away from growing up. “If I have a dissenting view from the majority of the Church, it

does not reflect on my personal standing within my religion or my relationship with God,” she said.

Religious freedom for all

BYU alumnus Bogdan Banu, an NGO director in D.C. who is originally from Romania and a member of the Romanian (Eastern) Orthodox Church, said the heavy intersection between politics and religion in U.S. politics is unusual, especially compared to European politics.

“You’re more articulate in presenting your point if you have good arguments as to what your point of view is,” Banu said. “Simply saying that ‘I believe in something,’ it may work in a religious context, but if you want to translate that into policy, you have to have certain things to back up your religious point of view.”

Arsalan Malik, a non-religious lawyer in D.C., is concerned by what he sees as an inauthentic melding of politics and religion from politicians.

“When politicians generally bring up religion, at least recently, it’s not for altruistic purposes, it is for their own self interest in expanding the electorate,” Malik said. “The other thing I’m concerned about lately with religion and politics, is that it’s becoming more divisive and religion is also becoming a way to weaponize against minorities.”

He pointed towards Trump’s Muslim ban as an example and emphasized the fact that while politicians can help protect religious freedom, there is a fundamental distinction

between enhancing freedoms for all religions and pandering to just one religion.

Rev. Patrick Conroy, who serves as chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives, echoed Malik’s sentiments. He said there is a line between the government protecting religious prerogatives and protecting religious freedom.

“We ought not to ask government to enforce our positions,” Conroy said. “We’re doing religiously important and valuable work when we try to work within our system rather than demanded our system enforce our black-and-white, morally truthful positions, because those aren’t shared across the board.”

Conroy believes religion has an important presence in the political atmosphere. He’s found that many members of Congress value having someone in their midst who can remind them of the gravity of their positions and the impact they have on Americans. “(My) being present, as I’ve been told, really matters to them.”

Conroy’s ministry serves as a model for how religion in the political sphere can be unifying rather than divisive. Although a Jesuit priest, Conroy strives to make his ministry inclusive to individuals of all religions and those who aren’t religious.

His advice to individuals trying to balance politics and religion — is to weigh the practical work of government as opposed to the religious certainty of a church.

How important are politics in marriage?

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Is it possible to have a healthy marriage while having different political views?

It depends on who you ask. Some say it’s an absolute deal-breaker for them to marry someone who has different political opinions than them. On the other hand, some married couples have differing political views and have made it work.

BYU political science professor Lisa Argyle said there is recent research showing that people now are more likely to choose who they want to date and marry based on their politics than in previous generations.

“This could amplify the transmission of political views from parents to children, making families even more important for politics than they used to be,” she said.

For BYU student Faith Williams, having different political opinions is a deal-breaker when looking for a spouse, but she still believes some relationships with different opinions can make it work.

“I know people who have very different political opinions who have really positive relationships,” Williams said. “I want my home to feel like a safe place to have those conversations, and I don’t know if I could feel that if I felt like someone disagreed with the central things that I value and believe.”

Williams said her political opinions are things she values and are a big part of how she is. “I feel like if a person doesn’t also value those things I wouldn’t be able to feel like they value me,” she said.

BYU student Anne Brenchley and her husband do have differing opinions when it comes to politics, yet they still have a healthy marriage. In this year’s election, Brenchley and her husband voted differently. “We share a lot of the same values, but have different ideas of what’s best for how to get there,” Brenchley said.

Brenchley said before she married her husband, politics wasn’t really a topic they discussed. Conversations were sparked during this election cycle and she realized they have differing opinions, but she would always ask questions to understand and he would always explain why he thought the way he did.

“We have lots of open conversations about it,” Brenchley said. “And he was never trying to push me to vote in that same way.”

BYU student Joel McLain considers himself moderate and says dating someone on either extreme of the political spectrum would be a no-go for him.

“Extreme Republicans I’ve met are generally indoctrinated, insensitive and ignorant, which could obviously lead to stubborn disagreements, frustration and plainly illogical arguments,” McLain said. “But people who are too Democratic are misinformed, either naive or cynical and sometimes amoral.”

For BYU alumnus Matthew Schaeffling, it’s not about political parties. Values are the most important thing to agree on in his marriage. He believes that people have different definitions of what “political” means.

“I feel like our politics become more and more focused on social things rather than just how should the government operate,” Schaeffling said. “These things are reflective of an individual’s values or how they define their values.”

How Tom Holmoe revived BYU’s schedule and reputation in a pandemic

By MAX CLARK

Every collegiate, amateur and professional sports league shut down seemingly overnight following an announcement from the NBA on Mar. 11 that Utah Jazz star Rudy Gobert tested positive for the coronavirus.

The repercussions eventually reached BYU Football and Athletic Director Tom Holmoe, the man responsible for the Cougars’ schedule. As the leader of an independent football program, Holmoe navigated the uncharted twists and turns of the pandemic and ultimately cobbled together a schedule that has allowed BYU to climb out of mediocrity and into the elite top 10 in a matter of months.

Salvaging the schedule

Years before the pandemic even began, Holmoe locked in a schedule for 2020 that any athletic director would be proud of. BYU was scheduled to play six “Power-5” teams, including schools from three of the five “power” conferences. Due to the pandemic, schools and conferences were forced to make difficult decisions for the health and safety of their student-athletes.

“The health, safety and well-being of our student-athletes and all those connected to Pac-12 sports has been our number one priority since the start of this current crisis,” Pac-12 commissioner Larry Scott said in a statement following the conference’s decision not



Preston Crawley

BYU Athletic Director Tom Holmoe walks the sideline during the BYU football game against Texas State on Oct. 24, 2020.

to participate in fall sports.

The Pac-12 was one of many conferences that decided to alter their original schedule, leaving an independent BYU with almost none of their originally scheduled games.

“Everybody had to make a decision based on their own unique situation,” Holmoe said. “I did not want to judge anyone making difficult decisions (at other schools) at that time.”

Holmoe said BYU “never wanted to concede” its fall football season but recognized that doing so seemed inevitable at different points of pre-season conversations. Holmoe and the BYU Athletics staff worked tirelessly to assemble a football schedule that was both competitive and safe for everyone involved.

“I am the spokesperson,” Holmoe said. “But there were hundreds of people who were involved in putting our schedule together.”

To date, BYU has played eight games and lost none, with two more scheduled from here until mid-December. The University of Houston and Boise State are the only teams the Cougars have played from the original 2020 schedule.

Help from fans

Holmoe and the Cougars also relied on their loyal fan base to survive the pandemic challenges. Several fans in Utah County and beyond pre-paid for season tickets. These funds helped keep BYU’s hope for a football season afloat when normal revenue from tickets wasn’t coming in.

“We asked if we could hold on to some funds and transfer them to their tickets for next year,” Holmoe said. “Some of these stories are the widow’s mite — it is humbling to be a part of.”

BYU season ticket holder Nate Slack shared his story and how he approached the decision to ask for a refund or set aside the tickets for next season.

“I wanted BYU to keep the money I spent on season tickets because I know there’s already been a lot of money lost with the pandemic,” Slack said. “I know the money I spent on season tickets alone won’t be enough to allow someone to keep their job or keep a sport at BYU, but I am of the opinion that anything helps right now.”

BYU was eventually able to allow fans into the stadium for home games against UTSA, Texas State and Western Kentucky. BYU head coach Kalani Sitake has repeatedly expressed his appreciation for BYU fans, especially the impact they had before they were allowed back inside LaVell Edwards Stadium.

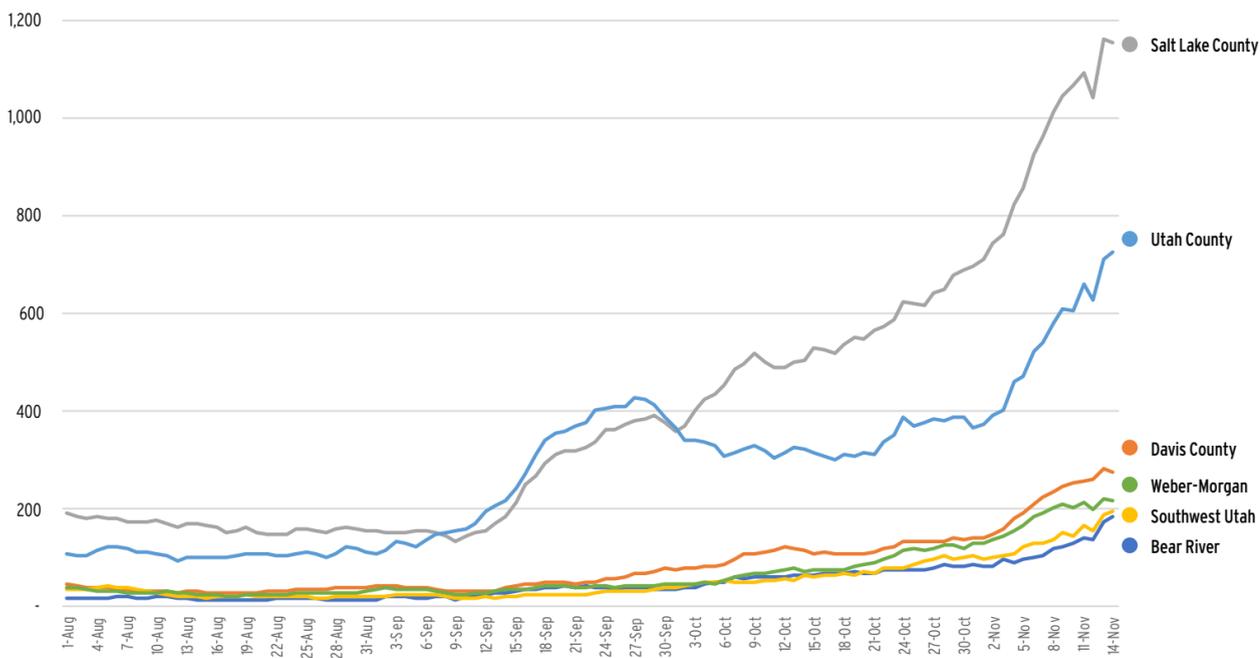
“What was really exciting to see was the fans outside of the stadium when we drove in on our buses,” Sitake said. “I want them to know how much we love and appreciate them doing that.”

Now with just two games remaining, the Cougars hope to finish out their 10-game schedule without having to postpone or cancel any more games, even as COVID-19 cases rapidly rise in the state of Utah.

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COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Utah's population centers lead spike



Allie Peterson

7-day COVID-19 averages in Salt Lake County (Salt Lake City, West Valley, Sandy, West Jordan), Utah County (Provo, Orem, Lehi, Spanish Fork), Davis County (Layton, Bountiful, Farmington, Centerville), Weber-Morgan (Ogden, Roy, South Ogden, Riverdale), Southwest Utah (St. George, Beaver, Kanab, Panguitch), and Bear River (Brigham City, Logan, Randolph) from Aug. 1 to Nov. 14.

Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



GOP lets Trump fight election for weeks despite Biden's win

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Nov. 10 there's "no reason for alarm" as President Donald Trump, backed by Republicans in Congress, mounts unfounded legal challenges to President-elect Joe Biden's election victory — a process that could now push into December.

Republicans on Capitol Hill signaled they are willing to let Trump spin out his election lawsuits and unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud for the next several weeks, until the states certify the elections by early December and the Electoral College meets Dec. 14.



Peru's interim president resigns as chaos takes the nation

Peru's interim president resigned as the nation plunged into its worst constitutional crisis in two decades following massive protests unleashed when Congress ousted the nation's popular leader.

Manuel Merino said Congress acted within the law when he was sworn into office as chief of state. The politician agreed to step down after a night of unrest in which two young protesters were killed and half his Cabinet resigned. Peruvians cheered the decision, waving their nation's red and white flag on the streets of Lima and chanting "We did it!" But there is still no clear playbook for what comes next.



Belgian racing pigeon fetches record price of \$1.9 million

New Kim is worth her weight in gold and then some — actually much, much more.

A wealthy Chinese pigeon racing fan put down a record price of \$1.9 million for the Belgian-bred bird, saying a lot more than merely what kind of money can be made in the once-quiet sport, which seemed destined to decline only a few years back.

During a frantic last half hour Nov. 15 at the Pipa pigeon center, two Chinese bidders operating under pseudonyms drove up the price by \$325,000, leaving the previous record well behind by \$406,000.

Utah colleges begin mandatory COVID-19 testing

By GABRIELLE SHIOZAWA

PROVO — Utah colleges are complying with a state mandate released Nov. 8 requiring weekly COVID-19 testing for university students.

BYU announced plans on Nov. 16 to voluntarily test students before Thanksgiving break from Nov. 18-21. Students are encouraged to stay home after Thanksgiving with classes

being held virtually. Once Winter Semester begins, testing will be mandatory for all students living on campus or attending one in-person class. BYU has also placed in-person extracurricular activities on hold in response to the mandate.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert's mandate includes a ban on casual social gatherings, postponing most extracurricular activities and mandatory student testing beginning no later than Jan. 1, 2021.

Biden targets virus as his White House transition begins

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WILMINGTON, Delaware — President-elect Joe Biden signaled strongly on Nov. 9 that fighting the raging pandemic will be the immediate priority of his new administration, an abrupt shift from President Donald Trump's more unworried approach to the virus, as the nation surpassed 10 million COVID-19 cases.

Biden began with a direct

appeal to all Americans to wear masks, a departure from Trump, who has mocked Biden and others who make a point of always wearing protective face coverings when around others. In an official move, the president-elect formed a coronavirus advisory board dominated by scientists and doctors, while Trump has had a falling out with the medical experts on his own virus task force.

The swift actions come at a critical moment in the U.S. effort to combat the coronavirus.

Anti-mask protest disrupts Utah school district meeting

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PROVO — School district officials in northern Utah have said a public meeting in American Fork was disrupted by protesters who characterized the use of masks and facial coverings in schools "child abuse."

Alpine School District Superintendent Assistant Kimberly Bird said the protesters were welcomed to participate in the public board meeting Nov. 10,

but many refused to wear masks inside school office buildings, The Daily Herald reported Nov. 11.

"There were a few that decided to wear a mask, and they were allowed to come in," District spokesperson David Stephenson said.

Stephenson said the disturbance happened about an hour into the meeting. Board President Scott Carlson then called a session closed to the public before resuming the regular meeting.

Fever, symptom screening misses many coronavirus cases

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Temperature and COVID-19 symptom checks like the ones used at schools and doctor's offices have again proved inadequate for spotting coronavirus infections and preventing outbreaks.

A study of Marine recruits found that despite these measures and strict quarantines before they started training, the recruits spread the virus to others

even though hardly any of them had symptoms. None of the infections were caught through symptom screening.

The study, published Nov. 11 in the New England Journal of Medicine, has implications for colleges, prisons, meatpacking plants and other places that rely on this sort of screening to detect infections and prevent outbreaks.

The study was led by researchers from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York and the Naval Medical Research Center.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

BYU professor makes big impact through small Antarctic insects

By CASSIDY WIXOM

A team of scientific researchers was taking samples from a dry valley in the middle of Antarctica when they found a small white springtail on the underside of a rock.

As insignificant as finding a small primitive insect sounds, for BYU professor Byron Adams and his team, this was a major discovery. They finally found the missing “ghost creatures.”

“That was a pretty spectacular find for us,” Adams said.

The “ghost creatures” are a species of collembola, or primitive insects, discovered in the 1960s by Antarctica researcher Keith Wise. Originally found in only one small area of Antarctica, no other scientists could find the same insects that he found.

Antarctic discoveries

Adams, who is always affectionately referred to as Byron by his students and colleagues, searched all over Antarctica with his lab. They could not find the ghost creatures.

“We were starting to wonder if they even really exist,” he said.

They finally decided to go look for them in the exact place where Wise found them.

Sure enough, the little creatures were crawling around underneath the rocks. According to their current research, the collembola only inhabits three little areas of land and cannot be found anywhere else in Antarctica.

The collembola insects move very little in their lifetimes. The only way for them to migrate is through open water, so they can only disperse in a small area of land depending on the water and ice levels. This allows scientists to look at the insect’s distribution in relation to ice and water levels and make inferences on climate change in the area.

“The little ghost collembola is kind of cute, and that’s a neat thing,” Byron said. But the real unique part of the story, he pointed out, is they can use the evolutionary history of the insects to answer questions about what the ice sheets have been doing over the last 20 million years.

This means biologists can now find answers to evolution questions and see climate-driven changes that before only geology and glaciology could show.

Byron’s love for Antarctica began in 2001 when a colleague invited him to travel there to help with research. Byron immediately fell in love with the ecosystem of the area because Antarctica is, as he says, “a controlled experiment by Mother Nature.” The entire place is pristine in showing how ecosystems work because there is hardly any human interference in the region.

Byron now travels annually to Antarctica with a group of scientists and sometimes students.



Jinna Brim

Professor Byron Adams gives a thumbs up in a helicopter while conducting research on dry valleys in Antarctica.

One of Byron’s close friends and environmental scientist, Diana Wall, said Byron has a remarkable ability to magnify knowledge with rigorous science and share why that knowledge is so important. She said he is a “superhero of science” whose students are also outstanding scientists.

His wife, Marci Shaver-Adams, said he thrives in the collaborative environment working with brilliant colleagues and friends and feeding off their energy.

Fusing faith and science

Byron teaches advanced biology and directs research at BYU. He said it is important for him to be engaged as a professor because his own world was changed by professors who invested in his success as an undergrad at BYU.

“He’s like a chameleon,” Marci said. She said he can go from a science lecture for kindergartners to discussing the same subject with Ph.D. students just an hour later and still have the audience in the “palm of his hand.”

“I try to show them how face-melting science can be. I want to empower them with lifelong types of skills,” he said.

Byron has a knack for befriending his students and getting to know them. With a more personal relationship, he helps students do their own research and encourages them to become the best they can.

Biology senior Jinna Brim works in Byron’s lab and said he gives students the freedom to work on their own projects.

“He will support you in whatever you are interested in, and he will help you make it happen,” Brim said.

Brim said Byron works twice as hard as everyone else and always makes time for his students.

Byron also emphasizes fusing together religion and science. He has had many experiences in which some of his students doubt religion because critics say religion and science cannot coexist. Because of this, Byron is not afraid to tackle difficult concepts like evolution, gender and other areas of science that might seem incompatible with religion.

He said he hopes to enhance the view that science and religion complement rather than contradict each other.

“I try and let all my students know that I want you to bring the hardest questions you can think of. Bring it to this classroom, where we can pray and have the Spirit guide us, and ask the questions that you really struggle with and keep you up at night. Let’s bring that up now and figure it out now,” he said.

Byron’s teaching assistant Aurora Golden-Appleton said he is the “most ridiculously caring person.”

“He cares about the material and its impact on students and the world,” she said.

Golden-Appleton said when she was Byron’s student, she had questions and concerns about one of his lectures. When she told him this, he met with her immediately to discuss everything she was worried about and didn’t leave until he knew her questions were answered.

He wants his students to know that there is a healthy way to navigate science and religion, and he cares about fostering the dialogue that comes with it. He said it is important to discuss those things now so his students are prepared when they go out into the world of science.

Dynamic biology duo

Byron met his wife, Marci, at BYU when they were both undergraduates. They moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, so they could both attend graduate school, then moved to Florida where Byron worked as a professor at the University of Florida.

When Byron got offered a job at BYU, the West Coast couple couldn’t pass up an opportunity to head back to the west side of the country.

After a few years of Byron teaching at BYU, a job opened up for a biology professor to teach non-majors. Marci applied for the job and got accepted. Now the two are a dynamic duo teaching biology at BYU. She is a herpetologist who studies lizards, while he studies climate change and ecosystems.

Marci said that since she teaches non-majors biology, her demographic of students is very different from Byron’s. She has to convince her students to be interested in the material whereas Byron’s students are “already sold.”

Byron sometimes gives guest lectures in her classes as well, and she said students are always surprised that two biology teachers are married.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES BYU professors create virus testing methods with incredibly fast results



Richard Robison, Adam Wolley, Aaron Hawkins and William Pitt

A team of BYU professors developed a superbug testing method that works in less than one hour, saving lives and improving treatment methods. Richard Robison, Adam Wolley, Aaron Hawkins and William Pitt created a DNA-extracting method that can identify bacteria in under an hour. In comparison, current superbug testing methods take at least 24 hours which leads to irreversible damage or death for sufferers. This new research will help save lives, improve well-being, and keep doctors from misusing valuable antibiotics to treat drug-resistant bacteria. The next step is to take the technology to the market by making it easily distributable to hospitals.

“That was always our goal, to do it in an hour, so it’s quite exciting that we’ve been able to combine all of our efforts and hit that benchmark,” Hawkins said. “Every hour the disease is untreated, survivability drops by about 7%. You want to know what you’re fighting immediately so you can apply the right treatments.”

MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Construction students win \$48K in scholarship money



Battsagaan Ilch, left, and Savannah Taylor

Forty-eight thousand dollars in scholarship money went to 22 BYU construction students this year from the Construction Management Industry Advisory Council (IAC). The IAC has

hosted events generating donation money and networking opportunities in past years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no events were held this year, but the IAC and other construction businesses still donated money to support involved and well-rounded students. Typical years generate \$20K or \$30K, but this year’s fundraising yielded \$48K to be distributed.

Two exceptional students who received IAC scholarships are Battsagaan Ilch and Savannah Taylor. Ilch is from Mongolia and is a senior in the construction management program at BYU. Savannah Taylor is the president of the National Association of Home Builders student chapter and serves as the Women in Construction club’s vice president.

MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Alumna takes risks to start company amid pandemic



Ruchika Goel, right, and her husband, Anup Goel

A recent BYU Marriott School of Business MBA alumna took risks to start her own company during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Ruchika Goel, who grew up in India, moved to Utah in January 2015 to be with her husband, Anup Goel. She made the goal to earn her MBA from BYU and became involved with the university’s MBA Sherpa program that pairs second-year students, or sherpas, with first-years, or climbers.

This mentorship program helps new students find internships and guides them in their experiences. Goel’s experiences as a sherpa helped her realize how much she enjoyed helping MBA students. Get On The Raft, Goel’s company, provides MBA students around the world with support and mentoring and launched in August 2020. Goel explained she helps students “bring their whole selves to the job search process and feel comfortable in their own skin.”

“I have learned that if we choose to see challenges as an opportunity to do something amazing, we are much better off,” Goel said. “Whether it was my move from India to a country I had never been to before or starting a company amid the biggest pandemic in this century, optimism is the key to success.”

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Mr. Ziauddin Yousafzai

Cofounder of the Malala Fund and Author of Let Her Fly

“Education as Emancipation”

Mr. Ziauddin Yousafzai comes from the beautiful Swat Valley in Pakistan. At great personal risk, he peacefully resisted the Taliban’s efforts to shut down schools in his local area and kept open his own school. He emphasizes the importance of educational opportunities for all, especially for girls, and the power of courageous voices. After graduating with an MA in English, he established a successful school in the Swat Valley. Motivated by his belief that “education is emancipation,” Yousafzai spoke out in national and international media, resisting the Taliban’s atrocities and promoting children’s education and peace through active pacifism.

Mr. Ziauddin Yousafzai is an educator, human rights campaigner, and social activist. Ziauddin’s courage and passion inspired many people, including his own daughter, Malala Yousafzai, to join him in standing up for human rights—the right of freedom, the right of education, and the right of every child to attend school.

Yousafzai faced the horror of nearly losing Malala when she was shot and gravely wounded in retaliation for their joint campaign to empower girls through education. Malala later received the Nobel Peace Prize for her own efforts to promote equal educational opportunities.

Mr. Yousafzai is the cofounder and a board member of the Malala Fund, which works with local education activists in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Brazil, Lebanon, and Turkey to break down the barriers to the education of girls and young women. He has written an autobiography about his experiences entitled *Let Her Fly*, which was published in 2018.

He currently resides in Birmingham in the United Kingdom with his wife, Toor Pekai. They are the parents of Malala and two sons, Khushal and Atal. Mr. Yousafzai can never be found without a smile, and one of his favorite quotes is from Malala: “When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

This forum address and Q&A will be available one additional time when it is rebroadcast on BYUtv on November 29 at 8:00 a.m.

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Cold: The Utah reporter behind the hit podcast

By KENZIE HOLBROOK

Dave Cawley has covered everything from presidents on Air Force One to a guy walking across the country with his pet goat during his journalism career. But there is one assignment he says can't be compared to anything else.

In December of 2009, 28-year-old Susan Powell went missing from her home in West Valley City. To this day, she has never been found. Her husband, Josh Powell, ended up killing himself and their two little boys a few years later in 2012. Josh was never arrested, and it's believed that he likely took the answer to where Susan is to his grave.

Cawley started reporting on the Powell case as early as 2010 when he was working for Utah radio station KNRS. Cawley's interactions with the Powell case back then consisted of phone interviews with people like Susan's parents and conversations with West Valley Police.

In 2013, the West Valley Police Department gave a 30-gigabyte flash drive to Cawley saying that the Powell case had gone cold. Cawley said as he looked through the flash drive he quickly noticed that there was a lot of information that had never been disclosed to the public.

Cawley took the flash drive and ran with it. "The news just kind of moved on after that, but Dave didn't move on," said Keira Farrimond, one of Cawley's colleagues at KSL. "He looked at every single document in there, and there were thousands."

The idea for a podcast

The extensive reporting on this case started for Cawley in 2015 when he went to an Investigative Reporters and Editors conference. "I was listening to a newspaper reporter talk about how she turned her investigative story into a podcast," Cawley said. "It was



KSL Podcasts

KSL Director of Audience Engagement Sheryl Worsley, left, and reporter Dave Cawley work together on KSL's podcast "Cold." The podcast hit number one on the podcast charts shortly after launching in 2018.

kind of this lightbulb moment for me where, as somebody who worked in radio I thought, 'Wait a minute, I've got an incredible story that I know has a lot of rich audio that will help bring it alive.'"

Cawley had never done a podcast before, but he saw potential in this story and he had a lot of elements to add to it. When he approached his boss, Sheryl Worsley, director of audience development at KSL, she was in favor of the idea but saw a problem with the time and resources. He was told he needed to continue producing the afternoon news segment and reporting on-air every day, so with his full schedule there just wouldn't be time to start a podcast.

Instead of dropping it, Cawley started investigating on his own. "I would do my full time, eight- to ten-hour day, come home, have dinner, and then I would sit down and start

working on it at home," Cawley said. He did this from 2016 to 2018, when KSL ultimately offered him a job to do it full time.

Cawley worked on this project day and night for years. "He and I did a lot of really late night digging through the case file, just looking for elements," Farrimond said. "He is so smart, and he doesn't stop."

When people ask Cawley how many total hours he has spent on the project, he doesn't know how to answer. "Do you count all the hours when you say, I'm out for a run and what's going through my mind is 'OK, I'm working over things in the case?'" Cawley said.

Throughout his career as a journalist, Cawley said he had tried to leave things at work at the end of the day and put it away, but working on the Powell case and "Cold" project was different for him.

"It really became all-consuming," Cawley said. For a few

months when the podcast was first released, Cawley was working 10 to 12 hours a day because of the demands of production. "I literally had no other life beyond 'Cold' for that period of time," he said. "I completely lost track of how much time I spent."

"Cold" launched in November 2018. "On the first day of release, Cold appeared not just in the top 100, but in the top 10," Cawley said.

By the afternoon of the first episode's launch day, it had reached the number one position on the podcast charts. "I was stunned and humbled," he said.

Worsley said they anticipated it would do well, but it did a lot better than anyone expected. "I expected it to do well locally, and it did excellent locally," Worsley said. "We were hoping to be in the top 100, we were ecstatic when it hit number three, and it blew

our minds when it hit number one."

Cawley said he hates to call it a favorite, but working on "Cold" has definitely been the most fulfilling project of his 17-year career.

"The process of putting this podcast together has taught me so much," Cawley said. "It has given me a lot of confidence in my ability to take voluminous amounts of information and data and parse that to stand up and report facts that might be unpopular."

Learning experiences

Although he hadn't had any training in digital forensics, Cawley started working with professional digital forensics experts. As a result, he was able to do a very detailed review of digital data that was taken in the case and find information that had not been found out previously.

"The investigatory side of

digging into large stories, I find to be very gratifying," Cawley said. "When you are uncovering information that is not known publicly, and you have the ability to drag that information into the light, that for me personally is very gratifying."

Cawley said he discovered Susan's case was a story about domestic abuse, non-violent forms of domestic abuse, coercive control and financial control. "For me, it became an opportunity to dive into the larger social issues around the story, not just a drama of cops and killers and some of these tropes that I think kind of fill this true crime genre," he said.

But where is Susan, or Susan's body, and will it ever be found? Although Cawley can't say for sure, he said he's seen stranger things happen. He said bodies being found years later can happen, but it usually happens on accident when someone stumbles upon it.

"I think, sadly, that is probably what will end up happening with Susan," Cawley said. "If she's to be found, it will likely be just a random happenstance occurrence."

Cawley is now working full-time on season two of "Cold." It's a different case this time, but he's continuing to focus on the theme of domestic abuse and other themes related to Susan's case.

After evaluating over one hundred cases, tips and requests, Cawley and his team settled on a case for season two. "We're not publicly disclosing it at this point," he said. "It was one that nobody had suggested, and in my personal view it's a story that has not been well-told anywhere."

Worsley said Cawley is probably the best crime reporter she has on staff. "If he wants to figure something out, he's going to figure it out," she said. "I have every confidence in him. He's always surprising me, and just when you think you've figured everything out about a case, Dave finds more."

What will COVID-era skiing look like this winter?



Eric Sales

Utah native Meagan Hydok finds a stash of powder at Snowbird during the 2018-19 ski season. Skiing will look a little different this year as ski resorts implement a variety of COVID-19 safety regulations.

By JOSH CARTER

Skiers visiting a Utah resort this winter will likely notice a flurry of COVID-19-inspired adjustments.

After an abrupt end to last year's ski season, Utah resorts are implementing several safety precautions such as mask mandates, reservation systems and socially distant lift lines in hopes of opening on time and keeping the lifts spinning all winter long.

"There's no doubt that this season is going to look different," said Park City Mountain Resort communications manager Jessica Miller. "But we're focused on doing everything we can to keep our guests, employees and communities safe and stay open all season long. If we all work together and remain vigilant, we're going to have a fantastic season from start to finish."

Vail Resorts, which manages the Park City resort, was

one of the first ski corporations in the country to announce its COVID-19 safety plan for the upcoming season back in August. Among the most notable changes is a mandatory ticket reservation system that gives priority to season pass holders.

Alta Ski Area, located up Little Cottonwood Canyon, will be limiting the number of people on the mountain by managing its available parking on a first-come, first-served basis. According to communications manager Andria Huskinson, Alta officials will determine daily mountain capacity based on weather, snowpack, available terrain and capacity of the resort's indoor facilities.

"Our website is a big thing that we want people to check before they even get in their car to come up to make sure there is parking," Huskinson said. "We will keep our parking lot status updated online by saying 'parking full,' or 'we anticipate parking to be full at 10 a.m. this morning.'"

Huskinson also noted Alta will alternate which lines skiers can wait in before getting on the lift, calling the empty ones "ghost lanes." The resort is also encouraging skiers to spend no longer than 20 minutes at a time inside any one of the day lodges and will offer a number of additional grab-and-go food options this season.

"Even though skiing will definitely look a lot different this year, in the end, we will still be skiing the same Alta powder," Huskinson said.

Sara Huey, Solitude Mountain Resort communications manager, outlined similar guidelines with regard to the resort's day lodges. Huey noted the resort plans on offering more outdoor seating than in years past as well as additional tents and heaters.

Additional changes at Solitude this winter are focused on getting guests through "pinch points" and onto the slopes as quickly as possible, according to Huey.

Looking ahead, Huey hopes this season's COVID-19 related adjustments can improve the overall ski experience at the resort in the years to come.

"I anticipate this will create a better guest experience with the many upgrades we will carry into the future, such as touch-less interactions and regulating crowding in rental shops," Huey said.

Additional Utah ski resorts such as Snowbird, Brighton and Deer Valley have implemented similar regulations in hopes of limiting COVID-19 spread as opening day inches closer. Brighton is currently slated to be the first Utah ski resort to open this season on Nov. 19, snow conditions and weather permitting.

Sundance Mountain Resort, located just 13 miles from the BYU campus, hopes to release its full winter operational plan soon, according to communications manager Milan Norling. Resort officials are hoping to open for winter on Nov. 30.



Associated Press

Ellen Sathe casts an early vote in California in 2016. Voter turnout for the 2020 election was high according to Utah County officials. Scan this image with the **UNIVERSE PLUS** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

Utah County voter turnout much higher than 2016

By KAELA CLEARY

Voter turnout in Utah County was significantly higher than usual, county officials reported.

Utah County Clerk/Auditor Amelia Powers Gardner said presidential elections typically have the highest voter turnout. In 2016, 74.4% of registered voters participated in the election, but this year the county is reporting upwards of 89% turnout, Gardner said.

Gardner said she thinks the increase in votes is because there was greater interest in this election. She also said that since Utah County is typically a Republican county, many people don't bother to vote because they know what the results will be anyway. However, with Utah County's government structure on the ballot with Proposition 9, more people wanted a say in their local

government.

"People knew that Prop. 9 wasn't a Republican or Democrat issue. So I think that made people feel like their voice needed to be heard," Gardner said.

Gardner said 90% of voters used the ballot that was sent to them rather than voting in person.

"They used the ballot we mailed them because over 75% of our ballots came back through drop boxes, not actually through the Postal Service," Gardner said.

There wasn't a specific demographic that had a higher voter turnout because the overall vote count was so high. However, Gardner made a point of saying that she was very impressed with the college demographic turnout.

"The college students did a fantastic job. The ones who missed the 10,000 reminders from Snapchat and Instagram to register to vote still showed up to register on election day," Gardner said.

Cosmo: An oral history of the viral dance

By ELISA HUHEM

On Oct. 6, 2017, BYU Football played Boise State at LaVell Edwards Stadium. Cosmo came out and performed with the Cougarettes during the first quarter timeout and a video of the performance soon went viral with millions of views on social media. The performance changed the Cosmo brand forever. This is the oral history of Cosmo: The Dance.

Part I: The dance is born

Charlie Bird (Cosmo): I don't know if it's possible to feel confident at Cosmo tryouts. I felt out of place and I was worried because I was gay, and at the time I didn't want anyone to know. Essentially, the way Cosmo tryouts are set up is they try to physically destroy you before tryouts even start. I tried really hard to fit in and tone down anything that could be perceived as gay. So when the dancing portion came around, which was what I was most excited for, I didn't dance or do anything that I actually know how to do — just the bare minimum to prove that I had rhythm. I didn't make the team officially, and for that year I was the coach's assistant and no one really knew that I could dance because I hid it.

Bird: I would do a couple of small events, but I wasn't the main Cosmo. (My journey to dancing Cosmo) started the year before; 2016 was the first time I danced with the Cougarettes. I've always been a dancer, and every time I'd be helping on the field — bringing water or carrying towels — I would watch the Cougarettes and think, "I can do that. I know I can do that."

Bird: The Cougarettes posted a video on Instagram and I just learned the choreography. I went to one of their practices and I don't know where I got this confidence, but I was super bold.

Emry Wride (Cougarette captain/choreographer): He taught himself a Cougarette timeout and then showed up to our coach and was like "I know this dance. I'm Cosmo. Let me dance it with you guys."

Bird: I felt like we were in some sort of chick flick video where they were like, "All right, line up, ladies," and I walked over there. And I'm like, "OK," because I knew the choreography. And then afterward, everyone was like, "Oh my gosh, he knows the choreography." And after that I proved myself.

Nicole Quesenberry (Cougarette captain/choreographer): Charlie was



Gabby Stockard Illustration

Cosmo and the Cougarettes planned a special performance for the Oct. 6, 2017 football game against Boise State. Shortly after the performance the dance went viral, and the Cosmo brand hasn't been the same since.

amazing because he was so passionate about it. He learned it and had it down to a T on his own.

Jodi Maxfield (Cougarette coach): We had done performances with Cosmo in the past, but it's dependent on if there's a Cosmo that can keep up with the Cougarettes.

Bird: I wasn't in the suit the first time I went in and the coach saw me dance. Then she talked to my coach and was like, "we need to get him for the football game."

David Eberhard (Cosmo Team coach): I've been a professional mascot in my days. And I've done dances with dance squads, but I don't know if I've ever seen anybody work as hard or take the time that Charlie has.

Maxfield: Charlie's work ethic is second to none, he works really hard and he wouldn't accept not being as good as the Cougarettes.

Bird: What a heist, right? I really just tricked my way into becoming Cosmo.

Part II: The lead-up

Bird: The first go around (in 2016), we did a dance and it got pretty popular. Then the second year (in 2017), I knew some of the girls and I explained to them what looks good in the suit, and we did more of a collaborative dance. They choreographed it around the way I moved in the Cosmo suit.

Wride: We knew that we wanted

to do a timeout with Cosmo. And we knew that it was probably going to be big if we did it.

Wride: That next year, Charlie reached out to me again and was like, "let's do it again. Let's collaborate." I got familiar with the way that he moved, and he started to get our style, and we just meshed really well together.

Wride: We had been searching for hours for all these songs and we heard "Rolex" (by Ayo and Teo) over the summer. We brought it up to our coach, and we were like, "We don't love it, but it's really the only song that we have right now."

Bird: I hate the song. I've just always been annoyed by the song. It's really catchy and that's probably why I hate it.

Wride: None of us were sold on the song but because the game was coming so soon, that's the one we went with. The captains of the team, Nicole Thorley, Shaye Edwards and I, all choreographed the dance.

Bird: I'm not trained or anything, but I just know how to dance. I remember facetimeing (Emry Wride) ... and I was like, "OK, I want you to put these specific moves in the dance." I don't know how to describe her ability to understand the human body as it relates to dance, but she knew exactly what I would look good doing and she created

the dance for me as Cosmo. The formations, movements, lines and tricks were tailored towards what I'm good at and what looks good with Cosmo in the suit.

Wride: Charlie is very particular and wants to learn it right away because it takes him a little bit longer than us to learn the choreography because he's not trained in dance.

Bird: I requested that they send the video (of the Cougarettes doing the dance) from the back view so I could watch them and pretend like they were in front of me. I just watched it in slow motion. They sent it as an unlisted YouTube video and I learned it myself. Then I went into their practice for like 30 minutes two times and then we performed it.

Quesenberry: He would practice so much and he just killed it.

Maxfield: He's a great performer. And, you know, like I said, it had to have been somebody that could keep up with the Cougarettes, because we didn't want to water down our choreography in order to have him keep up with us.

The Cougarettes decided to perform with Cosmo during the nationally broadcast game against Boise State on Oct. 6, 2017.

Eberhard: Cosmo has about five or six places he needs to be before the football game even starts. We did

everything we could to lighten his load that day, but it was just brutal because he wanted to go through the choreography and still do everything that he needed to do to nail it.

Bird: I really wanted to make sure that Cosmo looked really good. So I had the suit pressed. We have a cat hairbrush that we bought at the dollar store and I was in there combing the eyebrows and making sure that the wave patterns of his fur were perfect. I felt like I was ready for prom.

Wride: We actually don't have a dressing room in the football stadium. So we go to the girl's bathroom and fans are just walking past us practicing.

Maxfield: I remember being very excited and nervous for this particular performance. I knew going into it that it was something really special and that the crowd was going to go nuts when they saw it.

Part III: The moment

Maxfield: It was a perfect night. We were playing Boise State and it was a packed crowd there in the stadium. I just remember the electricity that we felt — I could feel it from the team.

Tyler Rostedt (Cosmo Team videographer): Leading up to that performance, Charlie was talking to me about the dance and would send me clips from their practices. He would say, "This is what it looks like. Just so you're aware." And I began visualizing it. We always have issues with ESPN cameras, so we talked to the right people to make sure that we could get the center angle.

Wride: Once we got out into the field and in position, we just knew what to do. Our bodies went into autopilot.

Bird: My brain or my body just took over and I just did it.

Greg Wrubell (BYU sports broadcaster): When I felt a reaction growing during a break, it struck me as quite unusual.

Savannah Swenson (Cougarette): Right as we ended, all of us were literally screaming. It came straight from our hearts. You don't even know what to do but scream because we just crushed it.

Bird: Usually you can't really hear much because there's so much padding and fur, but it was loud, and I thought, "If it's this loud and my ears are covered, imagine how loud it really is."

Rostedt: There are a few Cosmo moments in my five years where I remember the crowd just being pierce loud and that was one of them for sure.



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BYU Athletics recently announced it is restructuring its communications department to combine marketing, social media and media relations. The restructuring included layoffs tied to lost football venue.

BYU Athletics announces communications layoffs, restructuring

By CAMERON MUH

BYU Athletics announced Nov. 9 a restructuring to its Athletic Communications Department, combining communications, marketing, social media and media relations.

Jon McBride, from BYU's University Communications, is now associate athletic director for communications and media strategy to "oversee this new, innovative and collaborative direction."

"This was a strategic decision we felt needed to be made," BYU Athletic Director Tom Holmoe said in a press release. "While the impact of COVID-19, including a multimillion-dollar revenue loss, can't be ignored and requires us to make fiscal decisions, we feel like we're moving forward with a new model that is going to allow us to be more efficient in our future plans."

Athletic Communications will move forward with fewer media relations personnel, resulting in

layoffs for several sports information directors.

Long-time media relations expert and BYU women's basketball SID Norma Bertoch is among those let go, concluding a career at BYU spanning more than 30 years. Bertoch also assisted with the broadcasting lab in the BYU School of Communications for a time.

Other layoffs include men's basketball SID Kyle Chilton, who helped BYU navigate the media frenzy surrounding Jimmermania in 2011, among other great seasons. Football SID Kenny Cox, baseball SID Jordan Christiansen and graduate assistants Tatiana Littlefield, Ari Davis and Braden Taylor were also let go.

In place of these positions, BYU has created new hybrid communications positions with "an emphasis on social media, while retaining traditional media relations responsibilities."

The consolidation comes at a peculiar time, with BYU Football ranked in the Top 10 in the nation and a promising BYU Basketball season beginning

in a matter of weeks. But Holmoe said the change comes in an effort to continue to grow BYU Athletics in the digital age.

"We have made a number of important strides in our athletic department over the past few years in utilizing video, graphic design and social media," Holmoe said. "We're constantly moving forward, to be on the cutting-edge, ready to promote the BYU brand, our teams, our student-athletes and connect with Cougar Nation in new and innovative ways."

McBride shared a brief insight as to how this restructuring will look as he leads the charge into a new era for BYU Athletics.

"Our new model will emphasize mentored student learning, which has been instrumental in allowing BYU Athletics to do more with social media communications over the past few years," McBride said. "BYU students bring unique skills and generational social perspectives that are critical to connecting with Cougar Nation."

Freshman ready to represent Navajo Nation for BYU Softball

By ANDREW CALL

BYU pitcher Lexi Atcity made her college softball debut at the Cougars' Blue and White scrimmage on Oct. 17.

When a Facebook group devoted to Native American athletics posted about Atcity's first BYU appearance, a flood of support came in the form of 12,000 likes and hundreds of comments and shares.

"I feel a lot of love from it," Atcity said. "And I feel a sense of responsibility to make my people on the reservation proud."

The walk-on freshman is the first Division I athlete from her family and she is looking forward to representing her faith, family and Navajo heritage.

"She's the first one to break through," Atcity's father Leon said. "It's a big deal for her cousins and it's a big deal for her extended family members so that they can start seeing and dreaming that they can do this as well."

Atcity knew she wanted to be a softball player even as a kid. Though her father played basketball, he gave her the option to play whatever sport she wanted, and the softball field is where she ended up.

"Softball was my love ever since T-ball growing up," Atcity said. "I was able to get on a competitive team when I was 9 or 10, and then I just stuck with it."

Her father, a BYU alumnus, signed her up with BYU pitching coach Paige Affleck early on, and Atcity has been motivated to come play for BYU ever since.

The global pandemic canceled her senior year of softball, and she feared that her chance to play at BYU would be lost. But she knew if she kept her grades up and got accepted, she would be able to walk on at BYU and show off her talent.

"My dad always taught me if you work hard in school and on the field, everything will work out," Atcity said.



Wendy Atcity

Lexi Atcity is hoping to represent her family, faith and Navajo heritage on the softball field.

"Do all you can and the Lord will do the rest."

Just months later, she secured a spot on the team as a pitcher. With her teammates and coaching staff surrounding her, Atcity is excited to see what the team can accomplish.

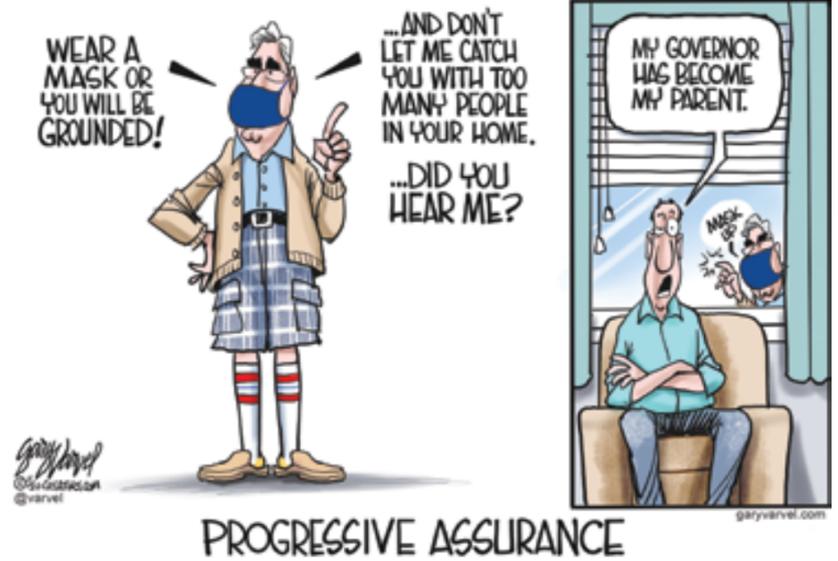
She hopes that through her career success, she can return to Native American reservations and help the children to have more hopeful futures. Her grandmother currently teaches elementary school at a Navajo reservation in New Mexico, and Atcity has even visited once before to teach the girls there about some fundamentals of softball.

"I'm super proud of the way she represents herself," Leon said. "Not only as a Native American, or an athlete, but also as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Atcity sees this opportunity at BYU to not only share her love of the sport, but to share her beliefs with other Native Americans.

"I've always known I wanted to share the gospel and be a representative of Jesus Christ," Atcity said. "I feel like this opportunity to play for BYU allows me to do that."

While no games are currently on BYU's schedule, Atcity can be seen in more intrasquad scrimmages this fall on the BYUtv app.



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.

Do you believe there was voter fraud in this year's election? Why or why not?

No. There is no evidence. Just the baseless, angry, scared claims of a failed President.
@ELISABETHCURRIT

Literally why not check?? If it proves Biden really did win, everyone has to accept it
@JOSHUAGARDNER393

I can't say whether there was fraud or not, but a recount should tell us if Biden really won or not.
@HUGLEYHERO

I think there has been fraud in every election. The system is ancient, pls change it
@VICU.VICKY

No! Trump has been putting this idea in peoples' heads since the start of his campaign.
@HUGIEBUG

In a country of millions, I'm sure there was some voter fraud. It should be legally investigated.
@CLARISSATEKEIAKI

I think there was but it's hard to say how much! Investigations should happen
@TDUB.WOODFIELD

Yes. All my relatives&friends that voted in AZ weren't counted bc usesharpie (forced)
@JADENASNARR

I'm sure there was some voter fraud, but not enough to tip the scale
@TRENT.BORDERS

Yep. Way too many suspicious things. Desperate people do bad things.
@RYAN.ECHOLS.56

There's always fraud. How much is the real question. It's good they're being careful.
@K.HAYES98

No way. Mass fraud is hard to pull off, and our election process is one of the most secure in the world
@JM01114

Grades or growth?

As one of the most influential figures of American education, Benjamin Franklin, said, "Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will learn." The foundation of education in American was built upon learning and receiving a better life. Grades were originally formed around the 1940s for overgrown schools that needed a way of measuring the students' success. While it may have been successful for a time, grading systems at most universities need an update.

Brown University addressed this issue and reformed its grading system. At Brown, students are given the option of A, B, C, no credit, or are given a pass/fail option. The idea behind this is that students will engage in opportunities such as internships, personal projects, or research studies and leave them with more practical skills and a broader portfolio. In 2018-2019, Brown had one of the highest graduation rates at 95.5% As a student at BYU, I have often caught myself playing the grade game; I work for hours on a tedious assignment purely based on the extrinsic motivation of an A. Grades do motivate students and provide feedback for success, but there is often no evidence of retained or applied knowledge in a 93.9%. A pass/fail grading system could be the answer to raise BYU's infamously low graduation rate.

—Chad Sauder
Carmel, Indiana

The long walk

As I walk from my car to my apartment on-campus, my frozen food cooks in the sun and is ready to be eaten by the time I get there. It is a miracle if I can even make it grocery shopping, as I have become hesitant to give up my parking spot. I live in fear, planning my activities around the idea of whether or not I will be able to find a parking space in my assigned, overcrowded lot. As much as I love walking, it becomes taxing when wearing a backpack and having arms loaded with groceries, the only things stopping them from falling the cartons of milk and eggs in my hands. The walk is long enough that my arms and hands are marked with deep, red indents from my bags, looking like I came from a fighting match.

BYU encourages students that live on-campus to leave their cars at home. However, even though that would be ideal, it is just not realistic because many students are far from home. Although the city of Provo has a free bus system, it becomes unmanageable with student schedules and time frames. Buses only stop at so many places and to walk to my destination after that is an inconvenience. With such a wonderful and diverse campus, BYU should accommodate its parking to the size of the on-campus housing community. I await the day I can plan whatever I want without having to think about parking.

—Remington Gardner
Provo, Utah

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@lilliangujensen Guess how much of my decision to go to class today was based on the fact that if I didn't go, no one would see my outfit?

@jordeeeeen When your night class is about to get out early, but one student wants to say "one more quick thing" which ends up being a half-hour tangential story

@cynthiabble How much Halloween candy is reasonable to buy at 90% off sale?

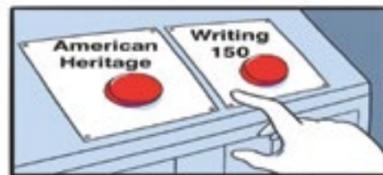
@TakeNoteSZN Don't mind me, just out here havin sad girl hours bc I wanna date a BYU football player :///

@waltzsn Imma need "COVID 19 semester" in bold red lettering on my transcript

@voldemorgoret Do I want to get married or do I just want an excuse to wear a really pretty dress and do elaborate makeup?

@rodeoman if there's one thing gen x loves it's talking about costco pumpkin pie

Tweets are unedited.



Memes submitted by Brock Dowdle, La Verne, California.

OPINION OUTPOST

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

Support charities

Like so many other in-person events in the COVID-19 era, parties are on indefinite hiatus. Large indoor gatherings aren't allowed under ever-changing state mandates, and donors wouldn't want to crowd into a ballroom anyway. So nonprofits are turning to virtual fundraisers to help cover their expenses.

So if you love fundraising balls, but love your favorite nonprofits more, donate to preserve the programs they support. The parties will

return once the virus is under control. If you're one of those who would rather skip the tux rental, then you might want to show your gratitude for being allowed to attend in your jammies, and donate what you're saving on parking, a babysitter and the cash bar.

—Editorial Board
Chicago Tribune

COVID vaccine

Pfizer's announcement ... that its vaccine for Covid-19 was 90% effective in late-stage trials is the best news of a dismal 2020. If the interim results hold, this could lead to a mid-2021 pandemic exit.

Health-care workers and the general public at risk are likely to receive the vaccine

first, but if all goes well it could be available to most Americans by as early as April. This means the U.S. could reach herd immunity faster than most of the experts anticipated.

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

The presidential transition

Joe Biden is the next president of the United States, and his predecessor is not handling his election loss well. In what may be the least surprising development of his term in office, President Trump has spent several days now falsely claiming widespread voter fraud.... Yes, counting the votes was vital, but now that the results are

clear, it is time to move on.

It is Mr. Biden's job to steady the nation. But make no mistake: Mr. Trump is once more putting his own interests above the good of the American people.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Life or death, Utah

Utah's had its wake-up call for months ... yet many Utahns ... push against efforts to socially distance, limit gatherings and wear a mask. This really is a question of life and death.

It's tempting to say ... that

this action is too little too late. But it is not. Every day is a new opportunity for Utahns to heed the governor and health officials warnings and requests. Everyone can curtail the dramatic spread of COVID-19.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

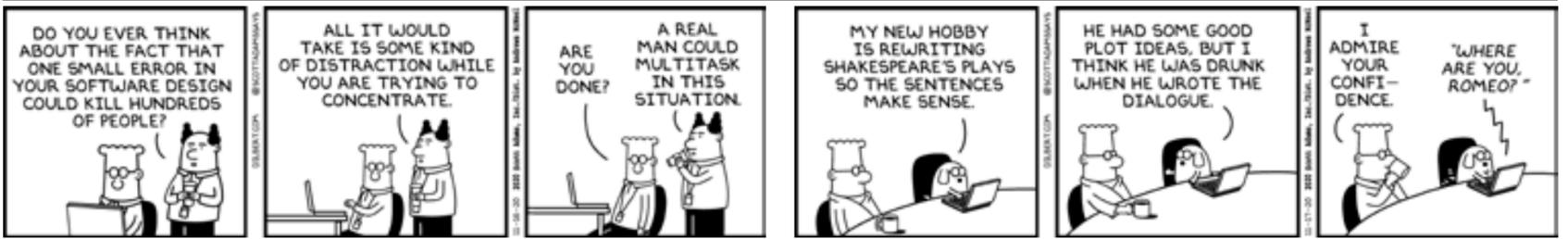
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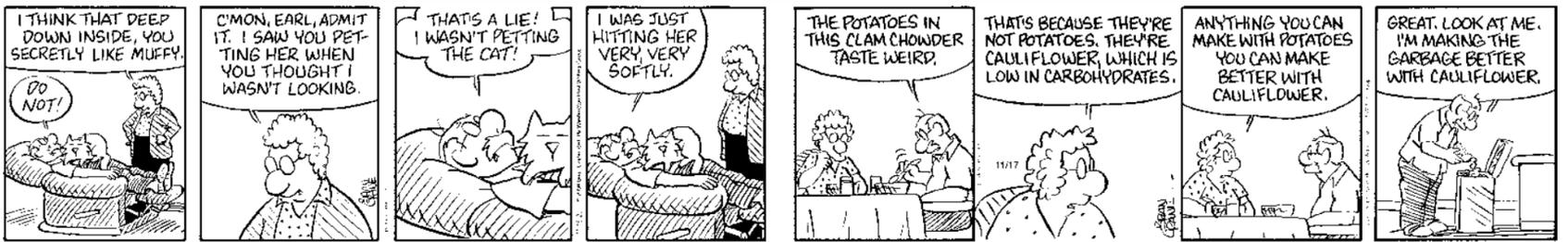
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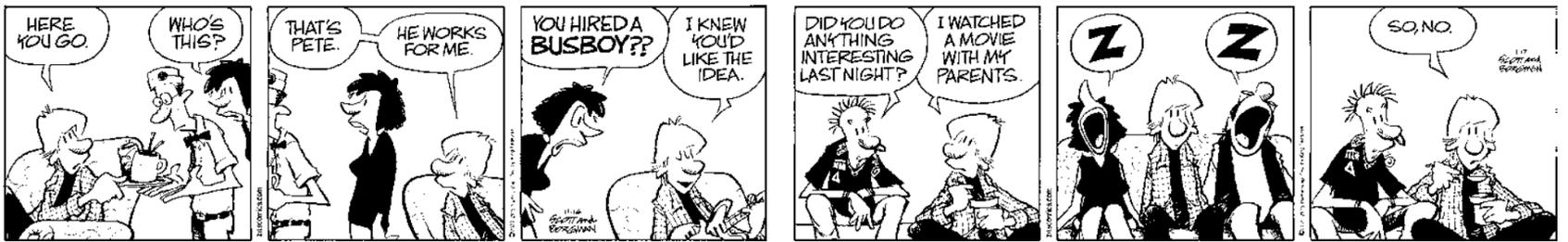
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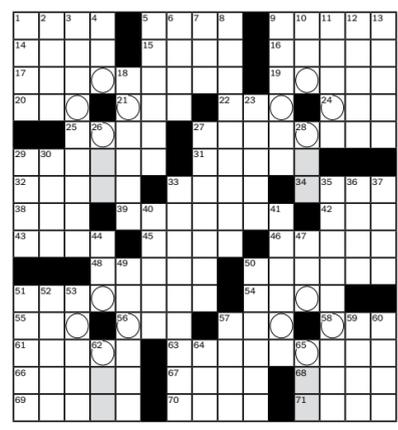
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Winning a blue ribbon
 - 5 San _____ (California city, informally)
 - 9 Trite
 - 14 State as fact
 - 15 Toy that hurts when you step on it barefoot
 - 16 Defendant's excuse
 - 17 Some deep voices
 - 19 Kind of snack chip
 - 20 Letter container: Abbr.
 - 21 Have debts
 - 22 When a plane is due to leave, for short
 - 24 Sweetie
 - 25 Her: Fr.
 - 27 Parts of gas stoves
 - 29 Like movies with considerable sex or violence
 - 31 "____ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny catchphrase)
 - 32 Friendship
 - 33 Kind of cherry
 - 34 Electrical adapter letters
 - 38 "Dee-lish!"
 - 39 Mash-up
 - 42 Paris street
 - 43 One who's well-versed in the arts?
 - 45 Stout and porter
 - 46 Protein builder, informally
 - 48 Sharp or sour in taste
 - 50 Fireplace log holders
 - 51 Where touch-downs are scored
 - 54 Prefix with business or culture



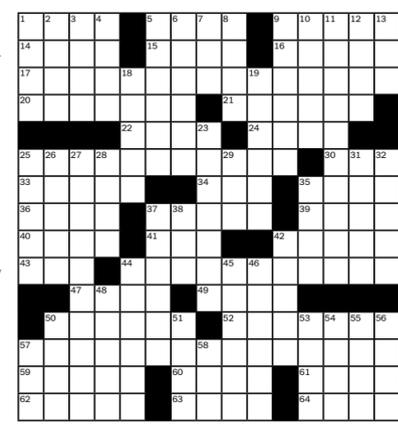
- PUZZLE BY JOE HANSEN**
- 13 Detroit pro team
 - 18 "See? What'd I say!"
 - 23 Polynesian kingdom
 - 26 Tennis do-over
 - 27 Brand of Irish cream liqueur
 - 28 ____ Fail (ancient crowning stone)
 - 29 Skatepark feature
 - 30 Bullets and such
 - 33 United States symbol
 - 35 "You did it all wrong!" e.g.
 - 36 Hill on a beach
 - 37 Corp. V.I.P.s
 - 40 Important pipes
 - 41 Actress Robbie of "I, Tonya"
 - 44 Cartoon "devil," informally
 - 47 Damage in appearance
 - 49 The U.S. has East and West ones
 - 50 See 5-Down
 - 51 Barely make it since 1911
 - 52 Skin care brand
 - 53 Milk and cheese products, collectively
 - 57 Lead singer for U2
 - 59 Airing
 - 60 Self-identities
 - 62 Meadow
 - 64 Feedbag tidbit
 - 65 Placed so as not to be found

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Parent of Shopping.com
 - 5 Stage that may have bugs
 - 9 Untrue
 - 14 Composer Bartók
 - 15 The "Iliad" or the "Odyssey"
 - 16 Online business
 - 17 Bob Dylan song that was a #2 hit for Peter, Paul & Mary
 - 20 Aid for making signs
 - 21 Dishes created at restaurant "bars"
 - 22 Power-hungry people have big ones
 - 24 Achy
 - 25 Sky signal
 - 30 Casual hellos
 - 33 O'Brien of late-night TV
 - 34 Angry music genre
 - 35 Circumstance that's good for everyone... with a hint to 17-, 25- and 44-Across
 - 36 Person with log-in information
 - 37 Quilting or embroidery
 - 39 Between ports
 - 40 Resource from a bog
 - 41 Sarcastic laugh syllable
 - 42 Some shapes on lab slides
 - 43 Requirement for a background check, for short
 - 44 Device for pulling a vehicle
 - 47 Release, as a single
 - 49 Ephron who co-wrote and directed "Sleepless in Seattle"
 - 50 Canadian dollar coin
 - 52 Some musical compositions



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

HISS PAT YADDA
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 LEON SOLE SAMOA
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 FRANKAMATEUR
 ERA IDEAS
 FRISKYBUSINESS
 PIANO TAFT ARGO
 ANJOU AMOS MOTH
 MEANT GAS ESSIO

- PUZZLE BY AMANDA RAFKIN**
- 27 Perfect partner for life
 - 28 Part of a witch's Halloween mask
 - 29 Global financial org.
 - 31 End of an era?
 - 32 Target for a drug-sniffing dog
 - 35 Surrealist Salvador
 - 37 Frédéric who composed the "Revolutionary" Étude
 - 38 Like steak tartare
 - 42 Swahili "sir"
 - 44 This evening, in commercialese
 - 45 Warning on an airplane wing
 - 48 Comic Atkinson of "Bean" and "Mr. Bean's Holiday"
 - 50 Follower of face or fork
 - 51 "SportsCenter" network
 - 53 Something of little matter?
 - 54 Proctor's call
 - 55 Top-of-the-line etc.
 - 56 Red state?
 - 57 Director Anderson
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BYU and UVU unite to fight hunger in Utah Valley

By ALLISON MCARTHUR

BYU's Student Alumni Association (SAA) is rallying with Utah Valley University to fight hunger in Utah County and unite the community in their annual fundraiser, United Valley Against Hunger Food Drive.

Over the next month, SAA will be holding small events to raise awareness and encourage donations.

SAA vice president of philanthropy Nick Merrill said by reaching out to both campuses, the combined student bodies of more than 70,000 will be "united in a cause bigger than either university."

"It creates a sense of unity and this year more than ever, BYU and UVU need to work together to help the thousands of families struggling in our community," Merrill said. "Both student bodies in both Provo and Orem areas will help us spread awareness for the 347,370 people struggling with hunger in Utah — 113,190 of whom are children — and raise more monetary and food



BYU's Student Alumni Association is holding its annual food drive with UVU to fight hunger in Utah Valley. Scan this image with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

donations."

Zach Ashton, SAA vice president of outreach, worked as a day-of volunteer last year, dancing outside LaVell Edwards SSetadium dressed as a can of soup while encouraging people to donate. He noticed how excited kids got as they donated a dollar to help someone in need. Ashton said donating and volunteering allows students to develop empathy.

"We get so focused on ourselves and what we're doing that we kind of lose sight of what really matters. When

we work together to serve others, though, we are filled with happiness. We build connections with those whom we are serving as well as with those with whom we serve," Ashton said.

Students might see this event as an excuse to get rid of the old cans of beans in their cupboard. However, The Community Action Services Food Bank has provided a list of most desired items for students to donate, which includes non-perishable items such as macaroni and cheese, canned meats

(tuna, chicken, etc.), canned soups and chilis, ramen and canned fruits. If students are unable to donate food items, they are encouraged to donate cash.

Cash donations are directly sent to Community Action Services where they are able to stretch one dollar to buy up to 15 pounds of food, Ashton said. "One dollar can feed a whole family for a day. That is so cool. If I skip my midnight run to McDonald's, I literally feed five families for a day."

According to FeedingAmerica.org, the average meal cost in Utah is \$2.91. Small donations can go a long way.

Program director Caitlynn Boyer said it makes her proud to be a BYU student "to see how much students donate with their limited time and money."

Students can drop off their non perishable donations in barrels on campus from Nov. 6 until Friday, Dec. 4.

Ashton said BYU and UVU are "working together to help the hundreds of thousands of Utahns who don't have the same access to food that the rest of us do."

Police Beat

BYU

THEFT

Nov. 9 - A bicycle was reported stolen and the lock cut at a Helaman Halls bike rack.

Nov. 9 - An unattended laptop was reported stolen in the Joseph Smith Building.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Nov. 8 - Spray paint damage was reported on the Y Trail.

Nov. 9 - A cardboard cutout encouraging mask-wearing was reported damaged in the Ezra Taft Benson Building.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Nov. 11 - A chain link fence near the Leo B. Ellsworth Building was reported damaged.

Provo

THEFT

Nov. 7 - Property theft was reported near 900 West and 1400 North.

Nov. 8 - A bicycle was reported stolen from a parking garage near 1500 North on University Avenue.

Nov. 9 - An enclosed trailer was reported stolen from the

a church parking lot at 4506 Timpview Drive.

Nov. 9 - Prescription medications were reported stolen during an open house at a residence near 600 North on Riderwood Way.

Nov. 10 - A bicycle was reported stolen near 100 West and 880 North.

Nov. 11 - Property theft was reported near 3600 North on Canyon Road.

PROVO POLICE WARNING

Holiday package thefts tend to rise November-December. If you are not going to be home when a package is being delivered, consider other options such as having the package delivered to your workplace, having it dropped at the back door of your house instead of the front, or picked up by a neighbor.

Vehicle theft also rises at this time of year when car owners leave their vehicles running, unattended, to warm up.

As always, report anything suspicious to the Provo Police Department.

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