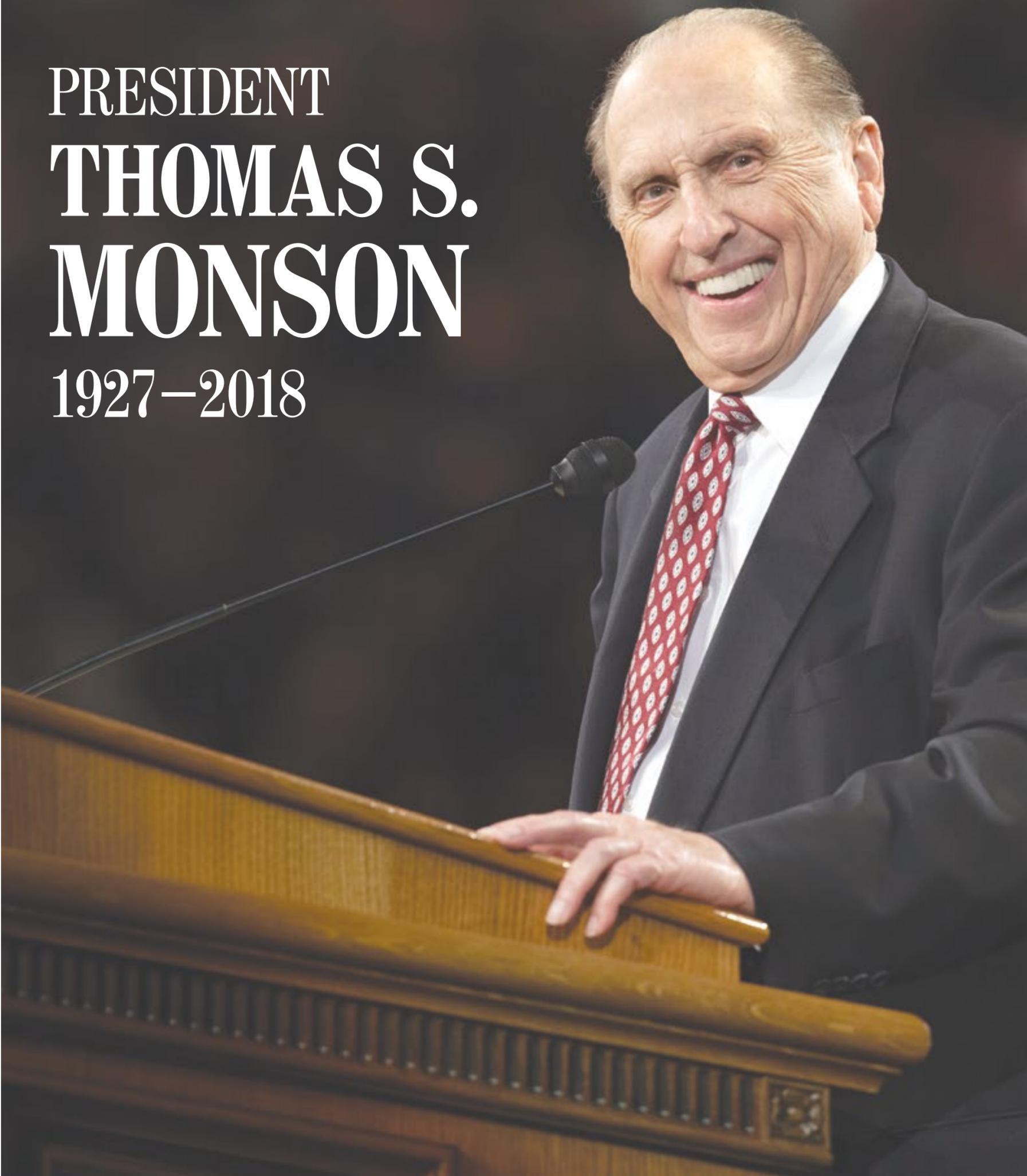


PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON 1927–2018



Jaren Wilkey/BYU Photo

President Thomas S. Monson, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died Jan. 2, 2018 as a result of old age. He was 90 years old.

Funeral services for President Monson will be held Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at noon in the Conference Center on Temple Square. Services are open to the public ages 8 and older. All ages are welcome to attend the public viewing held Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Following President Monson's death, the church's First Presidency released the following statement:

"President Thomas S. Monson was a mighty Prophet of God and we are honored to have served by his side these past 10 years. His far-reaching and multi-faceted ministry touched the lives of people from all walks of life in remarkable ways. As a result, President Monson's legacy will continue to be an influence for good in the lives of countless individuals and families for generations to come. To his family, we extend our most sincere condolences and love."

The Quorum of the Twelve Apostles later released a statement as well:

"We, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, unitedly express our sincere sense of loss at the passing of President Thomas Spencer Monson. He was our prophet, our leader, our brother, and our dear friend.

President Monson lived an exceptional life of service. He served as an apostle for more than 54 years, the last ten years of which were as the President of the church. From his earliest days of

**“Unless we
lose ourselves
in service to
others, there is
little purpose to
our own lives.”**

What Have I Done for Someone Today?
Oct. 2009, General Conference

church service to the very end of his faithful ministry, he never failed to bear witness, in word and deed, of the truth of the restored gospel and of the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We will miss his wisdom, his leadership, his meaningful example, and his loving kindness. However, we rejoice in his reunion with his beloved Frances, with other family members who have gone before, and with the prophets of God who preceded him in death, with whom he now stands. As his fellow servants, we echo the words of the Master, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord' (Matthew 25:21)."

Thomas S. Monson was born August 21, 1927 in Salt Lake City to G. Spencer and Gladys Condie Monson.

His history of ministering started early in life. President Monson said in the talk "Anxiously Engaged," he raised pigeons as a boy. A church leader gave him a pigeon, but the pigeon always returned to the leader. Each time it did, the leader would sit down with President Monson and discuss members of the teachers quorum who could use some fellowshipping. This was an example to President Monson of the responsibility and care a priesthood leader should exhibit for their fellow members.

President Monson served in the Navy during the close of World War II, then returned to school. He graduated cum laude from the University of Utah in 1948, with a degree in business management. On Oct. 7, 1948 he married Frances Beverly Johnson in the Salt Lake Temple; they had three children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Judge dismisses standoff case vs. Cliven Bundy, sons

A judge in Las Vegas on Monday, Jan. 8 dismissed criminal charges against a Nevada rancher and his sons accused of leading an armed uprising against federal authorities in 2014. Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro declared a mistrial last month against 71-year-old Cliven Bundy, sons Ryan and Ammon Bundy, and Montana militia leader Ryan Payne. The judge criticized prosecutors for violating due process rights, including failing to properly turn over evidence to their lawyer.



32 missing, oil tanker on fire after collision off China

An Iranian oil tanker collided with a bulk freighter and caught fire off China's east coast, leaving the tanker's entire crew of 32 missing and causing it to spill oil into the sea, authorities said Sunday. Chinese authorities dispatched police vessels and three cleaning ships to the scene after the collision, which happened late Saturday. The South Korean coast guard also sent a ship and a plane to help search for the missing crew members — 30 Iranians and two Bangladeshis.



Bannon tries to make amends

Faced with a growing backlash, President Donald Trump's former chief strategist released a statement Sunday reaffirming his support for the commander in chief and Trump's eldest son. Bannon infuriated Trump with comments to author Michael Wolff describing a June 2016 meeting between Donald Trump Jr., Trump campaign aides and a Russian lawyer as "treasonous" and "unpatriotic." But Bannon said Sunday his description was aimed at former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.



Blast of arctic air breaks records

The blast of arctic air that engulfed portions of the East Coast broke cold temperature records from Maine to West Virginia and stunned sea turtles in Florida. Burlington, Vermont, and Portland, Maine set records, with Burlington falling to minus 20, beating a 1923 record by a degree, and Portland recording minus 11, also a degree below a 1941 record. The National Weather Service said Worcester, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island, also set record lows.



Romney treated for prostate cancer

Former 2012 GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney was treated for "slow-growing prostate cancer" last year, according to a Romney aide who spoke anonymously on Monday, Jan. 8. The cancer was removed surgically and did not spread beyond the prostate, the aide said. The news comes as Romney, 70, weighs whether to run for a Utah Senate seat currently occupied by Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch. Hatch announced last week he would not seek another term this fall.

President Thomas S. Monson dies at 90, funeral Jan. 12

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President Monson recounted Bowring's words in an October 1988 General Conference talk. "I can then assure you that any misunderstanding that develops during the day will vanish as you pray," Bowring is quoted. "You simply can't pray together and retain any but the best of feelings toward one another."

Frances Monson died May 17, 2013.

President Monson recognized the importance of the family unit in society.

"It is in the home that we form our attitudes, our deeply held beliefs. It is in the home that hope is fostered or destroyed," President Monson said in the April 2006 First Presidency message. "Our homes are to be more than sanctuaries; they should also be places where God's Spirit can dwell, where the storm stops at the door, where love reigns and peace dwells."

After graduating from the University of Utah, President Monson earned an MBA from BYU. He has received several honorary degrees, including a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from BYU in 1981.

President Monson worked as a sales manager, then general manager, of Deseret News Press and as an executive in Deseret News advertising and the Newspaper Agency Corporation. He

chaired the board of Deseret News Publishing Co. and was president of the Printing Industry of Utah. He was also a member of Printing Industries of America's board of directors. The LDS Public Relations Society awarded him the Joseph and Hyrum Smith Award for "Communicator of the Year" in 2000.

He also held positions with the National Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America, the Utah State Board of Regents (with higher education) and President Reagan's Task Force for Private Sector Initiatives. He also served as chair of the church Board of Education.

His church callings, prior to his position as a general authority, were likewise varied. He was called when he was 22 to be bishop of the Sixth Seventh Ward in Salt Lake City. He later served in a Salt Lake stake presidency and moved his family to Canada from 1959 to 1962 to serve as president of the Canadian Mission (Toronto). Upon returning from Canada, he was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1963. As a general authority he gained permission to build a temple behind the Iron Curtain and also facilitated the freedom of German members of the church to move to and from East Germany before the curtain fell.

President Monson served as counselor to Presidents Ezra Taft Benson, Howard W. Hunter

and Gordon B. Hinckley. Upon President Hinckley's death in 2008, President Monson was sustained as the church's 16th president.

With the tremendous responsibility of presiding over a church 15 million strong, President Monson relied on his relationship with the Lord to help him administer. As a reminder, he kept a picture of the Savior hanging in his office.

"When facing difficult situations, I often look at it and ask myself, 'What would He do?' Then I have tried to respond accordingly," President Monson said in the video "On the Lord's Errand: The Life of Thomas S. Monson."

President Monson advocated spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, as he had helped to do in Germany.

Milestones for the church during President Monson's presidency include reaching a membership of 15 million, the changing of missionary ages from 19 to 18 for elders and 21 to 19 for sisters and the announcement, or dedication, of 58 temples.

"As we touch the temple and love the temple, our lives will reflect our faith," President Monson said in the talk "Blessings of the Temple." "As we go to the holy house, as we remember the covenants we make therein, we will be able to bear every trial and overcome each

temptation."

His presidency further saw the change in the church's annual Christmas devotional to include not solely members of the First Presidency, but other general authority speakers as well. President Monson was the first church president to open social media accounts, and he and fellow general authorities were involved in LGBT legislation procedures in 2015. Under his leadership the church has taken a stance for traditional marriage in the wake of the Supreme Court's 2015 ruling to legalize gay marriage.

His connections to BYU are not limited to his graduate work. He has received BYU's Exemplary Manhood Award and the Distinguished Utahn Award from the BYU Management Society, has spoken at CES devotionals and BYU Devotionals and has dedicated or broken ground for several of the buildings on the campus, including the addition to the Tanner Building (2008), the McKay

Building (2003), the Joseph F. Smith Building (2002) and the Carl F. Eyring Science Center (1998). In 2016, a new Boy Scout lodge in Utah's Uinta Mountains as well as a University of Utah building were named after him.

At President Monson's 2011 BYU devotional, "Be a Light to the World," he urged students to stand as a light and be faithful to the truth they know. "Ours is the responsibility to keep our lights aflame and burning brightly, that they might shine for others to see and follow," he said.

Known for his keen memory enhanced by prolific journal writing, President Monson often quoted poems, plays and stories over the pulpit. He was also known for couplets, such as the one in his talk "The Call of Duty."

"Do your duty; that is best. Leave unto the Lord the rest," President Monson said in the talk.

President Monson encouraged church members to stand

for moral standards, even when it is not popular to do so.

"Let us have the courage to defy the consensus, the courage to stand for principle," President Monson said in the talk "Call for Courage." "Courage, not compromise, brings the smile of God's approval."

President Monson lived his life to do what the Lord asked. Many in the church look to him as an example of service.

"There are those who are discouraged, those who are beset by poor health and challenges of life which leave them in despair," President Monson said in the talk "Priesthood Power." "Let us have ready hands, clean hands, and willing hands, that we may participate in providing what our Heavenly Father would have others receive from Him."

President Monson tried to live by this counsel; many accounts of his good deeds and selfless service have been given over the pulpit, in print and in multimedia sources.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- Free Live Animal Show - Adaptations, Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.
- Faculty Recital: Michelle Kesler, Madsen Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- Free Live Animal Show - Utah's Diversity, Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11

- Free Live Animal Show - Classification, Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12

- Free Live Animal Show - Adaptations, Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.
- Faculty Recital: Jared Pierce, Madsen Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13

- Stretch Out The Stress: Free Yoga Practice, 3326 WSC, 9:30 a.m.
- BYU Vocal Point, de Jong Concert Hall, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Free Animal Show - Vertebrate Variety, Bean Life Science Museum, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 15

- Free Animal Show - Vertebrate Variety, Bean Life Science Museum, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Free Live Animal Show - Adaptations, Bean Life Science Museum, 7:30 p.m.

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Fri., Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 20, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

OFF THE MAP: BYU INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL



The Secret Life of Suitcases

Wed., Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs.–Fri., Jan. 25–26, 8:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 27, 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Nelke Theatre



Macbeth

Thurs.–Fri., Jan. 25–26, 8:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 27, 2:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Pardoe Theatre



The Fever

Thurs.–Sat., Feb. 1–3, 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Pardoe Theatre

Romeo y Julieta

Young Company's production of the world's most famous and tragic love story recasts this conflict of miscommunication and distrust between two households in literal terms—they speak different languages.

Feb. 7–9, 14–16, 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10, 17, 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Nelke Theatre



All events are ticketed.

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Sundance film festival offers more than just films



Ari Davis

Guitarist Tim Done and drummer Brad Clark, members of the band The Dirt Nappers, play their music on Main Street in Park City.

By ALEXA ANDERSON

Visitors shuffle up and down the crowded, hilly streets of Park City, scouting out the best films, restaurants, galleries and maybe even celebrities during the annual Sundance Film Festival.

The annual Sundance Film Festival, scheduled for Jan. 18-23, offers independent film fans a chance to see and critique new works. But for the moments in between the shows, there are plenty of options to keep visitors engaged and entertained along Park City's historic Main Street.

Most parties at the Sundance Film Festival require the right connections, but there are many things to see and experience in Park City that won't cost a dime.

Galleries line the streets, offering locals and visitors a chance to experience the culture of historic Park City through their artistic style.

Park City is also home to several local musicians, many of whom take turns playing the streets for passersby during the festival.

Tanner Benson, a musician and Park City local, said the town is unique in its dedication to and focus on art as a community. Benson came out with his cousin, Guy Soper, to have fun playing music.

"I feel like a lot of schools in Utah ... football is the big thing, but here it's the opposite," Benson said. "Arts is the big thing.

Street gigs like this are really low stress. I grew up watching people play on the street, and I've always wanted to do it."

Soper has enjoyed playing with Benson because it is a time to hang back, have fun and do what they love.

The Dirt Nappers, another local band specializing in southern rock 'n' roll, went to Park City last year to take part in the scene and network with other local artists.

"I've met some really cool folks from the local scene," the Dirt Nappers' guitarist Tim Done said. "I think a lot of the connections we make are more out of playing in the valleys; this is just good exposure."

Visitors may also be able to listen in on the ASCAP Music Cafe, which is free for all festival credential holders 21 and older. Last year, the cafe, located at the Rich Haines Gallery, hosted performances by Michael Franti, Rooney, Clare Bowen, Josh Kelley and Andy Shauf, according to the Sundance Institute's website.

Benson, who has attended the Music Cafe with friends, said it holds performances all day.

Local restaurants, bars and dessert shops prepare for Sundance in anticipation of long wait lines and constant customers throughout the week.

Main Street Pizza & Noodle employee Elise Bush said she does all she can to prepare herself for the chaos that will ensue.

"I try to sleep as much as I can in preparation for the

Sundance Film Festival," Bush said. "I like to keep to myself the week before because I have to gear up to work crazy hours during the festival."

Main Street Pizza & Noodle remains constantly busy during the festival. Last year, the restaurant had a non-stop wait list throughout the whole week, according to Bush.

Students should plan for lines and wait time when trying to find food on Park City's Main Street when attending the festival. If waiting in line at a restaurant is not an option, visitors can find vendors giving out free food and drinks.

Park City local and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory employee Lexi Burchardt said walking Main Street and talking with people can score students food and prizes.

"Just walking up and down the street, we got three different kinds of water bottles today," Burchardt said. "We were also given free drinks and pot stickers. If you walk around Main Street enough, you will find food to eat."

Bush and Burchardt both try to stay away from the madness Main Street brings while playing host to film goers and tourists alike. When out-of-towners flood the streets, the locals take to the slopes.

"During the film festival, it really makes for the best skiing of the season," Bush said. "Nobody is on the hill. Everybody comes into town for (the festival). So if you can find parking to ski, you are pretty much golden."

ROTC heads to international Sandhurst Competition



Lt. Col. Forrest Cook

Cadet Bryce Uehling participates in the rifle shooting event while competing in the Ranger Challenge Competition.

By JACOB OSBORN

The BYU ROTC Ranger Challenge team won the Brigade Ranger Challenge on Nov. 18 at Campus Bullis, Texas. The team is headed to the international Sandhurst Competition in April.

The Ranger Challenge Competition is a large event where teams compete in a variety of military events such as shooting, gun assembly, grenade throwing and obstacle courses. Each event is positioned a large distance away from the others, so marching and navigation are part of the competition as well. The first team to complete each event wins.

"The brigade competition was a regional competition," said Cadet Kevin Lewis, a member of the team. "There are about six or seven brigades in the U.S., and the winners of the competition are headed to a huge competition in New York."

Lewis said the Sandhurst Competition will include

teams from around the globe, including Australia, Germany, South Korea, Chile and other countries.

The team members said victory was only made possible by the power of teamwork and utilizing their individual strengths.

"We joke that there are smart rangers and there are hard rangers. Some members of the team are great at more technical things, and others excel at the physical side of things," said Cadet Monica Huston, a member of the team.

Cadet Elle Leder said she agrees. Standing at only five feet tall Elle is the smallest member of the team. She said she understands her small size doesn't help with many of the strength contests, such as carrying heavy equipment for long periods of time. However, her three years of ROTC training make her a formidable contestant at some of the more technical contests, such as shooting and first aid.

"You look at a basketball team or a volleyball team and you can see they all kind of fit into a mold. They're all tall,

they can all jump high. But our team isn't like that. We have people of all shapes and sizes, and we need them all," Leder said.

That's the reason Cadet Josh Huston originally invited his sister to join the team.

"My sister and I ran cross-country for years in high school. We grew close running together all those years. I realized we needed a fast female for our team and invited her to join. She has done a great job, and we've grown even closer," Huston said.

After competing with her brother this year, Monica Huston has seen how her teammates make up for her shortcomings and how she's made up for theirs.

"My brother competed with a leg injury, so we had people swap out for him during parts he couldn't do. But the team needed him because of his amazing land navigation skills, something that's really important in this contest," Monica said.

Lewis said the team is busy preparing for the competition in New York. According to him, they've noticed things they need to work on and are already "adjusting their plan of attack."

"We work out for one and a half hours or more every day, then half the day on Saturday and several hours on Tuesday," Leder said. "This is like our varsity sport. It's just the best of the best in the program."

This will be BYU's first trip to the Sandhurst Competition since 2013, when they finished in the top seven. In addition to featuring international teams, the Sandhurst Competition in April will feature top teams from other U.S. military branches, including the Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy Guard.

TODAY

UNIVERSITY DEVOTIONAL
Tuesday, January 9
11:05 a.m., Marriott Center

This devotional will also be broadcast in the JSB Auditorium.



President Kevin J Worthen
Sister Peggy Worthen

Brigham Young University has framed much of Kevin J Worthen's life. From a childhood fascination with Cougar sports to his years as a student, professor, and administrator, the 13th president of BYU has been inspired by the mission and ideals of the university.

Born and raised in Carbon County, Utah, President Worthen received an associate degree at the College of Eastern Utah, where he was a co-captain of the basketball team. At BYU he received a bachelor's degree in political science and a juris doctor degree before leaving in 1982 to clerk for Judge Malcolm R. Wilkey of the D.C. Circuit Court and then for Justice Byron R. White of the U.S. Supreme Court. After a brief career at a law firm, Worthen returned to BYU in 1987 as a law professor. He

was dean of the Law School for four years before being named BYU's advancement vice president in 2008. In May 2014 he became president of the university.

President Worthen has been a bishop and stake president and currently serves as an Area Seventy. He dated and married Peggy Sealey after his mission to Monterrey, Mexico. When the last of their children started school, Sister Worthen began pursuing a degree in English at BYU, graduating in 2003. She is known for her sense of humor, abundant energy, and a variety of interests, from sewing to hiking to reading. She has filled numerous Church assignments, including many years as a Young Women camp leader. The Worthens have three children and five grandchildren.

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"Of this be sure: You do not find the happy life ... you make it."

Faces and Attitudes, Sept. 1977, New Era

"Choose your love; love your choice."

Priesthood Power, April 2011 General Conference



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"He's had a remarkable career as an apostle and blessed so many lives. It's a time to just be grateful to the entire Monson family for their selflessness in sharing this great leader with us."

Robert Freeman, Associate Dean of Religious Education



Jamison Metzger

"If you want to give a light to others, you have to glow yourself."

from *For I Was Blind, but Now I See*, April 1999 General Conference



Christine Armbruster

"May we ever choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong."

from *Choices*, April 2016 General Conference

"To live greatly, we must develop the capacity to face trouble with courage, disappointment with cheerfulness, and triumph with humility."

Canaries with Gray on Their Wings, June 2010, First Presidency message



Dani Jardine

"It was really heartbreaking because President Monson has been the prophet I remember most. He's been a strong influence in my life. I see him as a sort of grandfather figure in my life, so I'm sad."

Maddy Harward, Family Life



Dani Jardine

"It wasn't a sad moment for me because he served probably longer than any other prophet has served, and he did so well. It was a peaceful thing for me."

Caleb Smith, Manufacturing Engineering Technology

"We can't direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

Living the Abundant Life, Jan. 2012 First Presidency message



Dani Jardine

"I remember going to President Worthen's inauguration my freshmen year and there was a complete shift in feeling in the room when President Monson walked in, and it was just powerful."

Sydney Layton, Statistics



Christine Armbruster

"We were not placed on this earth to walk alone."

We Never Walk Alone, Oct. 2013 General Conference



Dani Jardine

"Dare to be a Mormon; Dare to stand alone. Dare to have a purpose firm; Dare to make it known."

Dare to Stand Alone, Oct. 2011 General Conference (apparently this is a rhyme he learned in Primary)

"I always liked how he always started General Conference talks with a big joke or something light, he was always easy going."

Keith Taylor, Pre-Elementary Education

"If we choose Christ, we will have made the correct choice."

Choices, April 2016 General Conference



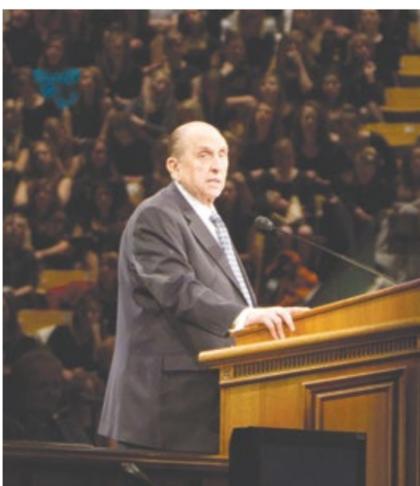
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Carolyn Carter

"Kneel down to pray. Step up to serve. Reach out to rescue."

Heavenly Homes, Forever Families, Oct. 1991 General Conference



Sarah Strobel

"Decisions determine destiny."

Decisions Determine Destiny, Nov. 2005, BYU devotional



Dani Jardine

"Once I thought about it I wasn't as sad anymore because I realized he would be with his wife and I realized it would all work out, like it always does."

Desiree Mitchell, Political Science



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"Never let a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved."

Finding Joy in the Journey, Oct. 2008 General Conference



Dani Jardine

"I think it's cool just to look back on everything he did during his life and his service and legacy."

Boston Kelley, Economics



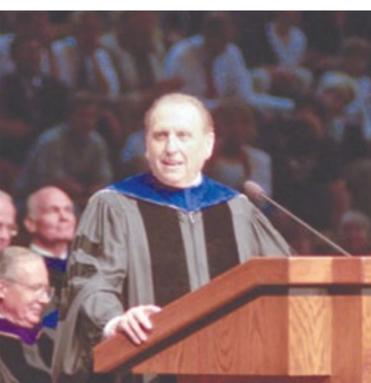
Dani Jardine

"As we arise each morning, let us determine to respond with love and kindness to whatever might come our way."

Love - the Essence of the Gospel, April 2014 General Conference

"He served very admirably, and I think it was just time, for his sake."

John Vineyard, Computer Science



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"The future is as bright as your faith."

Be of Good Cheer, April 2009 General Conference

"The choices you make here and now are forever important."

Keep the Commandments, Oct. 2015 General Conference



Dani Jardine

"I think what I remember most, what stood out to me the most, was his constant attention to the individual."

Michael Call, Professor of Comparative Arts and Letters



Jonathan Hardy/BYU Photo

"Remember that faith and doubt cannot exist in the same mind at the same time, for one will dispel the other."

Be an Example and a Light, Oct. 2015



Carolyn Carter

"Whether it is the best of times or the worst of times, He is with us. He has promised that this will never change."

I Will Not Fail Thee, nor Forsake Thee, Oct. 2013 General Conference

Events from the life of PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON

<p>Aug. 21, 1927 Born in Salt Lake City to Gladys Condie Monson and George Spencer Monson.</p> <p>1944-48 Attended University of Utah and graduated with his bachelor's degree in business management.</p> <p>Oct. 7, 1948 Married Frances Beverly Johnson in Salt Lake Temple; later had 3 children together.</p> <p>1950 Became Deseret News classified advertising manager.</p> <p>June 1955 Became a member of the stake presidency in the Salt Lake Temple View Stake.</p> <p>1959-1962 Served as president of the church's Canadian mission.</p> <p>Oct. 4, 1963 Ordained an Apostle in the Quorum of the Twelve at age 36.</p> <p>1968-1985 Assigned to supervise the church in Europe, including communist East Germany; served as Chairman of Scriptures Publication Committee.</p> <p>April 1974 Completed an MBA at Brigham Young University.</p> <p>1981 Appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the President's Task Force for Private Sector Initiatives.</p> <p>1986-2014 Dedicated 21 temples, starting with the Buenos Aires Argentina Temple and ending with the Phoenix Arizona Temple.</p> <p>June 5, 1994 Ordained as second counselor in First Presidency to President Howard W. Hunter.</p> <p>Jan. 20, 2007 Received Worldwide Humanitarian Award at the Salt Lake Rotary International Convention.</p> <p>2009 Dedicates the Church History Library.</p> <p>Oct. 6, 2012 Announced the mission age change in General Conference; the age for men lowered from 19 to 18, and the age for women lowered from 21 to 19.</p> <p>April 2016 Began giving fewer and shorter talks in General Conference because of health problems.</p> <p>April 2017 - Jan. 2018 Stopped attending regular church meetings because of age and health complications, conferring with counselors as needed.</p>	<p>1927</p> <p>1940</p> <p>1940-1944 Attended West High School in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>1945 Joined United States Naval Reserve; was stationed in San Diego, but was not stationed overseas before the end of World War II.</p> <p>1949 Became the Deseret News assistant classified advertising manager.</p> <p>May 7, 1950 Became an LDS bishop at the age of 22, serving 5 years over a ward that included 85 widows.</p> <p>1958 Became assistant manager of Deseret News Press.</p> <p>Feb. 1, 1962 Called to the high council of the Valley View Stake and made area supervisor over nine Utah stake missions.</p> <p>1965-1968 Assigned to supervise the church in the South Pacific.</p> <p>Nov. 1969 Named member of National Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America.</p> <p>1970</p> <p>1980</p> <p>April 1981 Received honorary doctorate of law from Brigham Young University.</p> <p>Nov. 10, 1985 Set apart as second counselor in First Presidency to President Ezra Taft Benson.</p> <p>1990</p> <p>1993 Receives Scouting's highest international award, the Bronze Wolf.</p> <p>March 12, 1995 Set apart as first counselor in First Presidency to President Gordon B. Hinckley.</p> <p>Feb. 4, 2008 Ordained as the 16th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010 <i>To the Rescue: The Biography of Thomas S. Monson</i> released.</p> <p>May 17, 2013 Frances Monson died from health problems related to age.</p> <p>April 2017 Gave his final General Conference address, encouraging members to study and gain a testimony of the Book of Mormon.</p> <p>Jan. 2, 2018 Died at age 90 in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>Jan. 12, 2018 Funeral held at Conference Center on Temple Square.</p> <p>2018</p>
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Universe Archives

President Thomas S. Monson announces the change in missionary age during the October 2012 General Conference.

BYU reflects on missionary age change, five years later

By CAMILLE BAKER

The church saw many changes during the almost 10 years of President Thomas S. Monson's time as president for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One change that has affected BYU was the missionary age change announcement on Oct. 6, 2012.

It has been five years since President Monson announced in General Conference that men were eligible to serve as missionaries at age 18 instead of 19, and women could serve at age 19 instead of 21.

Since the announcement, there has been a 20 percent increase in young adults who serve full-time missions, and a 21 percent increase of the number of missions worldwide.

The 2012 statistical report of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints cited 58,990 full-time missionaries and 347 missions. In the most recent 2016 report, there were 70,946 missionaries and 421 missions.

Impact on BYU's student body

BYU saw an 8 percent increase of male students who are returned missionaries and a 32 percent increase in female students who are returned missionaries from the fall semester of 2012 to Fall 2017, according to University Communications Media Relations Manager Todd Hollingshead.

In Fall 2012, 46 percent of BYU's student body had served missions. This fall semester, 65 percent of BYU students have served missions — a 19 percent increase over the last five years.

Many BYU students decided to serve missions because of the missionary age change.

BYU alumna Cassandra Donakey left on her mission to Milan, Italy, three weeks after she turned 19.

"I had many conversations about serving a mission during my life," Donakey said. "My attitude about serving a mission was that I would go if I was given the opportunity."

BYU master's student Hannah Denney was in the Conference Center when the age change announcement was made.

Denney said she took a missionary preparation course at BYU the semester after the age change to "explore the idea more."

"Although it wasn't a part of my plan initially ... my desire really grew and I became more and more excited to serve a mission," Denney said.

Michael Goodman, an associate religion professor at BYU, teaches a missionary preparation course. Goodman said he still sees the effects of the missionary age change in his classroom.

"The largest impact the age

change has made to BYU missionary prep classes has been a change in gender balance," Goodman said. "Fall semester has almost flipped, with most classes being majority female students."

Denney said in general there has been some peer pressure among females at BYU to serve a mission because so many were going. However, Goodman said those who are not inspired to serve shouldn't be made to feel any less faithful or worthy.

In certain cases, serving a mission could be "impossible or inadvisable" for some young men, and for sisters, serving a mission "is not a necessity for the growth and future success of every sister," Goodman said.

Missionary Training Center influx, expansion

Tyler Doermann, a BYU master's student in information systems management, was a missionary in the Provo Missionary Training Center when the age change was announced.

"Everyone cheered. It was commotion," Doermann said. "Everyone was just stoked."

Doermann said the missionaries were talking about their siblings or people they knew who would be influenced by the age change announcement.

BYU alumnus Ben Smith was a training coordinator over the Portuguese area at the MTC during the missionary age change.

The missionary age change brought a "wave" of missionaries to the mission field, according to Smith.

"The effects of the missionary age change really didn't hit the MTC in a significant way until the following summer," Smith said. "With the age change, a lot of missionaries coming were now coming after high school graduation."

The LDS Church began sending missionaries to international MTCs as much as possible to help lighten the load on the Provo MTC, according to Smith.

"At Provo, I believe they put cots up in the residence halls in order to fit more missionaries," Smith said.

BYU junior Gary Smithson served at age 18 as a result of the age change. He said the Provo MTC was filled with so many missionaries who were excited about the work.

"Both the missionaries and the people working at the MTC felt that special spirit that came with the hastening of the work of salvation," Smith said.

Utah State University alumna Caitlyn Erickson said she fasted, prayed and went to the temple to make sure a mission was right for her. When Erickson reported to the MTC on June 19, 2013, she was dropped off at Wyview Park instead of the Provo MTC.

Wyview and Raintree Commons Apartments in Provo were

used as a 'West Campus' facility for the Provo MTC to accommodate the influx of missionaries.

Erickson said her missionary group lived at Wyview and had their missionary classes at Raintree. Erickson said the experience was weird and wasn't what many missionaries there expected.

However, Erickson said the spirit could be felt just as strongly there as on the main MTC campus.

"There was an overwhelming feeling of being back home," Erickson said of returning to the West Campus MTC from the main MTC campus after getting clothes altered. "It was a reassurance that the spirit that is at this MTC is the exact same spirit at the main MTC."

Mission field adjustments

As more missionaries entered the MTC, those already in the mission field made arrangements for all the new elders and sisters coming in.

"When I first got out, there were four sister missionaries in the whole mission, and two of them were in our zone," Doermann said.

Within six months of being in the mission field, Doermann said his mission saw huge influxes of missionaries coming each transfer, and most were sisters. He said zones of his mission changed to 50 percent sisters and 50 percent elders.

Smithson said new areas were opened because so many missionaries were coming into the mission field.

"When I first got to the mission, my companion and I opened up a new area," Smithson said. "Missionaries hadn't been there for years because there weren't enough missionaries."

Nerina Harper was an Italian teacher at the MTC during the influx of missionaries. Harper said she thinks the age change gave elders a "stronger sense of responsibility."

"With so many sisters rising to the call, I believe it helped the young men of the church strive for a higher standard," Harper said.

Denney said the age change affected the women in the church in a large way because more sisters were being trained to teach the gospel and become leaders.

"With many more people returning from full-time missionary service, there is also an increase in gospel knowledge and personal spiritual maturity that comes with it," Goodman said.

In the 2012 age change announcement, President Monson said previous missionaries who served at age 18 showed similar obedience, faith and maturity as older missionaries in their missions.

"The brethren have a lot of confidence in the youth of the church," Denney said.

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@TyNielsen3

He's back home with his beautiful wife! We love you President Monson! How grateful I am for the plan of salvation and eternal families! #PresMonson

@kan_flan

I am forever grateful for President Monson's example of individual ministry. What a beautiful life he lived. I'm so happy that he is now reunited with his beloved Frances. ♥

@ashley_1289

Tonight I'll be listening to President Monson's last talk before I go to bed. He truly was a prophet of God.

@tanner_r_young

President Monson was one of my heroes. In 2017 I had a picture of him as my lock screen to remind me of my goal to love and serve others more. He inspired me to be a better person, and I will miss him dearly. Thank you for your service #PresMonson! ♥

@laurenmcclane3

One of God's greatest gifts to us is the joy of trying again, for no failure ever need be final. - Thomas S. Monson

@sarahes13

"Love is the very essence of the gospel." --#ThomasSMonson

@beammeupscotty2

Well done indeed President Monson. You were a terrific inspiration to us all.

@blyssa

I know we're all going to miss him, but he does get to be with Francis now! #PresMonson

@KakiOlsenBooks

I'll always remember #PresMonson for the funeral we both attended where he did Bruce R. McConkie impersonations over the pulpit. And the temples that he made happen. And making missionary work possible for younger people. And his smile.

@haleymcglathin

New Years Goals based off the counsel & examples of #PresMonson

- Never postpone a prompting
- Prayerfully study & ponder the Book of Mormon every day

- Wholeheartedly serve God
- Do family history work
- Make temple attendance a priority

@WaifishMormon

My dear sweet Prophet passed through the veil for the last time about an hour ago. I loved him very much. I'm glad he's no longer in pain and whole of body and mind again but I'm heartbroken he's left us. #rippresmonson #presmonson #rip #godbewithoutillwemeetagain #lds #mormon

@doughraymi

This morning I decided to listen to one of #PresMonson talks as I got ready and randomly chose the one where he lit Vivian Park on fire.

@bailey_fruit

When did winter become an eternal cold night without snow?

@Frank_Turner18

As a disciple of Christ, Thomas S Monson's example in serving others was second to none. The countless stories people tell of him being charitable will always be what I remember most about him. He was a fantastic example of someone who lived Moroni 7:47 everyday. #PresMonson

@austinpearce



Took this when Pres. Monson visited @BYU in 2007. I doubt he was looking directly at me, but I like to think so; his little smirk was personally memorable. A few months later he was sustained as a living prophet and leader of the LDS Church. We will miss him. #PresMonson

@Des_Thorn24

This man showed all of us what it truly means to love one another & to have a testimony of the Gospel. I will be forever grateful that I got to hear his talks and follow by his example. You be missed but never forgotten. God be with you till we meet again ♥

@Mark_RK

I already miss his ear wiggling #PresMonson

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[READERS' FORUM]

Attendance

BYU professors should not take attendance for their classes. Students pay incredible amounts of money and time to attend the university, work and care for their families. One might argue that much of a student's enrollment costs are covered by tithing, but that is why there is a minimum GPA required to continue attending BYU and assignments and tests given in class. If a student is learning the material and does well on the tests, then the purpose, in theory, is achieved. If the test or assignment is too easy, then that is the fault of the professor. If a student can learn better reading from the textbook than attending a lecture, that is the fault of the professor. A student should not be forced to sit in a class and be bored if the professor fails to provide an engaging experience. If attendance was dropped from the class then that would force the professor to up their game and make it engaging and rewarding enough to attend. If I feel like I am actually learning things, then I will attend. Students don't want to do poorly in school, but they are busy. Because they are busy, they will only set aside the time for things that are essential. And some lectures on campus simply are not.

—Tyler Torrie

Grassy Lake, Alberta, Canada

Vaccines

As future or current parents who attend Brigham Young University, it's important for us to be properly educated on the importance of vaccinating our infants and young children. There is no reason for anyone that has the option of vaccines to suffer from the diseases vaccines offer to protect us from. While the arguments presented by anti-vaccination groups appeal to parents' emotional states, emotion cannot be the sole factor in deciding whether or not to vaccinate. Based on scientific research, there are far greater risks from not vaccinating infants than risks that come from vaccinations. BYU attendees should be aware of the impact vaccinations play in their lives and for generations to come. Whether the knowledge comes from an outsider program or through a class, it's necessary for everyone to understand the importance of vaccinating young children. Many, if not all, parents pray for a healthy child. God has given us this option by being born in a time of amazing modern-day medical miracles called vaccines; however, the miracles cannot have any effect unless we go out and seek them. Vaccinations are necessary, safe and crucial to not only protect the receiver of the vaccination but those around.

—Phillip Morrison
San Diego, California

Volunteering

As generations pass, people's vision has been decreased to a narrow lens: themselves. People are so caught up in daily life, self-preservation and personal struggle that many go about their day without a whim of others' problems. Service is defined as the action of helping or doing work for someone with no monetary benefit. Service is a declining aspect of our country's citizens; therefore, people need to be informed about how volunteering in acts of service can provide benefits to apply to life. Volunteering has diminished from a proud virtue to a taboo action of which most people do not partake. Anna Bernasek states, "In recent years, the percentage of Americans volunteering has dwindled and is now at its lowest level in a decade." This implies that volunteering is a subject of the past; people just do not participate anymore. "Last year the volunteer rate was 25.4 percent, or 62.6 million people, compared with 29 percent of the population in 2003" (Bernasek). There are reasonable excuses to not volunteer; people do have their own lives to live. The most common excuse to not volunteer is time; there is not enough time to volunteer anywhere. People have jobs and families, so it is understandable if they do not have time. The benefits gained from volunteering range from health benefits to work experience and so on. However, nothing is gained if action is not taken.

—Dakota Thompson
Gardendale, Alabama

Open mind

In recent years, colleges and universities across the United States have been more protective of students by sheltering them from real world topics. To prevent students from feeling uncomfortable and awkward, universities spare their students from listening to or conversing about topics including transgenderism, homosexuality, race, religion and politics. This creates a dilemma for society because mental problems are on the rise for students, and they are no longer prepared for life after college. Students are facing an academic crisis, but the best way to fix this is for both colleges and students to take responsibility. Colleges must provide students with opportunities to listen to open forums with a variety of topics, and students must be open-minded to listen to those forums. Positive changes will be apparent as students become more tolerant and will thus be less likely to have mental problems. This creates capable students who are prepared for the world. By ensuring the success of students, the future can only get better.

—Quin Flores
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

[OPINION OUTPOST]

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

Remembering President Monson

Monson was the type of leader who would take time to say hello and wave at the janitor cleaning the parking garage as he drove himself home in his humble, blue Impala. He was the kind of man who would take the coat off his back and give it to a man on the street who looked like he needed one. Or his shoes. Or even just his infectious smile. Such respect, attention and love changed the lives of those he touched. He mourned with those who mourned, and comforted those who needed comfort. ... Monson is alive in the well-known saying: preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words. He was a storyteller, a caretaker and a friend. He was a true man of God.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

To appreciate the longevity of President Thomas S. Monson's leadership and influence as first an apostle and later the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, one can go back to the starting point of his service as an LDS general authority — Oct. 4, 1963. ... And now, more than a half-century after his call to the apostleship and nearly a decade of service as church president, Thomas S. Monson has concluded his mortal life, succeeding in his Oct. 4, 1963, pledge — to his fellow LDS leaders, Latter-day Saints and his God — "to be what you would want me to be."

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Voter fraud

... As the institutional embodiment of one of the president's more outlandish lies — that voter fraud accounted for Hillary Clinton having received 2.9 million more votes

in the 2016 presidential election — the panel, known as the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, convened just twice, was sued repeatedly, met with contempt from state election officials of both parties, had no impact on the conduct of elections and will be little missed. ... In fact, even though his voter-fraud panel was exposed as a fraud itself, Mr. Trump and some others in his party show no signs of dropping their unfounded contentions, for one big reason: They provide a pretext to rationalize voter suppression.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

The commission was a transparent sham from the start, nothing more than a cover to justify Mr. Trump's reckless and unfounded claims about widespread voter fraud in the 2016 presidential election, which he blamed for his losing the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by nearly three million votes. The lying continued on

Wednesday. In a brief executive order, the president said he was ending the commission "despite substantial evidence of voter fraud" — but the commission turned up no such evidence, substantial or otherwise.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Iran protests

The popular demand for change is justified and deserves international support. President Trump has been right to tweet his backing for the

demonstrators; European leaders, who have been far more cautious, should speak up. ... At the same time, Mr. Trump should avoid acts that would undercut the protests and empower the regime's hardliners. Foremost among these would be a renunciation of the 2015 nuclear accord. That would divide the United States from European governments when they should be coordinating their response to the uprising, and it would give the regime an external threat against which to rally. Reform of the nuclear accord can wait. Now is the time for Mr. Trump

to focus on supporting the people of Iran.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Anti-government protests continue across Iran after six days, and the ruling mullahs and Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) are threatening a crackdown that could get ugly. The world should support this fight for freedom, which is exposing the illusions about Iran that dominated the Obama Administration.

—Editorial Board
The Wall Street Journal

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What major coaching changes mean for BYU football

By CALEB TURNER

The BYU offensive staff will look remarkably different this season after major recent changes.

LSU's Jeff Grimes was announced as Ty Detmer's replacement at offensive coordinator, and he wasted little time revamping his staff.

With these changes, and some insight into Grimes' plans and coaching style, here's a look at the future of BYU's offense:

1. BYU football is committed to competing at the highest level

On Sept. 2, BYU got trampled by LSU 27-0. The Tigers went on to a 9-4 record (6-2 SEC) and finished No. 16 in the nation.

Then, on Dec. 14, BYU hired LSU offensive line coach Grimes as its new offensive coordinator to replace Heisman-winner and BYU alumnus Ty Detmer, after the team's worst season in over 60 years. Grimes helped coach BYU's offensive line from 2004 to 2006.

Grimes received a raise last season at LSU, bringing his total salary up to a whopping \$525,000. It is unlikely Grimes would take a pay cut while taking on more responsibility with the offensive coordinator position.

Hiring a top-tier coach who is not LDS for what must be top-tier money (BYU salaries are not made public) means BYU is serious about righting the ship and competing with the best next year.

The team then gutted the offensive staff, adding three outside hires and retaining only tight ends coach Steve Clark from last year.

BYU alumnus Aaron Roderick and Fesi Sitake were both offensive coordinators, at Utah and Weber State, respectively. Grimes coached Ryan Pugh, the third hire, at Auburn and later they coached together at Auburn, as well. Pugh comes from the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he was the offensive line coach.

Per NCAA rules, BYU can add another assistant after Jan. 9.

Not only do all these new assistants have college football coaching experience, something Detmer did not have previous to BYU, they also all coached at successful programs.

"(Roderick) brings valuable play



Jeff Grimes
Offensive coordinator



Aaron Roderick
Passing game coordinator



Fesi Sitake
Assistant coach



Ryan Pugh
Assistant coach



Ty Detmer
Offensive coordinator



Mike Empey
Offensive line coach



Reno Mahe
Running backs coach



Ben Cahoon
Receivers coach

BYU Photo

calling and coordinating experience, and his ability to teach the game is impressive," said coach Kalani Sitake, who coached with Roderick at Utah. "Fesi (Sitake) is one of the game's up-and-coming young coordinators...and Ryan (Pugh) is an impressive young coach with great leadership qualities and a championship mindset."

2. Players are the priority

After a never ending list of injuries and off-the-field issues with players this past season, it looks like BYU football is ready to put the well being and potential of each player as its highest priority.

This improvement begins with Grimes, who takes great pride in his relationship with the players and helping them be their best.

"Coach Grimes loves his players, enjoys his role as a mentor and gets the most out of his players both on

and off the field," Sitake said. "I look forward to him making that impact here at BYU football."

"I think it's really, really important that you build an offense around the skill set that you have," Grimes said at his BYU press conference of his approach to personnel. "We will be very demanding but love the guys too."

Regarding his quarterback, Grimes said he would prefer a great leader and skilled passer over athletic prowess and natural talent.

Since he first arrived in Provo, Grimes made getting to know the players his number-one priority, and helping them succeed will remain high on his list as he forms a new culture.

3. Kalani Sitake is here to stay, and that's good

After the worst season in recent

memory, many BYU fans speculated it could be the end for Sitake in just his second year.

Sitake not only remains, but was a key factor in recruiting experienced, high-caliber coaches to build his staff and improve for next year.

After having countless discussions with other people about possibly coming to BYU, Grimes said two of his lasting impressions were BYU football is headed in the right direction and Sitake is a great person and coach.

The second-year coach, whose record is no worse than Lavell Edwards' was after two seasons, is the biggest draw to BYU football right now, and the results are impressive.

4. BYU will be better than last year

The third lasting impression Grimes had in his discussions was BYU has enough talent to win right now.

This, combined with an incoming

freshman class that looks better with every signing, means good things for next year.

With Grimes at the helm of the offense, BYU received letters of intent from two sought-after quarterbacks in Stacey Conner and Zach Wilson, and several offensive linemen to add to an already talented group.

Both quarterbacks were being recruited by numerous Division I schools, including Pac-12 offers for Wilson.

As long as the Cougars can sustain fewer injuries than last year and develop their young roster on both ends of the field, there's a good chance for improvement in the 2018 season.

With an experienced coaching staff, and talent to spare, BYU football is set to improve not just this year, but for several years to come as they look to become relevant on the national stage once again.

Cannons the latest couple to join BYU athletics

By CALEB TURNER

You may have heard of the Collin-sworths and the Pulsiphers, but have you heard of the Cannons?

McKay and Maddie Cannon are the latest couple to join BYU athletics after transferring from Weber State this year.

McKay is currently the first man off the bench for the men's basketball team, and Maddie runs both track and cross-country. Her main event is the steeplechase.

The two met at a student athlete kickoff party when they were both freshmen at Weber State in January 2016, following McKay's mission to Santiago, Chile.

McKay "roster-stalked" Maddie after taking a liking to her, and messaged her over Instagram a few days later.

They were married in September of that year, and decided to transfer to BYU together the following year.

Maddie is from Mapleton, Utah (Maple Mountain High School), and McKay was raised on a dairy farm in Shelley, Idaho.

Their fathers played basketball together at Ricks College for a year.

McKay said they decided to transfer after he realized staying at Weber State wasn't in his best interest. Both sacrificed scholarships to walk on at BYU.

"Everything is easier when you have similar schedules," Maddie said on the advantages of both being student athletes. "We've been impressed with BYU athletics. They take really



Justin Ahlmann

The Cannons were married in the Salt Lake Temple in September 2016. They met at a student-athlete social their freshman year at Weber State.

good care of the athletes; it's made the transition easy."

Since McKay joined the basketball team at the end of November they have lost just two games, and went on a nine-game win streak during November and December.

He is fifth on the team in minutes played, sixth in assists and third in free-throw percentage, while accumulating only ten turnovers in eleven games.

He provides a spark off the bench on both ends of the court, averaging nearly two steals and six points per

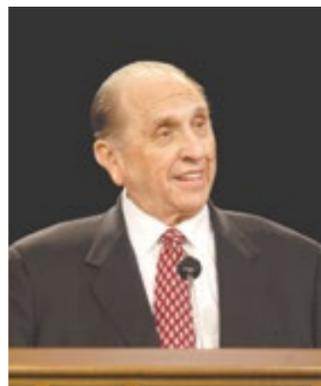
game.

Maddie ran cross-country for BYU in the fall, helping the women's team to an 11th-place finish at nationals. She will run the 3,000 meter and steeplechase in the upcoming track season.

"We want to continue to improve each and every day," the couple said of their athletic careers. "We only have two years left at BYU. It goes by quick."

The Cannons said they are grateful for all the help and resources made available to them, and are excited to take advantage of their time as Cougars.

BYU ATHLETICS remembers President Monson



Mark A Philbrick /BYU Photo

"I am so very grateful for the service and guidance of President Monson. He was an amazing example to me. He lived the instruction he gave. I thank our Father in Heaven that gave him to us as a leader in these latter-days."

Luke Worthington
Men's basketball

"Thank you for your love and devotion President Monson. You are loved!"

Mary Lake
Women's volleyball

"In my weakness, strength and total gratitude, I am so thankful for President Monson! I know he was a prophet of the living God. With his actions to help others he pointed us towards Christ!"

Chad Lewis
Associate Athletic Director

SPORTS EVENTS

Thursday Jan. 11 and Friday Jan. 12: BYU Indoor Invitational for Men's and Women's Track, Smith Fieldhouse (all day)

Thursday Jan. 11: Women's basketball, Pepperdine 6 p.m.

Thursday Jan. 11: Men's basketball vs. Pepperdine, Marriott Center 7 p.m.

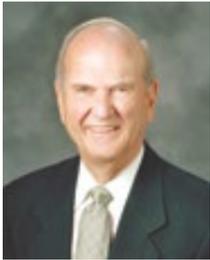
Friday Jan. 12: Women's gymnastics vs. Cal Berkeley, Smith Fieldhouse 7 p.m.

Friday Jan. 12 and Saturday Jan. 13: Men's volleyball, Ball State and Ohio State 5 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 13: Women's basketball vs. Santa Clara, Marriott Center 2 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 13: Men's basketball, Santa Clara 6 p.m.

Prophetic succession a sacred, careful process



President Russell M. Nelson
Age: 93
Sustained: April 7, 1984



Elder Dallin H. Oaks
Age: 85
Sustained: April 7, 1984



Elder M. Russell Ballard
Age: 89
Sustained: Oct. 6, 1985



Elder Jeffrey R. Holland
Age: 77
Sustained: Oct. 1, 1994



Elder Henry B. Eyring
Age: 84
Sustained: April 1, 1995



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Age: 72
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Elder Neil L. Andersen
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Elder Ronald A. Rasband
Age: 66
Sustained: Oct. 3, 2015



Elder Gary E. Stevenson
Age: 62
Sustained: Oct. 3, 2015



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Sustained: Oct. 3, 2015

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In the wake of LDS Church President Thomas S. Monson's death, church members view anticipated successor President Russell M. Nelson as senior apostle, president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the acting worldwide church leader.

He also likely doesn't aspire to be president of the church, according to BYU church history professor Casey Griffiths.

"I think one of the beautiful things about prophetic succession is that the guy that gets to be the president of the church does not want to be the president of the church," Griffiths said. "He never stands up and says, 'We did it everybody,' or, 'This is wonderful.' He usually approaches it with a lot of fear and humility at how big of a responsibility it is."

The prophetic succession process is something church members and non-members alike may not fully understand or

appreciate. An article from the Mormon Newsroom breaks it down like this:

- Upon the death of the church president, the First Presidency is automatically dissolved and the counselors resume their places of seniority in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Seniority is determined not by age, but by date of ordination to the quorum. This group then assumes church leadership.
- The group considers whether the First Presidency should be re-organized at that time or the church should continue to function with the Quorum of the Twelve presiding. If the motion to re-organize the First Presidency passes, the Twelve unanimously select the new president of the church, who has historically been the most senior apostle. The new president chooses two counselors, and these three men then make up the new First Presidency.
- After the First Presidency is re-organized, the next most senior apostle is sustained as

the president of the Quorum of the Twelve. According to the article, if the next apostle with the most seniority is called as a counselor in the First Presidency, the third apostle in line becomes acting president of the Twelve.

- All of the apostles formally set apart the new president of the church.

"Throughout the history of the church, the longest-serving apostle has always become the president of the church when the First Presidency has been reorganized," according to the article.

Griffiths said this is simply a historical precedent first set by President Brigham Young, and despite there being nothing in the Doctrine and Covenants about prophetic succession, this pattern of sustaining the most senior apostle as church president has been followed so consistently that it might as well be doctrine.

Elder Bruce R. McConkie, who died in 1985, spoke of this pattern in his April 1983 General Conference talk titled "The Keys of the

Kingdom."

"It follows that when Joseph Smith — sent to a martyr's death by evil and murderous men — gasps his last breath, Brigham Young, being the next senior officer in the earthly kingdom, automatically becomes its presiding officer," he said. "The next breath drawn by Brother Brigham is the breath of power filling the lungs of the Lord's previously anointed servant. There is not so long a time as the twinkling of an eye when the church is without a presiding officer."

Because of this well-defined pattern, however, Griffiths said church members often misunderstand the great care that goes into following the formal procedures of constituting a new church president. These processes are taken "very, very seriously," despite the apostles already knowing the outcome, because they're considered so sacred.

Griffiths also said it's important to clarify that President Nelson is already sustained as a prophet, seer and revelator, just

as all the apostles are; he's just not yet "the" prophet, as church members are likely to informally refer to him.

"(President Nelson) is the leader of the church," Griffiths said. "That just happened to be instant when President Monson passed away. What they're going to do is reconstitute the new First Presidency and that's what will make him what we call 'the' prophet in informal language."

Griffiths said the church has kept any element of political lobbying out of the prophetic succession process by teaching church members that all apostles are called of God, and therefore anyone from the most senior to the most junior apostle could be president. This means church members acknowledge that any member of the First Presidency or Quorum of the Twelve would be an equally qualified and wonderful leader.

"They just want everybody to be happy and successful in their callings, and if the call comes that they become the leader of the

church, they're willing to accept that, but they definitely aren't seeking after it," Griffiths said.

Griffiths added that he hopes church members understand the prophetic succession process so they can have testimonies of the role revelation plays in choosing church leaders, and he hopes non-members understand the process so they know there aren't "favorites" among church leaders in the way there sometimes are among political leaders.

"Our leaders are usually people that are called upon to serve because of the qualities that they have and not because they are ambitious and want to be a leader, and that's a recipe for good leadership in my mind," Griffiths said.

Griffiths said if the pattern of the last several church presidents holds, the new First Presidency will be announced just days after President Monson's funeral. In addition, due to the death of Elder Robert D. Hales last October, two new apostles will need to be called.

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