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Controversial Halloween Decorations (Aired 10/4/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – Halloween decorations in Holladay have some upset. The owner of the home says it's just a decoration, it's just fun, and he's not taking it down. The yard features a mannequin with their arms bound behind his back, hanging from a tree. Neighbors are disturbed. Some from Black Lives Matter says you can't deny the image invokes a tragic time in American History when black men in the wake of the Civil War, were lynched by the hundreds. The city is asking him to take it down. The homeowner is saying no way. The viewer learns about the controversial neighborhood decoration, what the city is saying about it, and where the homeowner stands on taking it down. NOTE: after the story aired, the homeowner contacted KUTV and said he changed his mind and took the decoration down.

DACA Deadline (Aired 10/05/2017 @ 9pm, 3:00 minutes) – Tonight is the deadline for over undocumented immigrants known as "dreamers" to reapply for a permits that protect them from deportation. Under President Trump's new rules, about 118,000 dreamers filed for renewal of their DACA permits so far, but many more are left out. One University of Utah students is living in fear because he is unable to apeal for the renewal. This story explains what it is like to live a life of uncertainty, lets viewers know what Utah lawmakers are doing to try and fix the immigration problems and show people what local "dreamers" are doing to try and get new legislation passed.

Elder Hales funeral (Aired 10/6/2017 @ 9pm for 1 minute, 30 seconds) - Thousands of Latter-day Saints said good-bye to one of their top church leaders – Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Hales, who was 85-years-old, passed away on Sunday Afternoon just minutes after the morning session of the LDS Church's General Conference. The funeral services took place in the Tabernacle on Temple Square on Friday morning.

Indigenous Peoples Day (Aired 10/09/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – Across the country there have been a handful reports of vandalism to Christopher Columbus statues on this Columbus Day. This comes at a time when Salt Lake City has joined about 30 American cities that are honoring Native Americans on the federal holiday. The Salt Lake City Council voted to recognize Columbus Day as



Indigenous Peoples Day, a move considered a win by local Native Americans. But a group of Italian Americans was not happy about the new designation. This story gives our viewers a look at why the two different cultures have differing views on the new name and explains how each side would like to see Columbus Day celebrated in the future.

Detective Payne Fired (Aired 10/10/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – The officer at the center of a controversial nurse arrest, has been fired from the Salt Lake City Police Department. Police Chief Mike Brown fired Detective Jeff Payne. The second officer involved, Lt. James Tracy, was also demoted. The decision came after a formal review of the incident. The viewer gets an update on a high-profile case that captured the attention of the country.

Harmon Family Speaks (Aired 10/10/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – A family is still seeking answers for Patrick Harmon's death by officers in Salt Lake City. After the death was ruled justified. The family is happy to learn the FBI will be reviewing the findings. The family says they're happy to learn the FBI is reviewing the findings. The family says how could a man who appeared to be turning away from police be considered a threat and killed? Police and the DA say he had a knife and that posed a threat. The viewer hears an update on the controversial officer-involved shooting that evolved into an officer-involved shooting in Salt Lake City.

Girls in Boy scouts (aired 10/11/17 @ 9pm, 35 seconds) - A big change for Boy Scouts of America. Next Year, girls will be allowed to join the Cub Scouts. The Boy Scouts will also start a new program for older girls using the same curriculum as the boy scouts, where they could eventually become Eagle Scouts. That program will not start until 2019. The Boy Scout Board of Directors say change was needed to provide more options for parents. This story informs viewers that their daughters can now join a group previously only intended for boys. They can start looking into it if their children want to join.

#MeToo (Aired 10/18/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – A trending campaign, called "Me Too", that highlights sexual assault and harassment, is having an effect here in Utah. The Utah Coalition against sexual assault says it's seen a spike in calls and engagement from sexual assault survivors seeking resources. The group has also heard from businesses wanting to do more to prevent sexual violence. The viewer learns how the national campaign is influenced Utah directly.



Sandy Councilmen Controversy (Aired 10/24/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – Sandy City’s mayor is sharing some strong words about controversial comments made by a city council member that some are calling racist. Councilman Steve Smith made the comments on a Facebook post in 2013 while debating the Trayvon Martin case. Hundreds have spoken out about the comment that focuses on African American people. Many are calling them blunt, unforgiving and blatantly racist. This story explains that one local organization has launched a petition demanding the councilmen apologies for his words and give the city’s Mayor a chance to weigh-in on the controversy.

Roy Garage Display (Aired 10/12/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – Halloween displays are popping up around Utah but one in Ogden is sparking outrage in one Ogden neighborhood. One homeowner put a message on his door that reads, “Make America great again, purge and purify.” Some neighbors say the message is racially motivated put up by a President Trump supporter. This story gives both sides a chance to explain their feelings about the message and lets our viewers know what the neighbors are doing to try and get the message removed.

Deportation Rally (Aired 10/16/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – One community is coming together to voice their support for a mother of four who is facing possible deportation. The group gathered outside the immigration court to protest not only the mother’s deportation order but the deportation order for a number of Utahns. One of those involved in the protest included a local teacher, who says several of her students expressed concerns that their family members will be deported. This story shows our viewers why this orders are being issued now and the impact they are having on our local communities.

Weber Co. Video Follow (Aired 10/17/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – Family members say they are seeing unexpected fallout at Weber High school from a video that shows a group of girl chanting racial slurs. The girls have been getting threats and they aren’t the only ones. The African American student who reposted it and said it wasn’t right is also getting backlash. Our story gives the girls’ family an opportunity to explain why they believe the video is being blown out of proportion. The story also gives the family of the student who posted the video a chance to explain why he decided to put it online and shows the kind of threats he is getting now that the video has gone viral.



Evangelical Plan (Aired 11/9/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – A large number of Salt Lake Valley religious leaders are taking a stand against the recent acts of violence across the country. Pastors have joined together to offer prayers of support, speaking out against recent tragedies, and to say each one of them are willing to stand up to protect their members even if it means taking a bullet. The pastors plan to get active shooter training. Nine of the 17 leaders say they already have a security team in place.

Hate Crimes in Utah (Aired 11/13/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – The FBI says there were 66 hate crimes in Utah in 2016. That jump's starting the conversation about Utah hate crime laws. The FBI tracks voluntary reports from law enforcement about crimes that are targeted towards victims because of their traits such as race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. The Utah chapter of NAACP says the state law needs to be strengthened for offenders who are bias-motivated. Some state lawmakers say there will likely be a new hate crimes bill during the next legislative session. The viewer the latest on hate crimes data in Utah, and what people are doing to change the laws against them in the state of Utah.

Russian BYU Speech (Aired 11/13/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – A Russian journalist spoke about Russian, Putin, politics and corruption to an unlikely audience in Utah County. Mesha Gessen took the stage at Brigham Young University and along with President Trump and Putin, she addressed LGBTQ issues. It was a voice many students did not expect to hear on the ultra-conservative campus but they say the speech left them with a lot to think about. This story lets our viewers know the messages that were included in the speech and explains how students felt about having such a different perspective represented on campus.

Baking Behind Bars (aired 11/30 @9pm, 40 seconds)- Women at the Timpanogos Women's facility created gingerbread masterpieces to help raise money for primary children's hospital. The inmates said this was an opportunity for them to think about other people besides just themselves. The gingerbread houses were displayed at the festival of trees fundraiser. They made one honoring veterans and one representing scenes from Disney. For the past 15 years, women behind bars have volunteered to make these gingerbread houses. This story shows viewers that people from all different backgrounds are willing to give back and help people in need.



LDS Temple Threatened (aired 12/1/17 @9pm, 1:30 minutes)- A disturbing image targets an LDS temple in San Diego. A picture of a burning temple with bloody words, “coming soon,” was released by a pro-ISIS media group. The image threatened an attack on the church’s San Diego temple. The FBI said there is no credible threat and the church is not commenting on the image. A counter-terrorism expert says this piece of ISIS propaganda should not be ignored because this is how ISIS works to recruit followers. This story informs viewers of a potential threat against the LDS church. This is the first time the church has been directly targeted and increases awareness on the influence ISIS is trying to gain here in America.

Doomsday Expert (Aired 12/04/2017 @ 9pm, 2:30 minutes) – The suspect in today’s Amber Alert is a part of a religious group known as “Knights of the Crystal Blade.” Experts at the University of Utah say while dooms-day groups like this aren’t normally a danger to society as a whole, they can be to members of the group especially children. The professor says these dooms-day preppers like to stay to themselves and are not interested in what would call mainstream society. This story educates our viewers on a group of people they may not have heard about before and explains when these kinds of groups can take a dangerous turn.

LDS Back in Puerto Rico (aired 12/8/17 @ 9pm, 25 seconds)- The LDS Church is sending missionaries back to Puerto Rico and surrounding islands. The missionaries were pulled following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. They were reassigned to other areas during that time period. Fourteen young elders will return to Puerto Rico. Two senior couples will also return to St. Croix and St. Thomas. Decisions about the return of additional missionaries will be made at a later date. This story informs viewers of the most recent developments for missionaries who were stationed in tropical areas during the devastating hurricanes.

Presents for Refugees (aired 12/8/17 @ 9pm, 35 seconds) – Students from the University of Utah helped children in need by wrapping presents for refugees. Volunteers wrapped Christmas presents for children who just arrived in the country. The gifts were donated by the community to the Catholic Community Services of Utah. Some volunteers say it is important for them to give back because they grew up in lower income families. This story shows viewers how young people are helping those less fortunate than them this holiday season.