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PRESS BIOS

Emma Pitts
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Attending in person

Emma Pitts is a Utah and politics writer at Deseret News, where she has worked for almost two years. Her stories focus on housing affordability, Gen Z, Trump's legal issues and various other topics.

Emma attended BYU-Hawaii, where she studied broadcasting news and journalism. According to her LinkedIn bio, she is currently a junior at UVU studying English and literary and editing studies.

Deseret News is a The Deseret News was founded in 1850 at the edge of the American frontier by pioneers committed to "Liberty & Truth."

More than a century and a half later, the Deseret News is the longest-running news organization in Utah and the state's oldest continuously operating business. In addition to its award-winning website and mobile app, the Deseret News publishes a weekly edition (delivered by mail), Deseret Magazine, and the Church News. The Deseret News is a subsidiary of the Deseret Management Corporation, which is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Recent Coverage:

- Adjusting to new technology could redefine labor roles in construction (Oct. 25)
- What were the most surprising insights from Kamala Harris' town hall? (Oct. 24)
- Study explores impact of short-term rentals on Utah's housing market (Oct. 23)
- Airport redesign offers a faster, stress-reducing experience for passengers (Oct. 22)

Curtis Booker
Daily Herald
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Attending in person

Curtis Booker is a reporter for the Utah County Daily Herald and a content creator for radio and digital platforms. Prior to the Daily Herald, he was a Utah County/Central Utah bureau reporter for KUER, NPR's Utah affiliate. Before that he worked for almost four years for the Nexstar Media Group.

Curtis attended Maycomb Community College in Michigan and Lawrence Technology University, also in Michigan.

The Daily Herald is a daily newspaper that covers news and community events in Utah County. It is owned by Ogden Newspapers and has a daily circulation of 32,000.

Recent Coverage:

- Utah man uncovers $5,000 treasure in hunt organized by Pleasant Grove video game company (Oct. 26)
- Provo celebrates reopening of Rock Canyon Trailhead, highlights improvements and accessibility upgrades (Oct. 25)
- Orem schools hosting clothing drive, community swap events to assist families in need ahead of winter (Oct. 25)
- Preliminary report details the moments leading up to a fatal plane crash on Utah Lake (Oct. 24)

Jonathan Greig
The Record
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Livestream (tentative)

Jonathan Greig is a cybersecurity reporter and editor for The Record: Recorded Future News. He focuses on the cyber threat landscape and the impact of bad actors.

Previously, he wrote for ZDNET and TechRepublic. He is based in New York.

The Record from Recorded Future News, launched in August 2020, has quickly become one of the leading cybersecurity news publications, read by hundreds of thousands of people each month. The Record gives readers exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to leaders, policymakers, researchers, and the people in the shadows of the cyber underground—breaking news and interviewing those that matter in the fast-changing field of cybersecurity.

Recent Coverage

- FBI, CISA investigating China-linked telecom hacks following reports of intrusions on Trump, Harris phones (Oct. 25)
- Kremlin-linked hackers target Ukraine's state, military agencies in new espionage campaign (Oct. 25)
- RansomHub gang allegedly behind attack on Mexican airport operator (Oct. 25)
- Senator questions internet domain companies over Russian disinformation charges (Oct. 24)

Sam Sabin
Reporter, Axios
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Livestream (tentative)

Sam Sabin is a cybersecurity reporter at Axios and author of the twice-weekly Codebook newsletter.

As the newsroom's sole cyber reporter, Sam reports on all cybersecurity issues that matter to a general audience. Artificial intelligence, nation-state hacks and election security are her top coverage priorities in 2024, but she also focuses on stories about government surveillance/spyware and ransomware.

Sam started as an intern at CNBC's San Francisco bureau. She then took on the roles of reporter, editor and intern supervisor at DC Inno, where she reported on the local innovation and startup scene in the District. Before hopping onto the cyber policy beat, she spent three years at Morning Consult covering all things tech policy. She gained her cyber reporting experience while at POLITICO writing the daily Morning Cybersecurity newsletter. She is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and is based in Washington, DC.

Recent coverage:

- Election disinformation cycle isn't slowing (Oct. 25)
- Fake IT worker schemes advance beyond North Korea (Oct. 25)
- SEC fines four companies for downplaying SolarWinds hack (Oct. 22)
- AI is already making it easier to spread election lies (Oct. 22)

Margi Murphy
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Livestream (tentative)

Margi Murphy is a cyber reporter at Bloomberg News, where she covers account security, data breaches and ransomware.

Margi formerly reported on Silicon Valley for the UK's Daily Telegraph, based on the West Coast.

Originally from the UK, she gained experience in trade tech journalism before stints at national newspapers across London. Murphy was nominated for the British technology journalist of the year in 2020 and 2021. She has experience in writing exclusive news, business analysis and foreign dispatches. She is based in the Bay Area.

Previous coverage from Murphy:

- Sudanese Nationals Accused in 'Anonymous Sudan' Cyber Attacks (Oct. 16)
- Accused Crypto Hacker Becomes an Overnight TikTok Celebrity (Oct. 2)
- Big Tech IT Distributor Carahsoft Raided by FBI in Virginia (Sept. 24)
- Snowflake Hacker Still Active, Finding New Victims, Expert Says (Sept. 20)