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This decade's greatest hits: The final Universe weekly



The Daily Universe's weekly print edition has covered everything BYU-related, from sports to missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some of the highlights include (from left to right): the missionary age change in the Oct. 9, 2012 edition, President Kevin J Worthen's inauguration in the Sept. 10, 2012 edition, a viral series of catfishing at BYU starting in the March 17, 2015 edition, coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic starting in the March 17, 2020 edition, and a historic football season pictured in the Oct. 20, 2020 edition.

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Before saying goodbye to the weekly newspaper, let's revisit some of the Universe's greatest hits since transitioning to a weekly paper in 2012.

Mission age change

During the October 2012 session of the General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, President Thomas S. Monson announced the age young adult members could serve a mission would be lowered to 18 for men and

19 for women. This announcement had huge implications for BYU and its students. In the subsequent years, The Daily Universe explored how this change impacted BYU admissions, dating and the mission field itself.

President Worthen's inauguration

BYU's current president, Kevin J Worthen, was inaugurated on Sept. 9, 2014. President Worthen has pushed to increase the amount of experiential learning on campus through his "inspiring learning" initiative. Under his leadership, the university has made changes to its Honor Code and Title IX

offices and weathered the pandemic.

Catching a catfish

On March 17, 2015, the Universe published a story about BYU women who were victims of catfishing. Shortly after publication, the story caught the eye of local news outlets and eventually made its way to Dr. Phil.

COVID-19 hits campus

The last year of the Universe's weekly publication has been full of stories on the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on campus. This coverage

started in the edition published March 17, 2020, shortly after the university announced the remainder of the semester would be conducted virtually. Now, more than a year later, the BYU community has still not fully returned to campus.

Football stars

Luckily for BYU fans everywhere, the pandemic did not slow down the BYU football team. The team ranked as high as No. 8 during the season, and now quarterback Zach Wilson is looking to make history as BYU's highest NFL draft pick at No. 2.

International students find new hope with Biden's immigrant-friendly policies

By DIEGO CALDERON

International students that were adversely affected by the pandemic and some decisions made by the Trump administration have found new hope of completing their education in the U.S. with President Joe Biden and his immigration-friendly policies.

After President Donald Trump's arrival at the White House, policies and laws he supported affecting international students were a constant threat.

A March 2020 study by the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors said "university and industry leaders acknowledge that anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies contribute to a chilling effect on international study in the United States" and that "international students and scholars feel less safe and less welcome in the United States than the previous year surveyed."

Nonetheless, on his first day in office, Biden signed the U.S. Citizenship Act, which provides more resources to promote integration and assistance to individuals seeking to become citizens.

When Trump was elected, a lot of immigration programs were in danger, such as the administrative program protecting young people brought to the United States unlawfully as children. Some students also worried about the Optional Practical Training — temporary employment directly related to an F-1 student visa in the student's major area of study.

The pandemic also affected international students in many ways, such as not being able to complete the required paperwork to maintain their legal status or apply to BYU.

Samuel Mera, a Mexican sophomore in the computer science program, came back from his mission in April 2020. He expected to be back at BYU that September, but because of the pandemic, Mexico closed its



Maria Flores (right), a student from Costa Rica, studies in the Harold B. Lee Library. She has struggled to find an on-campus job with enough hours to meet her financial needs.

embassy. It took Mera 6 1/2 months and two flights from Mexico City to the U.S. Embassy in Tijuana to complete the process.

Because he was not able to schedule an appointment at the Mexico City Embassy, he had to travel to Tijuana, a three-hour flight from his home.

"You necessarily need to go to do the process of fingerprints and photos. They may or may not call you for an interview with the consul. I previously had a student visa. I thought I did not need a second interview," Mera said. "But when I arrived back home, a week later they called me to go to the consular interview."

Mera was able to obtain his student visa and is attending BYU this semester.

For Mera, the U.S. Citizenship Act provides new opportunities since it improves the immigration border technology and helps students have more opportunities to obtain citizenship.

"This new bill shows the commitment that people with student visas in the U.S. can speed up the process to obtain a work visa after school so we

can have more opportunities," Mera said.

In May 2020, the Trump administration attempted to eliminate the OPT program, which helps international students obtain experience in their study fields after they have completed their degree.

Several organizations all across the U.S. requested that the OPT program remain intact so both businesses and international students can benefit from this employment opportunity.

Because of the petition from these businesses and other universities that appealed, the OPT program was not shut down.

Elena Molina, a senior from Honduras studying medical laboratory science, was planning to obtain experience at her internship, but her opportunity was reduced from six months in a lab to four months in a lab and one month in online classes.

Molina's clinical rotations were supposed to last six months, because of the pandemic it got reduced and she is losing experience. Still, Molina is looking at the bright side of this experience.

"My major was all about labs, then when we moved online it was weird. I felt like the labs were fake," Molina said. "On the bright side, I can finish my career early so I can obtain a job that pays well."

On July 6, 2020, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was prepared to deport all international students who were not able to take in-person classes on campus. ICE and the Department of Homeland Security lost a federal court case against the universities that supported international students' right to retain their access to a university education.

Gerardo Villar, an immigration paralegal at Weber Law, said many students were close to losing their status. Even before July 6, many students were not able to request files such as the F-1 student visa and the I-20, a file that keeps students with legal status in the U.S.

"Some students were not able to go back to their country, therefore they were not able to renew their student visa," Villar said. "Some international students were not able to renew their I-20, so the best option was to send them back to their country. But in some cases that was not possible, so I had to help them get reinstated."

The reinstatement is a required process when an international student loses his or her status as a student because of expired paperwork filed with the U.S. government. This procedure usually takes an average of eight months, according to Villar.

"Some students without their paperwork are in the limbo," Villar said.

Currently, some international students are not able to return to the U.S. Embassy in their home country because some embassies are still closed, are only assisting with humanitarian or medical affairs, or are very busy.

Elkin Romero, a civil engineering graduate student from Bolivia, said he was not able to go back home since the beginning of the pandemic. His student visa expired last September, and he is expecting to go to Bolivia soon.

"Luckily a student can maintain his legal status with his I-20. But since the Trump administration, getting a visa has become harder," Romero said. "When I got my first student visa in 2012, I only had one interview at the embassy. Now, when I renewed my visa in 2017, I had two interviews at the embassy."

On top of the legal and academic challenges, international students like Maria Flores, a physiology and developmental biology student from Costa Rica, have struggled to find jobs and more available hours to work on campus.

"Before my mission, finding a job was very easy. But since I got back, it has become harder," Flores said. "I have a new job, they pay very little and I have a few hours ... around 12 hours per week."

"The bill will make more ways for STEM degree students to work after graduation," Flores said. "I didn't like the idea of studying as much as possible so at the end of your career you apply for an OPT, but then the government tells you that you cannot. I know this bill will open new doors for us."

According to Villar, international students can only work on-campus legally. The risk of hours being reduced and the high demand placed on few jobs have added stress for some students with financial needs.

"Because of the pandemic effects, some international students had to find jobs outside campus. But when working outside campus, they are in danger to lose their visa," Villar said. "Some of them cannot go back to their country, otherwise they would not be able to come back."

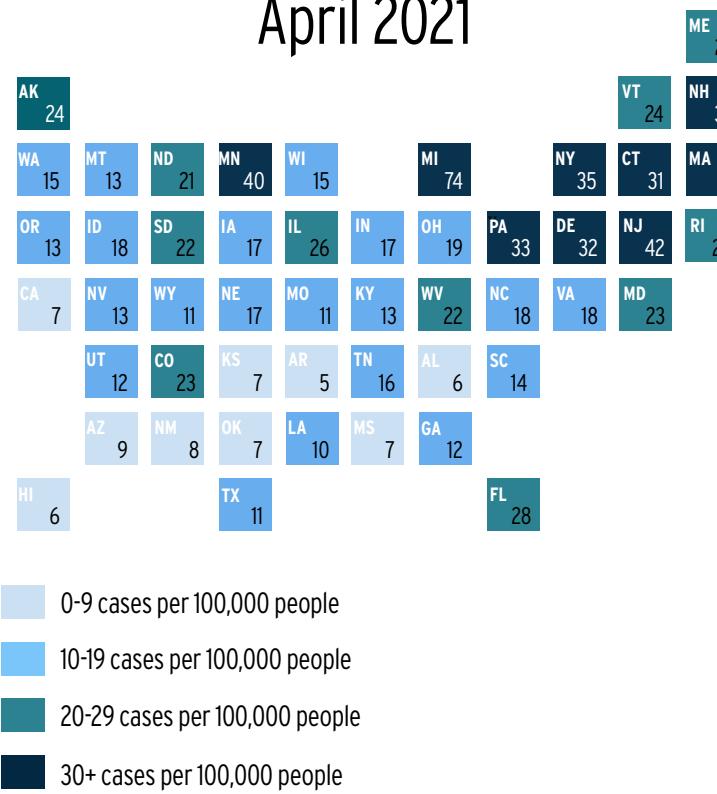
The U.S. Citizenship Act proposed by Biden will tackle many of the issues international students face, such as eliminating unnecessary hurdles to obtain an employment-based green card.

"Biden understands that people have civil rights, and he knows that people that come from outside the U.S. have civil rights as well," Flores said.

COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Virus cases per 100,000 in November 2020 and April 2021

April 2021



1-9 cases per 100,000 people
10-24 cases per 100,000 people
25+ cases per 100,000 people

November 2020



A comparison between November 2020 and April 2021 COVID-19 cases per state. Cases per 100,000 people in a 7-day rolling average in each state as reported based on aggregate counts of COVID-19 cases reported by state and territorial jurisdictions to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since January 21, 2020.

Utah lifts statewide mask order under new law

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Utah became the latest state to lift its mask mandate on April 10, the deadline set by a new state law, but the capital city and many businesses will continue requiring masks amid concern about communities still vulnerable to the coronavirus pandemic.

Utah joined at least 10 other states that have lifted statewide mask orders. In Utah, masks

will still be required for schools and gatherings of more than 50 people, and businesses can still choose to require them.

Salt Lake City International Airport, the Utah Transit Authority and the Hogle Zoo are among those that have said they will keep requiring masks and other safety measures during the coronavirus pandemic.

Utah counties can require masks in their jurisdictions. Only Grand County, a tourist destination home of national parks, has done so.

US colleges divided over requiring student vaccinations

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U.S. colleges hoping for a return to normalcy next fall are weighing how far they should go in urging students to get the COVID-19 vaccine, including whether they should — or legally can — require it.

Some colleges are leaving the decision to students, and others believe they can't legally require vaccinations.

The question looms large as

more colleges plan to shift back from remote to in-person instruction. Many schools have launched vaccination blitzes to get students immunized before they leave for the summer. At some schools, the added requirement is meant to build confidence that students and faculty will be safe on campus.

Legal scholars say the COVID-19 vaccines' emergency use status moves the issue to a legal gray area that's likely to be challenged in court and some colleges will be extra careful to avoid litigation.

Survey shows effect of outside of job loss on Utah women

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly 16% of Utah women have withdrawn in some way from the workplace during the coronavirus pandemic, new data shows.

Of Utah women surveyed by the project in January, 2.4% left the workforce completely and 2.8% took a leave of absence, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. Women commonly said they left jobs because their employer had to close or faced some type of

financial hardship (4.4 out of 10); or because they had to care to care for children, the elderly or people with disabilities (1.4 out of 10).

Some (0.6 out of 10) said they quit because they either caught COVID-19 or were afraid of catching or spreading the virus. Northern Utah had a higher percentage of such women, compared to other regions. And Davis County had a higher percentage of women who stopped working "because their employer was impacted or closed due to pandemic restrictions."

Greece pins hopes on mandatory home testing, opens schools

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High schools have reopened in Greece to students with the mandatory use of test kits for COVID-19 being rolled out across the country to help with mass screening for infections, with an eye to further reopening the economy and tourism.

Students from grades 10 to 12 were allowed to return to class April 12 — most for the first time in five months — if they provided

a negative test result using the kits being distributed at pharmacies. Some teachers chose to hold classes outdoors.

Students in other grades continued online classes.

Greece's center-right government is keen to start reopening the economy and its crucial tourism industry after lockdown measures were imposed in early November. But the rate of infections and death has remained high since early February, with mortality currently above the European Union average.

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Biden makes all adults eligible for a vaccine on April 19

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President Joe Biden said he's bumping up his deadline by two weeks for states to make all adults in the U.S. eligible for coronavirus vaccines. But even as he expressed optimism about the pace of vaccinations, he warned Americans that the nation is not yet out of the woods when it comes to the pandemic.

"Let me be deadly earnest with you: We aren't at the finish line. We still have a lot of work to do. We're still in a life and death race against this virus," Biden said April 6 in remarks at the White House.

The president warned that "new variants of the virus are spreading and they're moving quickly. Cases are going back up, hospitalizations are no longer declining." He added that "the pandemic remains dangerous," and encouraged Americans to continue to wash their hands, socially distance and wear masks.

Biden added that it will still take time for enough Americans to get vaccinated to slow the spread of the virus.

Outside the outbreak

From the Associated Press



Interior secretary steps into Utah public lands tug-of-war

For decades, a public lands tug-of-war has played out over a vast expanse of southern Utah where red rocks reveal petroglyphs and cliff dwellings and distinctive twin buttes bulge from a grassy valley.

A string of U.S. officials has heard from those who advocate for broadening national monuments to protect the area's many archaeological and cultural sites, considered sacred to surrounding tribes, and those who fiercely oppose what they see as federal overreach.

On April 8, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland was the latest cabinet official to visit Bears Ears National Monument — and the first Indigenous one.



Group to study more justices, term limits for Supreme Court

President Joe Biden has ordered a study on overhauling the Supreme Court, creating a bipartisan commission on April 9 that will spend the next six months examining the politically incendiary issues of expanding the court and instituting term limits for justices, among other issues.

In launching the review, Biden fulfilled a campaign promise made amid pressure from activists and Democrats to realign the Supreme Court after its composition tilted sharply to the right during President Donald Trump's term. Trump nominated three justices to the high court, including conservative Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who was confirmed to replace the late liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just days before last year's presidential election. That gave conservatives a 6-3 split with liberals on the court.



Vegas wants useless grass a thing of the past

A desert city built on a reputation for excess and indulgence wants to become a model for restraint and conservation with a first-in-the-nation policy banning grass that nobody walks on.

Las Vegas-area water officials have spent two decades trying to get people to replace thirsty greenery with desert plants, and now they're asking the Nevada Legislature to outlaw roughly 40% of the turf that's left.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority estimates there are almost 8 square miles (21 square kilometers) of "nonfunctional turf" in the metro area — grass that no one ever walks on or otherwise uses in street medians, housing developments and office parks.



Utah high school announces new mascot following backlash

A mostly white high school near Salt Lake City revealed its new mascot on April 9 that will replace its contentious Braves mascot, as school and professional sports teams nationwide face increasing backlash about using Native American names and symbols.

The Redhawks will become Bountiful High School's mascot starting next fall. Principal Aaron Hogge announced. The school is still designing its new official logo.

He said the red-tailed hawk is the most common hawk species in North America and "is one of the biggest birds of prey found in the mountains above Bountiful."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BYU COLLEGES

Crocker Fellowship offers students opportunities to create solutions

By INGRID SAGERS

The BYU Crocker Innovation Fellows program offers student teams funding and guidance to create business-oriented solutions.

The organization is more commonly referred to as the Crocker Fellowship program. Teams of six students are organized with members from mechanical engineering, industrial design, business, computer science and electrical engineering majors. One team member is also from any miscellaneous major on campus.

Industrial design professor Bryan Howell has worked as one of the mentoring faculty members in the program for five years. He said the Crocker Fellowship program is a sponsored year-long course that starts in January and ends in December. It is financed by Gary and Ann Crocker, entrepreneurs who ask these interdisciplinary teams to focus on innovation processes.

Howell said the multidisciplinary aspect of the organization is crucial because each student from their respective majors has a different skill set they add to the team's value and project.

"It's only in that overlap in the disciplines that contemporary, thoughtful and meaningful innovation occurs," he said. Faculty members expect the teams to find an opportunity to help people better their lives by creating a product.

One product is Skapa, a companion app designed to help parents and autistic children create better routines.

Chemical engineering major Jacob Buhler, mechanical engineering major Spencer Curtis and industrial design major Connor Lindsey created the Skapa app. Skapa gives parents and caretakers a hand-held tool to help autistic children sleep and complete tasks.

Lindsey said the Crocker Fellowship was instrumental in what the team could accomplish with Skapa. Professors from all across campus offered the team their experience and knowledge on how the app could be continuously improved.



BYU Photo/Nate Edwards

The Skapa team presented their routine-promotion app for autistic children at the 2021 Student Innovator of the Year Competition and received third place. *Read a Spanish translation of this story at unvr.se/spanish.*

Buhler said Skapa's purpose is "to help parents of autistic neurodiverse children track their routines and rewards." Buhler and the team saw a lack of simple, inexpensive options for helping autistic children solve problems and stick to daily routines.

Buhler had lots of experience at ScenicView Academy, a home for autistic young adults, from 2017 to 2020. These volunteer hours overlapped with his time in the Crocker Fellowship program, he said.

The Skapa app is based off his and the other students' desire to enhance the lives of autistic children who don't have easy access to expensive or distant schools like ScenicView, he said.

As a parent himself, Lindsey said he knows how hard bedtime can be with two non-autistic children. He hopes Skapa offers hope and peace to parents, caretakers, teachers and student aids whose aim is to help autistic children grow.

"I have loved finding an elegant solution to help these people in their daily lives and getting to work closely with them," Lindsey said about the test group's experience with Skapa.

He said they've gotten great feedback from all users about how Skapa really has made bedtime a much easier, calm task. Users can find Skapa being used in many local school districts. It is available on the iOS and Android app stores.

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Competition and received third place.

The biggest thing Lindsey has learned from his experience at the Crocker Fellowship program and by creating Skapa is that entrepreneurship is truly about helping people.

"Looking at it practically, we start businesses so people will pay for a problem to be solved. But really, it all comes down to service. It's about serving people that we care so much about," he said.

Howell's greatest joy is similar to Lindsey's, and an added blessing from working for the Crocker Fellowship has been the relationships he's developed with students and clients during the project.

Relationships with students in different majors have developed and lasted long after they graduate from the program, Howell said. He and the other faculty members in the program are all passionate about seeing new knowledge come to life.

"I will never get enough of seeing the process these students go through to create really useful and meaningful products that make the world a better place," he said.

Students who hope to apply for the program should go to the Crocker Fellowship website to find out more about the application process, Howell said. Future applicants should be highly skilled in their discipline and bring a high level of expertise to a team setting.

Howell said the mentors are looking for students who communicate well with others and have experience collaborating with people from other fields.

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SCHOOL

BYU's law school to celebrate its 50th anniversary



Leaders at the J. Reuben Clark Law School are preparing to celebrate the program's 50th anniversary. Highlights of the golden jubilee celebration in Fall 2023 will include recollections of impressions when the plan to build a law school was first announced, the international scope of the program and the innovation involved with the unique law school experience.

"Most law schools are committed to teaching legal analysis and the power of reason. We teach our students to combine intellect with faith in making decisions and analyzing situations," law school Dean D. Gordon Smith said. "We are motivated by the knowledge that every person we encounter is a child of God. Our role is to serve him or her in the best way we can."

The law school was announced in 1971 at a BYU Devotional and the first classes began in 1973.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

BYU recognized for top Ph.D. preparation



Brigham Young University was recognized by the National Science Foundation for preparing more future Ph.D. students in foreign languages and business management than any other American college. Data shared by the foundation also shows that BYU graduates have greater success earning doctorate degrees in chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, psychology, education research and other fields of study. Over the past 10 years, 241 BYU alumni completed a Ph.D. in business management and administration. This was 250% more than BYU's closest competitor, the University of Pennsylvania, whose alumni produced 95 Ph.D.s in the same time period. As for foreign languages, BYU is unusually bilingual. Around 65% of BYU students speak more than one language.

"The professors I had in the junior core and my work as a research assistant gave me

the confidence and encouragement I needed to pursue a Ph.D.," BYU accounting alumna Daphne Armstrong said. Armstrong began working toward her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina last year. "There was no better place than BYU to help me get where I am today."

Current University of Pennsylvania Ph.D. student Jared Miller said his BYU B.A. and M.A. degrees helped prepare him for his doctorate program's teaching and research expectations.

DAVID O. MCKAY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

School psychologist alumni receive awards



Melissa Heath

Four of the five people honored by the Utah Association of School Psychologists this year have ties to the David O. McKay School of Education. Three alumni and one faculty member were recognized as people "who have made an outstanding contribution to the goals and standards of our profession," the association said. The alumni recognized included Tami Gear ('04), Sterling Stauffer ('11) and Sydnee Dickson ('92). Faculty member Melissa Heath, who teaches special education and counseling psychology, was also recognized for her work.

Gear won the Lifetime Achievement Award for her work as a passionate advocate of the importance of school psychologists. Gear works for the Utah State Board of Education as a coordinator of student support. She also teaches at Salt Lake Community College. Stauffer received the title of School Psychologist of the Year for his 11 years of devotion to the job. He works for several schools in Washington County, Utah. Stauffer is described by his colleagues as "calm, professional, helpful, knowledgeable and overall amazing" and "a testament to the power of our profession."

Dickson won the Award for Outstanding Service to Children and Families. She has worked as a superintendent for the Utah State Board of Education for 10 years. Dickson was lauded for her commitment to students' mental health and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heath received the Distinguished Service Award for her many contributions to the Utah Association of School Psychologists. "She has devoted her life to supporting children, families and educators," Heath's award said. "Melissa's impact on the field of school psychology and the Utah Association of School Psychologists will be felt for a long time to come."

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News



First Black faculty member in 14 years to give devotional

Holly Cluff

A Black BYU faculty member will give a campus devotional for the first time in fourteen years on April 6.

Ryan Gabriel, a professor specializing in urban sociology, will give an address titled, "Healing

THE DAILY UNIVERSE

Businesses owned by women of color connect at monthly Utah markets

By KRISTINE KIM

Two Utah women are bringing the state's women of color entrepreneurs together through monthly small business markets.

Strength in Shades was founded by Kris Ayoso, a Latina owner of Kris Heals Wellness and Alicea Arnold, a Black New York native and owner of Defined Skin.

Ayoso said after being in Utah for several years, both she and Arnold felt that people haven't responded to certain conversations about diversity in the way they had hoped.

"We were longing for a place where we could feel like home and not feel judged for being our authentic selves," Ayoso said. "We got tired having to dim our light just to make others feel comfortable."

Strength in Shades was launched in January 2021. It hosts markets each month with businesses owned by women of color, creating a community of diversity and empowerment.

According to World Population Review, almost 14% of Utah's population are people of color. Ayoso said this lack of diversity, especially to women of color in business, can make it difficult to feel accepted.

"We really wanted to have a support group for women, for entrepreneurs and for women of color because it's really hard in Utah to find a community where people are uplifting and understanding of your culture," Ayoso said.

The most recent market was held on March 20, with another planned for April 17.

One of the vendors at the March market was Zaewild, a creative shop owned by Hawaii-born Utah local Angela Smith.

Smith is half Black and half Hawaiian. She was adopted by white parents and has lived most of her life in Utah.

Smith said she felt like the "odd one out" growing up in



Strength in Shades

Co-founders Alicea Arnold (left) and Kris Ayoso (right) pose for a picture at their latest market they held for Strength in Shades, a community hoping to empower women of color entrepreneurs.

Utah since she looked different from everyone else.

Smith started her business in July 2020 in hopes of using her creative products to help provide more representation of female entrepreneurs, diversity and mental health.

"When I first started my business, I would make stickers to raise money and help people, including those involved in the Black Lives Matter movement, the Stop Asian Hate movement, and those within the community struggling with mental health issues," she said.

Smith said her main objective isn't to make money from her business. "My main goal is to create for myself, but also to help create for other people too."

One of Smith's favorite parts of the market is being able to meet her customers face-to-face.

"I like connecting with my customers because my business is online," she said. "I think connecting with the people and seeing their reactions and to see that they like my art is the best thing."

The response to the markets has been overwhelmingly positive. With 22 women of

color-owned businesses and vendors at the last market in March, Ayoso and Arnold are now expecting 52 vendors at the upcoming April market.

BYU global supply chain management student Alec Cutler said attending the market in March was an amazing experience with a large turnout and happy environment.

"We need to have more active advocacy for women of color who own businesses," Cutler said. "The people who organized the market is called 'Strength in Shades,' but really, it was an example of strength in numbers."

Cutler said one way to amplify the voices and businesses run by women of color is by supporting them financially. "We should share about their products when we buy them, and let money do the talking," he said. "I can repost about certain businesses but if I don't go there and spend my money, I really haven't done anything that shows that I support the movement, the people or their businesses."

Information about the April 17 market can be found on the Strength in Shades Instagram page.



Associated Press

Biological fathers will now be required to pay 50% of out-of-pocket pregnancy costs in Utah.

Utah law places financial responsibility on biological fathers during pregnancy

By LINDSEY REESE

A new Utah law will require biological fathers to pay half of any out-of-pocket pregnancy costs.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Brady Brammer, R-Pleasant Grove, was meant to address some of the issues related to financial obligations during pregnancy, which Brammer said have fallen heavily on women in the past.

Financial responsibility will now fall equally on both parents. Fathers of an unborn child will now be required to pay 50% of the costs, provided that paternity is not disputed. If paternity is disputed, responsibility to pay the out-of-pocket costs will be held off until a paternity test can be administered.

Lawmakers hope this initiative will decrease the monetary burden of

pregnancy on women across the state. The bill received widespread support in the GOP-controlled Utah legislature, many of whom are pro-life.

"We want to help people and actually be pro-life in how we do it as opposed to anti-abortion," Brammer said. "One of the ways to help with that was to help the burden of pregnancy be decreased."

BYU family science professor Jocelyn Wikle expressed happiness that the state of Utah was working on solutions for expectant mothers.

"There is strong research evidence demonstrating that stress experienced during pregnancy has long-term implications for a mother and child," Wikle said. "Research also shows that unmarried mothers receiving financial help from fathers during pregnancy are more likely to seek prenatal care, which

has important implications for health and wellbeing of mothers and new babies."

The bill also addresses the scenario in which a biological mother receives an abortion without the consent of the biological father. If an abortion is carried out without the consent of the father, he will no longer have any financial obligations to the biological mother. This would not be the case in situations of a medical emergency.

Some pro-choice groups are skeptical about the bill. The Associated Press reports. Domestic abuse can escalate during pregnancy, and some fear that placing another financial stressor during this time may result in an increase in abuse cases at home.

Despite reservations from some pro-choice groups, the bill was still signed into law by Utah Gov. Spencer Cox last month and will go into effect on May 5.

A Menagerie of Fun



Out on racks now



Universe NFL Draft Guide

By EMILY STRONG & SYDNEY FLEMING

The 2021 NFL Draft begins on April 29, and BYU is at the forefront of the national conversation surrounding the selections. Six players were invited to the NFL Combine this year, tied for the second-most

in program history. The Cougars will almost certainly have multiple players drafted for the first time since 2009 and have a chance to tie the program record for most players drafted in one year with seven. At the top of the list is quarterback Zach Wilson, who is projected to be the highest pick in BYU history at No. 2, and the first in the Top 10 since Ziggy Ansah was taken No. 5 in 2013.

This BYU-centric NFL Draft Guide is built for the fan to provide

scouting reports, statistics and Pro Day numbers for every player looking to make a career at the next level. The draft guide will hopefully help in answering the draft's most pressing questions: Will Zach Wilson be a top-three draft pick or will he fall lower than expected? Does Matt Bushman stand a chance to be drafted after last season's injury? Who will be a sleeper pick?

Football season is around the corner, and it all starts here.



Zach Wilson QUARTERBACK

6'3" | 210 lbs. | 21 years old | Junior

Wilson is a 6-foot-3-inch, 210-pound natural athlete with the confidence and arm talent to create explosive plays inside and outside the pocket. The star quarterback's talent has been compared to Aaron Rodgers and Johnny Manziel, addressing Wilson's superior mobility and ability to extend plays. His slick ball-handling coupled with the tried and tested ability to challenge tight windows with conviction, and win, has made Wilson a precious commodity in the 2021 draft. Wilson has also shown the ability to make incredible throws with accuracy when working off-platform (think Patrick Mahomes) thanks to his in-game quickness and creativity. Though he carries the ball low, he can quickly adjust his arm angle to make quick throws that fly out of his hand with high velocity.

And to top it off, Wilson's exceptional 11:1 touchdown-to-interception ratio in 2020 also landed him in the favor of college football's top national analysts, with his giant leap in production and play making him one of the most sought-after quarterbacks in the 2021 draft.

Where he'll end up: No. 2 to the New York Jets

THE WHOLE PACKAGE

PINPOINT ACCURACY



Khyiris Tonga DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6'4" | 321 lbs. | 24 years old | Senior

One of Tonga's most obvious strengths is that he's big. His strength and size on the inside covers some serious space and closes gaps that other linemen couldn't. Tonga also uses his strength to gain momentum when pushing forward, creating many opportunities for stops and sometimes sacks. For a big man on the inside, Tonga shows strong capabilities to be an active tackler, something other players in his position haven't quite mastered. He makes his presence known on the inside when the ball is run his way, showing the ability to read the play and react quickly. While he is a scary presence on the inside, Tonga also has some skills to work on. One of Tonga's strengths is that he can mow down his opponents with his strength and resulting momentum, but the down-side is that Tonga is a straight-line rusher, meaning his only strength is going straight through players.

Where he'll end up: Sixth round

POWERFUL BULL RUSHER

COMMANDING STRENGTH



Brady Christensen OFFENSIVE LINE

6'6" | 300 lbs. | 23 years old | Junior

Brady Christensen is a 6-foot-6-inch, 300-pound beast who has the capability to match up with the biggest and baddest in the trenches. Christensen has been at the front of the Cougar offense since 2018, with the 2020 season being his true breakout year. He was given the biggest challenge: make big plays and keep future first round draft pick Zach Wilson out of danger. The star offensive lineman has also proved his worth through his durability, as he's only missed one start in the past three seasons he's played with BYU. This durability coupled with his high football IQ and work ethic makes Christensen a hidden gem in a draft muddled with big names.

Where he'll end up: Second or third round

COMMANDING STRENGTH

INTIMIDATING BLOCKER



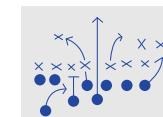
Dax Milne WIDE RECEIVER

6'1" | 190 lbs. | 21 years old | Junior

Dax Milne is a junior wide receiver from South Jordan, Utah, who is coming off an explosive season that moved him into the eyes of NFL scouts from across the league. Milne finished the 2020 season with just over 1,100 receiving yards and made a name for himself as Zach Wilson's go-to target. This high number made him fourth in the country for most receiving yards this season, following closely behind players from Power-Five programs like Alabama. Milne has reached perfection in his technique and footwork in the slot, but that is not the only place where he is a threat. Milne was in the top five receivers in the nation for the number of receiving yards downfield and was BYU's biggest and most reliable playmaker of the season at the receiver position.

Where he'll end up: Sixth round

TIGHT ROUTE RUNNING



SEPARATION SPEED



Chris Wilcox CORNERSHOP

6'2" | 195 lbs. | 23 years old | Senior

Wilcox is a lockdown corner threat whose speed allows him to match up with any receiver on the field. At BYU's 2021 Pro Day Wilcox ran an impressive 4.31 in the 40-yard dash showing his speed off the line. Wilcox started at BYU as a safety and eventually moved to the corner position where he views himself as a "physical press corner that can play man coverage," Wilcox said in an interview with NFL Draft Diamonds. During his career at BYU, Wilcox had a total of 84 tackles and broke up eight passes on the field. Wilcox put up impressive numbers in all categories of Pro Day in front of recruiters and general managers from teams all across the league, but scouts looking at him should look toward his athleticism, speed and precise coverage ability to make him a threat to even the best wide receivers.

Where he'll end up: Sixth or seventh round

EXPLOSIVE SPEED



Matt Bushman TIGHT END

6'5" | 240 lbs. | 25 years old | Senior

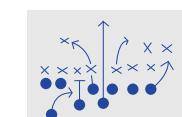
Matt Bushman is a tight end that did not play in the 2020 season due to injury. Bushman was predicted to declare for the 2020 NFL draft but decided to finish out his career at BYU before pursuing a goal of playing at the next level. However, before playing a single game in 2020, Bushman suffered a season-ending Achilles injury. Since the injury, Bushman has been preparing for the 2021 draft, but there are many question marks due to the fact he has not played in the contest since 2019. During his time at BYU, Bushman was known for his strong catching ability and his versatility and consistency on the field. The biggest concern for Bushman is his blocking ability and his ability to compete after the injury, especially entering the draft as a relatively older prospect at 25.

Where he'll end up: Sixth or seventh round

STRONG HANDS

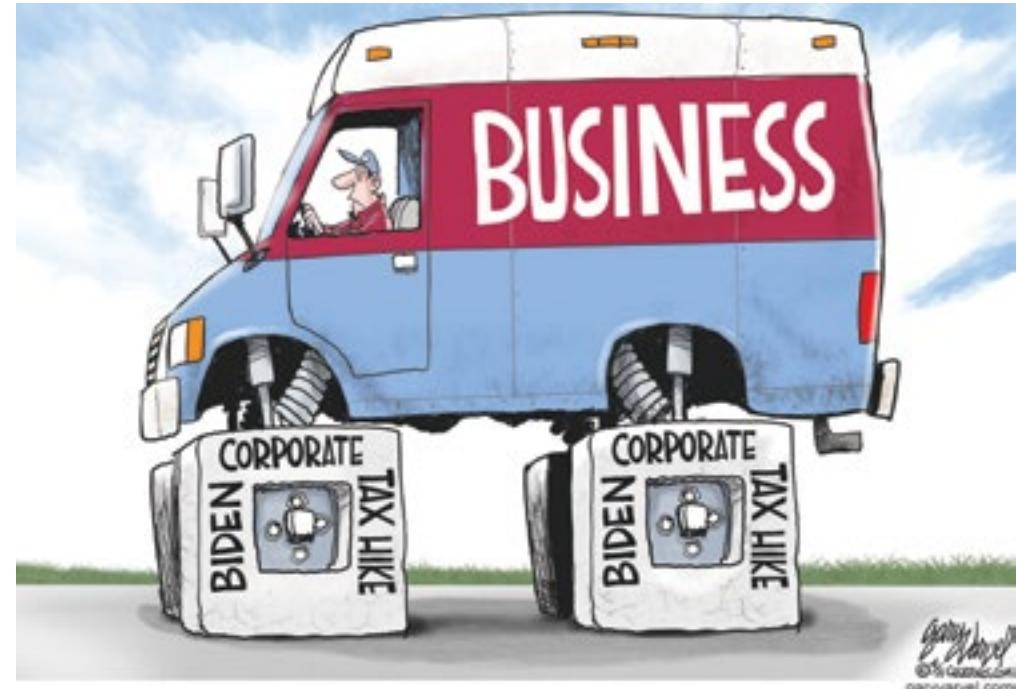


TIGHT ROUTE RUNNING





"What'll it be today - the story about Joe Biden stealing the election or the one about the microchip in the vaccine?"



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.

What kind of content would you like to see in The Daily Universe online and monthly publication?

Student highlights from the colleges on campus!
@KKATHERINE.F

Please don't lose the tweet beat and police beat, those are my favorites!!!!
@MARI.CANDLAND

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A paper it is informative and helps keep people in the know
@GSLECHO

Crossword puzzles! I might die without my weekly puzzles.
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STAFF OPINION

The importance of campus news

I always looked forward to writing for The Daily Universe. Though daunting, the opportunity to share stories and meet deadlines would prepare me for a future career in a field I care so much about. COMMS 321 is the "hard" class of the print journalism sequence. It's definitely no walk in the park. Students write two stories a week and are responsible for coordinating art, setting up interviews, tracking down sources and even creating in-depth pieces.

The first day of COMMS 321 scared me a bit. It was pretty much a "Ready! Set! Go!" situation. This all seemed like a lot to take on and yet I was excited about the challenge. I always felt stuck in my head and shy in social situations, but in the role of a reporter, none of that mattered. My first real phone interview was unfamiliar territory but so empowering.

A campus newsroom is a unique environment; students develop their reporting, editing and collaboration skills in creating the product. The newsroom demands professionalism, but also provides a safe space to learn and grow. Everyone has someone they can turn to for help or advice.

Campus news not only facilitates growth in reporters; it also gives a voice to the community. Both issues and triumphs are covered fairly, even if controversy doesn't make the school look great.

The Daily Universe has tackled some challenging topics throughout the years. One example

is the Honor Code confusion in 2020. Campus reporters provided an outlet at a time when the community felt in the dark. One year later, students clashed over "Rainbow Day" celebrations. Reporters were there to hear from both sides.

We have also done extensive reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic and everything that has come from it including research, vaccines, non-compliant parties, controversy over case reporting and more. Beyond that, we try to highlight different individuals and groups all over campus and in the community and want everyone to have a voice.

A campus publication is unique because it brings together a niche group of students, faculty and alumni who all share one thing in common — a tie to the university.

Anyone who writes for The Daily Universe comes away from the experience with an online portfolio of published stories people can interact with. As a reporter, there is something so special about writing a story and knowing people are going to read it and care about it.

Thank you to everyone who makes this campus news experience possible: the readers, the university, the staff and everyone who has been willing to share their wisdom and stories with reporters. I hope campus journalism continues to flourish, providing a voice to the community while preparing students to succeed.

—Emma Gadeski
Campus Editor

Tweet Beat

A compilation of tweets that relate to college students, Provo and the BYU campus.
Submit tweets to universe.ideas@gmail.com or [@UniverseBYU](https://twitter.com/UniverseBYU)

@SpencerQuain
Can we make "The Great Utah Bakeoff" a thing? Cause imagine how petty and passive aggressive that would be. Just world class entertainment

@haisleybloom

just perfected my cold weather wardrobe, and now you're telling me I need a hot weather wardrobe ?

@bekah_bb8

have I taught a fair amount of lessons on the proper use of literally? yes do I still use it incorrectly? also yes

@perfectsweeties

when u ask someone "how are you" and they respond with "im well" instead of "good" it's like ok mr. harvard. bet u just loooove school. loser

@ZaneBearden

Me: Im so over college
Also me: a masters degree sure would look nice on my wall.....

@spelledeneenote

Nothing makes me more sick than Mac and cheese but like it tastes SO GOOD

@gantisdant

longing for affection while looking at my buy homework – call that Yearning Suite

@voldemorgoret

I need another stimmy, my ADHD impulse buying is getting out of hand

Tweets are unedited.

OPINION OUTPOST

Social security

... President Biden is setting his sights on the next phase of his agenda: infrastructure and taxes. The two go hand in hand; Biden laid out a tax plan in order to fund massive public investments in housing, roads, trains, and more. And though the infrastructure bill is focusing on corporate tax hikes, individual tax increases will probably be unveiled later this month and will include funding for social programs. But there's a glaring omission in the White House's announcement and what has so far been detailed in media reports: raising revenue for Social Security.

— Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Home prices

Housing prices are climbing across the country, and the cause is more than soaring demand. One overlooked culprit is a lumber shortage made worse by a U.S. tariff on imports from Canada. The U.S. and Canada had a softwood lumber agreement to manage prices with quotas from 2006-2015. When it expired, U.S. lumber producers filed antidumping and countervailing duty complaints. They claim Canada unfairly subsidizes and dumps lumber in the U.S., though in cases Canada has taken to the World Trade Organization the U.S. has rarely won.

— Editorial Board
The Boston Globe

Salt Lake's mask mandate

Salt Lake Mayor Erin Mendenhall is right to be worried about the health of people in her city ... She has issued an order to continue a mask

mandate in the city.

What Utah needs right now is cooperation between state and local leaders to ensure the true endgame for this pandemic plays out quickly and successfully. Utahns historically have valued the importance of decisions made by

governments closest to the people. As mayor, Mendenhall is accountable to city residents, and that includes those in vulnerable areas who have not been vaccinated at the same rate as others in the state.

— Editorial Board
Deseret News

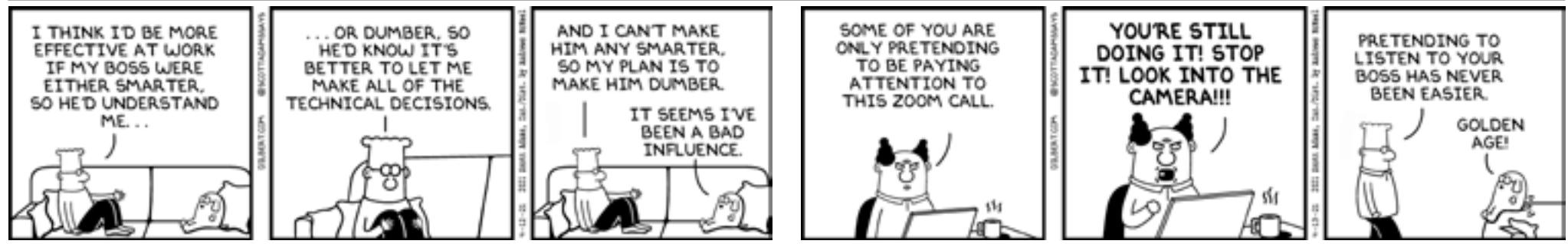
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

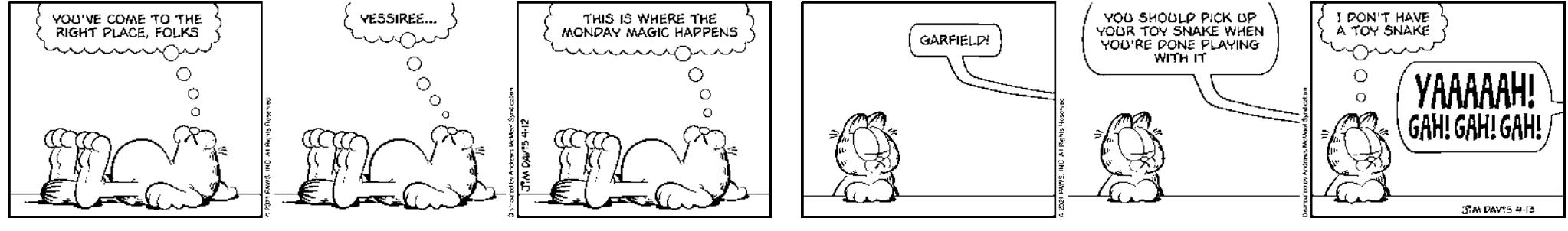
- All letters should be submitted by email to universe.ideas@gmail.com. The topic of the letter should be included in the subject line.
- Letters should also include the author's name, hometown (for students), campus position (for faculty and staff) and phone number. Anonymous letters will not be published.
- Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.

Opinion editor Kenzie Holbrook can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

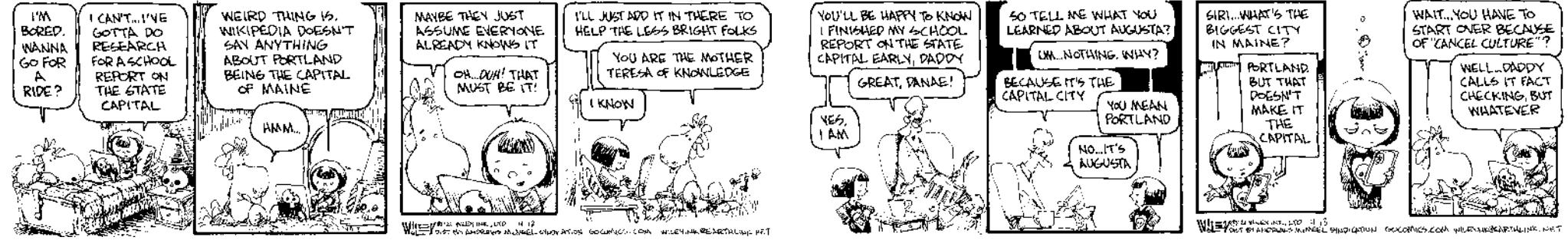
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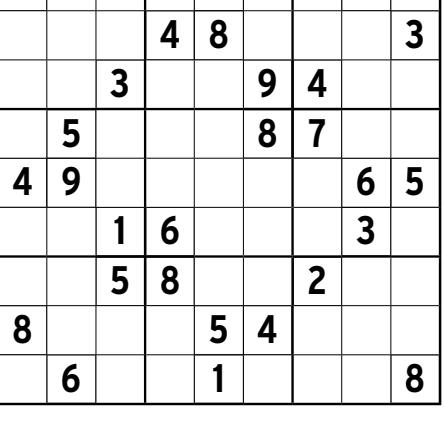
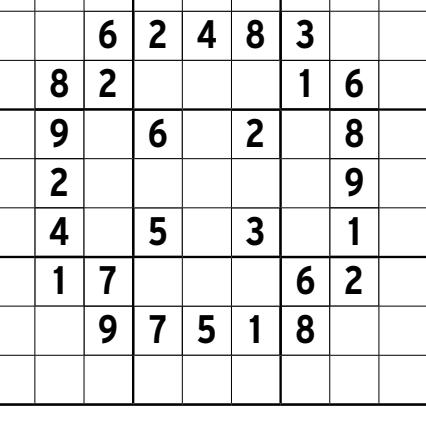
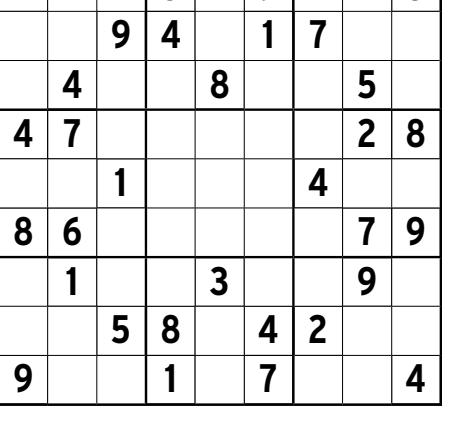
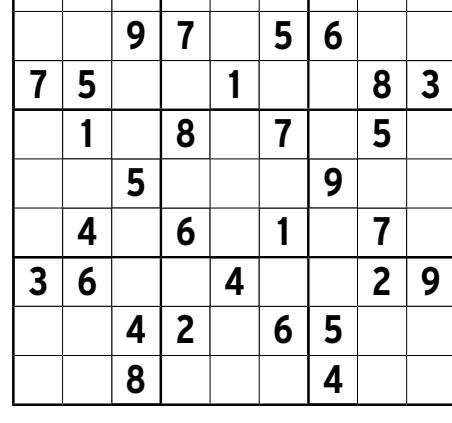


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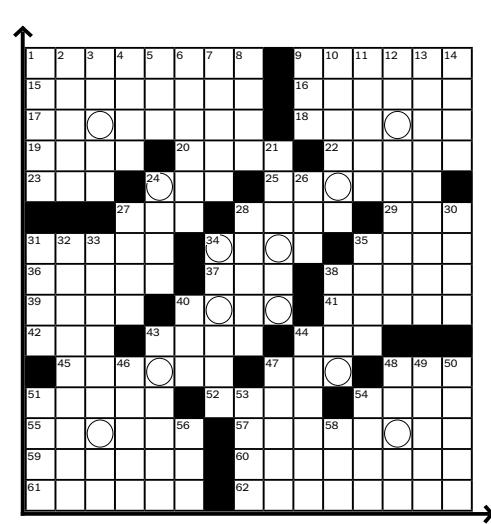
Sudoku

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



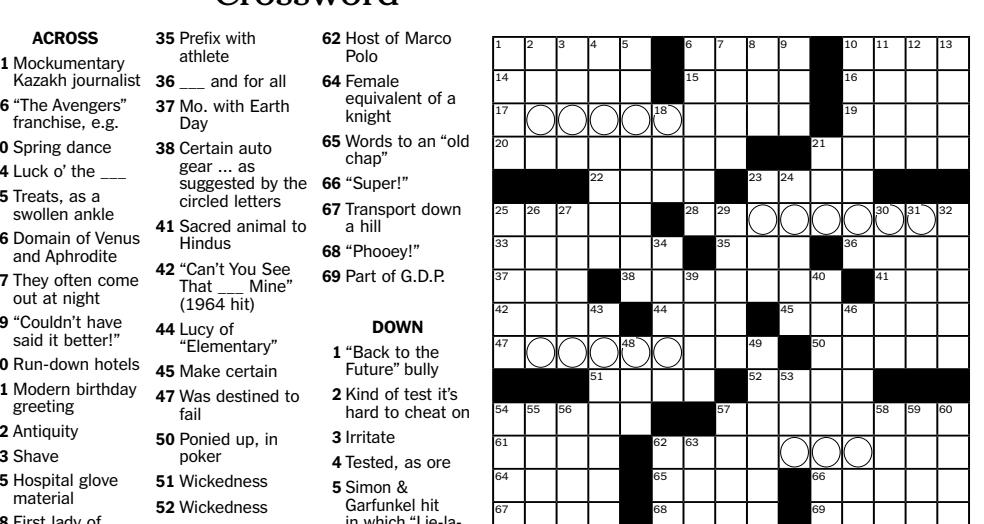
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BYU women's lacrosse finds new keeper of the frame



Austin Rustand

BYU takes on Utah State in a game at North University Field on March 27. First-year keeper Emma Smith is standing in the goal for the Cougars.

By AUSTIN RUSTAND

Emma Smith never imagined that as a first-year BYU lacrosse player she would hold the fate of each game in her hands. She had previously declined to play the position of keeper in high school but was now tasked with protecting the 6-by-6 frame that determines wins and losses, something she never would have chosen for herself.

For Smith, lacrosse is a family affair. Her brother and cousins played lacrosse growing up and introduced her to the sport and she immediately fell in love with it. She started playing competitively in eighth grade and loved how lacrosse taught her principles of hard work, dedication and trust in her team.

Smith started in soccer and mostly played defense, which she said translated well when she began playing lacrosse on her high school team at Copper Hills in West Jordan, Utah.

She and the Grizzlies went to the state playoffs every year she was there and played for the state championship her sophomore year.

Despite her successful high school career, Smith decided to forego playing lacrosse for BYU her freshman year. But after serving a mission in Tallahassee, Florida, Smith returned to BYU with a determination to return to the sport.

"I didn't play my freshman year, but I regretted it," Smith said. "When I got back I decided that I wanted to come back (to lacrosse). I wanted to play and I knew they had a really good team. So I just trained to be able to keep up and get better so I could try out in the fall."

Part of that training was playing in a summer seven-on-seven league with BYU head coach Nikki Dabrowski, where Smith gained valuable experience and a new opportunity. She was talking with Dabrowski after one of their summer games and the coach mentioned a shortage of goalies on the team and that she would need someone to step up. Smith decided that this

might be her opportunity.

"I really wanted to be on the team," Smith said. "And I thought to myself, am I willing to make that sacrifice? I know it's going to be difficult and it's probably going to hurt, but I decided I would give it a shot, so I just asked Nikki, 'I know I have zero experience, but would you take me?'"

Coach Dabrowski jumped at the opportunity and gave Smith a shot.

"When I realized we didn't have a goalie, I remembered Emma saying that her brother played goalie and that she might be willing to give it a shot, so I came to her and said, 'I need a goalie, would you be interested?'" Dabrowski said. "It amazed me how willing she was to take on that challenge. She wasn't worried that her playing time as a defender would be impacted and just said 'if you need a goalie, I'll play goalie.'"

After tryouts, Smith studied the position, trained with a goalie coach, and looked to her brother for advice as she worked to master her new position. Smith's first game in goal came against a very good Westminster team and she was naturally very nervous.

"Going into that game I told myself, 'I'm going to do my best and that is all I can do,'" Smith said. "A couple of things stood out from that first game. First, the game just comes at you so fast. Also, as much as I love it, standing in the frame is terrifying, but I think that's what makes it exciting. And when you stop a shot it is the most exhilarating feeling."

Smith said she has learned a lot since taking over as the keeper for the Cougars and she is eager to keep improving by applying what she has learned in upcoming games against the likes of Utah State, Utah Valley and Weber State.

Coach Dabrowski, despite the uncertainty of the COVID-19-impacted season, is looking forward to competing this year and has high praises for her first-time keeper.

"I just can't speak enough to her personality and how awesome she has been about the whole thing," Dabrowski said. "She is like this in a lot of areas in her life where she has

Police Beat

BYU

FIREWORKS

April 4 - A group was reported for setting off fireworks in the Y Trailhead parking lot. An officer responded to the scene but was unable to locate the group.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

April 5 - Stickers supporting white supremacy were reportedly discovered on a handrail and a light pole north of the Smith Fieldhouse.

SUSPICIOUS

April 8 - A man taking photos at the southwest corner of campus was reported for suspicious activity. Officers responded but were unable to locate the man.

PROVO

THEFT

April 3 - Property theft was reported at a government building near 100 South and 300 West.

April 4 - Property theft was reported near 600 North and

1150 West.

April 5 - Property theft was reported near 100 West on Center Street.

April 5 - Property theft was reported at a residence near 1400 North on Jordan Avenue.

April 5 - Property theft was reported near 2700 North on University Avenue.

April 6 - Property theft was reported near 1200 North on Terrace Drive.

April 7 - Property theft was reported near 2700 North on Edgewood Drive.

April 7 - Property theft was reported at a residence near 1100 North on Reese Drive.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

April 8 - An automobile was reported stolen from a parking garage near 800 South on Freedom Boulevard.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

April 6 - An object rape was reported near 1000 North and 500 West.

New website delivers resources on healthy sexuality in gospel context

By HOLLY CLUFF

The BYU School of Family Life has created a website to increase healthy sexuality among members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Marriage and family therapy professor Anthony Hughes and his students created Covenant Intimacy Conversations to provide resources for those seeking to educate themselves or others on healthy sexuality within a gospel framework. It contains articles to help inform people of all ages, from children to re-marrying adults.

"This is really important because there's so much that's encompassed in healthy sexuality that people don't understand, and it plays such a role in children trusting their parents and trusting themselves as they get older," said family life senior Maddie Olson, who helped create the website.

Hughes said it began as an effort to provide educational material for parents looking to teach their kids about sexuality. But as they conversed with people and developed it further, he and his students realized they would have to help parents address their own issues surrounding sexuality first.

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Hughes said they also got special permission to use resources on healthy sexuality from the Church website so

people could find them more easily.

"Our religion and our gospel is very, very sex-positive," Hughes said. "There are actually a number of quotes from current and past apostles on healthy sexuality."

The website benefits adolescents and young single adults as well. Gifford wrote an article called "Rethinking Modesty," which she said could lessen judgment within the Church.

Other articles cover topics such as protecting children from pornography, balancing boundaries with teenagers, and finding sexual fulfillment in marriage.

The group also has Instagram and Facebook pages that connect people with the website and information.

"The website is beneficial for all people regardless of political stances or how loose or lenient or conservative you want to be in your own sexual life," Gifford said. "I just think it's really good information that anyone can be blessed by."

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