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## Housing shortage taking a toll on Utah buyers, renters

By SAVANNAH IUS

It's becoming an all-too-familiar scene in Utah.

A homeowner places a 'For Sale' sign in front of their house, and the property is off the market quickly, usually with multiple purchase offers.

A landlord places a 'For Rent' sign in the window and a lease has been signed within days, sometimes hours.

The United States Census Bureau reported Utah is the fastest growing state in the nation, and the state hasn't been able to keep up with the demand for housing. For the first time in more than 40 years, the number of households exceeds the number of properties available, according to a study from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. The situation has put Utah in the middle of a housing shortage that doesn't seem to have an end in sight.

BYU economics professor Jaren Pope said the shortage is a typical case of supply not meeting demand. Utah has a rapidly growing population along with a strong job market, but other factors could also be contributing to the shortage.

"My hypothesis would be, well, we went through the Great Recession," Pope said. "People are a little more nervous about housing because a lot of people lost a lot of money. Construction dried up in housing during that time period — nobody was building homes. It takes time for the economy to regroup and start building homes again."

The Gardner study revealed the growth of households was higher than previously believed. It also showed that between 1970 and 2010 there was an average of 11 percent more housing available than the number of new households. Between 2010 and 2015, that number changed. With roughly 109,321 new households, only 81,656 new housing units were available — leaving 34 percent of new households without housing.

The housing shortage has left families scrambling to find a place to live and inflated the prices of available properties.

Utah real estate agent John Wallace has seen many would-be buyers become discouraged and even drop out when they are unsuccessful at finding a home. There are also fewer and fewer homes available.

"One of the main reasons that people are not putting their homes on the market is that they worry they will not be able to find and negotiate the purchase of a replacement property," Wallace said.

Salt Lake County has seen a steady increase in housing prices over the



Dani Jardine

Dave Grant with Berkshire Hathaway and The Grant Team Real Estate puts a "sold" sign on a house in Lehi. Utah's first housing shortage in decades is leaving some families scrambling to find homes.

last few years. In 2014, prices rose 4.1 percent. In 2016, prices rose 8.1 percent, with the average single-family home costing around \$295,000, up over the previous 2007 record of \$290,000.

While Utah has previously been called a "starter home" market, more potential homeowners have chosen to remain in rentals or move in with family instead of facing the current real estate market.

Trulia currently lists only 15 percent of available units in the "starter" ranger.

Utah County Housing Authority Director Lynell Smith said roughly 40,000 displaced families in Utah are looking for a place to live, but there just isn't anything affordable that's available. That number of people is large enough to fill Rio Tinto stadium almost twice. She said 15,000 of those people are in Utah County alone.

Wallace has described the current situation as being a "seller's market" and said it can be frustrating for couples when they are outbid continually.

"They may overbid on the next home we find just to get into the market," Wallace said. "Bidding above what we might assume to be the 'fair market value' of the home is quite common these days."

Much of the developable land throughout the state is removed from current transportation systems, which means residents could be faced with long commutes and no option for public transportation. Envision Utah statistics found that parcels of land near transportation are getting smaller and more crowded as time goes on.

These parcels are being developed

as quickly as possible, but the Gardner study found builders are working at full capacity and have almost no unsold inventory. They are only limited, according to the study, by the lack of available labor.

Pope said a lag between an increase in population and the time it takes to catch up with housing is normal, and he doesn't expect it to last more than a few years. But with the problem being even worse than believed, builders and lawmakers are scrambling to find a solution to the housing shortage.

As city lawmakers have tried to adjust zoning and building regulations to keep up with the demand, they've been hindered by public outrage from citizens who don't welcome the idea of more high-rise buildings or neighborhoods.

Perkins said he's unsure what the best solution is, but he thinks there needs to be an incentive for people to be willing to move outside of major city limits and have those areas become more developed.

"I know many apartment buildings and houses are being built, but the demand is growing faster than the buildings are going up," Perkins said.

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**John Wallace**  
Utah real estate agent

## Lack of affordable housing displaces Utah families

By SAVANNAH IUS

Utah's housing shortage is affecting families around the state who are in desperate search of affordable options.

Even as new properties are built, one part of the housing market continues to be left behind: affordable housing.

Utah County Housing Authority Director Lynell Smith said the numbers aren't looking good for those who qualify for programs like Section 8.

"Utah County has about 45,000 renter households, and 27,000 of those have income at or below low-income, which is about \$35,000 for a family of four," Smith said.

With the population of Utah County expected to match that of Salt Lake by 2040, Smith said the shortage of affordable units is already dire. In Utah County, there is a lack of about 15,000 units that are both affordable and available. The total is about 45,000

statewide.

Recent data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition showed a low-income individual would have to work 76 hours per week to afford the average one-bedroom apartment in Utah. For two bedrooms, that number rises to 94 hours a week.

To afford that two-bedroom apartment by working an of average 40 hours per week, the person would need to make at least \$17.05 an hour.

Smith said working so many hours just isn't a possibility for many families, especially single parents who are working as hard as they can and are hardly able to see their families. She's seen what renting is like in Utah County and describes it as a "landlord's market."

Cameron Perkins and his wife have faced the difficulty of trying to secure a place to live firsthand. They only found their current apartment because they were lucky enough to know someone selling a contract.

"If you don't know someone, you

just have to hope that you can get there first," Perkins said.

With such an enormous waiting list, there aren't many options for families seeking an affordable unit, Smith said. Utah County has no homeless shelter, and if the household doesn't have extended family to stay with, there's only so much they can do.

Community Action helps provide temporary motel vouchers, and the Housing Authority works with the families to find any other option to keep them from becoming homeless.

"Less units are becoming available, and rent increases are changing," Smith said. "They used to be 3 to 4 percent a year; now they're going up 6 to 8 percent a year."

Smith said Utah County appears to be a safe, happy place to the average person, but thousands of people live without knowing where they'll sleep at night.

"Most families are only one step away from becoming displaced or homeless," Smith said. "If you lose



Utah County Jail

Wayne Ray Leas has been released from jail and is not expected to be prosecuted for the Nov. 6 aggravated sexual assault of a woman in the Rock Canyon area.

## Sexual assault suspect released

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

The man accused in the Rock Canyon aggravated sexual assault in November was released from the Utah County Jail on Jan. 17, jail and court records show.

Prosecuting attorney Doug Finch confirmed Wayne Ray Leas, 34, was "found incompetent without a substantial likelihood for restoration" and said Leas' family is planning on returning him to Montana.

A review hearing is set for July 11 under 4th District Court Judge Thomas Low, who also presided over the Jan. 17 hearing.

Leas was arrested and charged in the Nov. 6, 2017 incident with aggravated robbery and aggravated sexual assault, both first degree felonies. At the time of his arrest, the Daily Universe reported that Leas approached a woman in a public bathroom with a knife and demanded she undress. The woman called her hiking companion, and Leas fled.

BYU University Police detained Leas on Nov. 10 for trespassing with a knife near the BYU Central Utilities Heating and Cooling Plant, but he had not yet been identified as the suspect from the Nov. 6 incident. University Police, however, took his name, date of birth and other information, and when Provo police released a suspect sketch the following day, University Police notified them that they had detained someone who resembled the sketch. Leas was arrested on Nov. 12.

Court records show Leas has a criminal record extending back to 2002, with a range of charges including theft, trespassing and aggravated assault. They also show two separately filed, confidential competency evaluations and list Leas' public defender as Michael S. Brown, who declined to comment. Provo Police have not responded to requests for comment about Leas' release.

University Police Sgt. Randy O'Hara said it's important that women learn how to protect themselves. O'Hara teaches the Rape Aggression Defense course at BYU, a half-credit women's self-defense class.

O'Hara said the class was developed 30 years ago and BYU picked it up a few years later. He said it differs from BYU's regular self-defense course by focusing less on martial arts and more on escape and survival.

O'Hara, who's been a Rape Aggression Defense instructor for 18 years, said women shouldn't leave their protection to somebody else like a father or boyfriend.

"That somebody else can't be there all the time, so it's important for every individual to be able to protect themselves and not to have to rely on anybody else," O'Hara said.

He also said a women's best self-defense mechanism is her brain.

"Just be more aware and keep your own personal self-defense a priority in your own life," O'Hara said.

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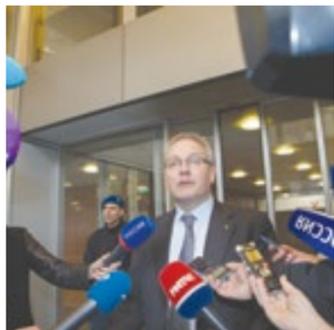


## Senate leaders agree on plan to reopen government

Democrats supported a plan to reopen the federal government Monday, Jan. 22 as the Senate began a key vote.

Senators predicted a proposal to fund the government until Feb. 8 would move forward, overcoming a Democratic filibuster and clearing the way for an end to the three-day shutdown.

Democrats climbed onboard after two days of negotiations ended with new assurances from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that the Senate would consider immigration proposals.



## CAS opens week of cases for banned Olympic athletes

The Court of Arbitration of Sport opened a full week of appeal hearings on Monday, Jan. 22 for 39 Russian athletes disqualified from the 2014 Sochi Olympics for taking part in a state-backed doping program.

The athletes hope to overturn their Olympic life bans and clear their names to compete in the invitation-only "Olympic Athlete from Russia" team at the Pyeongchang Games, which open on Feb. 9 in South Korea. Verdicts are not expected to be delivered before Jan. 30 or 31.



## Solar industry on edge as Trump weighs tariffs

Companies that install solar-power systems for homeowners and utilities are bracing for President Donald Trump's call on whether to slap tariffs on imported panels.

The solar business in the U.S. has boomed in recent years, driven by falling prices for panels, thanks in part to cheap imports, making solar power more competitive.

A green-technology research firm estimates that tariffs could cost up to 88,000 U.S. jobs related to installing solar-power systems.



## Amazon opens store with no cashiers, lines or registers

No cashiers, no lines, no registers - this is how Amazon sees the future of in-store shopping.

The online retailer opened its Amazon Go concept store to the public Monday, Jan. 22, selling milk, potato chips and other items. Amazon employees have been testing the store in the bottom floor of the company's Seattle headquarters for about a year.

The public opening is just another sign that Amazon is serious about expanding its physical presence.



## Pence says US embassy will move to Jerusalem in 2019

Vice President Mike Pence told Israel's parliament on Monday that the U.S. embassy will move to Jerusalem by the end of 2019, receiving a rousing ovation as he pledged to barrel ahead with a plan that has set off weeks of unrest and thrown U.S. peace efforts into disarray.

The plan to accelerate the move of the embassy, announced in the first-ever address of a sitting American vice president to the Knesset, marked the highlight of Pence's three-day visit to Israel.

## Police Beat

### BYU THEFT

**Jan. 10** - An individual reported a hard drive taken from a computer.

**Jan. 12** - An individual reported a coat taken near the Wilkinson Student Center.

**Jan. 16** - A subcontractor at the Clyde Building reported a stolen drill and saw worth a combined \$370.

**Jan. 17** - An individual reported the theft of a \$200 floor polishing tool from the Richards Building.

**Jan. 17** - A male student reported missing medication from a refilled prescription.

### ASSAULT

**Jan. 15** - A male student reported assault from another male student that occurred during a basketball game in the RB.

### OREM/PROVO AREA

#### DUI

**Jan. 16** - A man was arrested for DUI after he was found passed out on the I-15 southbound off-ramp for the 800 North exit.

#### THEFT

**Jan. 16** - Two individuals were cited for hot sauce theft at the

Orem Black Bear Diner.

**Jan. 17** - A woman was cited for shoplifting a yeti cupholder and headlamp from Ridley's.

#### SPEEDING, FLEEING POLICE

**Jan. 17** - A man was arrested after driving 80 mph on State Street and fleeing police. Police found the man at the Orem Little Caesars.

#### DRUGS

**Jan. 16** - Two men were arrested for possession of heroin and paraphernalia.

**Jan. 17** - Police cited a man for driving without a valid license and having meth in his vehicle.

## Universe legislative team starts coverage



Joel Campbell

From left: Pictured in front of the Salt Lake City and County Building, Katie Harris, Jenna Alton, Nicole Hillman, Katelyn Stiles and Hannah LaFond are five members of the Daily Universe reporting team covering the Utah Legislature in Salt Lake City from Jan. 22 through March 8. The team, which also provides news to newspapers statewide through the Capital West News service, has already published several stories about bills that would affect BYU students and faculty. Live coverage started Monday.

### BYU SPORTS EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Thursday Jan. 25

- Women's basketball vs. Saint Mary's; Marriott Center; 7 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Saint Mary's; Moraga, Calif.; 9 p.m. MST

#### Friday Jan. 26

- Men's and women's indoor track; Dr. Sander Invitational in New York City
- Women's tennis vs. Weber State; Indoor Tennis Courts; 11 a.m.
- Women's gymnastic vs. Air Force; Smith Fieldhouse; 7 p.m.

- Men's volleyball vs. UC Irvine; Irvine, Calif.; 8 p.m. MST

#### Saturday Jan. 27

- BYU Swim and Dive vs. Utah; Ute Natatorium in Salt Lake City; 11 a.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Pacific; Stockton, Calif.; 3 p.m. MST
- Men's tennis vs. San Diego State; San Diego, Calif.; 4 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Pacific; Marriott Center; 7 p.m.
- Men's volleyball vs. UC Irvine; Irvine, Calif.; 8 p.m. MST

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# Global Women's Studies to become Kennedy Center program, seek approval for major



Jorden Jackson

Jorden Jackson, left, and Laurel Peacock from the Women's Studies Honor Society, strike a pose during the Global Women's Studies Fall 2017 open house. Global Women's Studies is moving to the Kennedy Center.

By MADALYN MCRAE

BYU's Global Women's Studies program is looking forward to a bright future as it prepares to become a Kennedy Center program and seeks approval to become a major.

The program houses the women's studies minor, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year. Since then, it has been approved to move from being jointly housed under the College of Humanities and the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences to being housed in the Kennedy Center.

The change to the Kennedy Center comes in the wake of the program's name changing from Women's Studies to Global Women's Studies.

Renata Forste, the first Women's Studies program coordinator, recently became the director of the Kennedy Center. When that happened, Forste proposed the program become part of the Kennedy Center so BYU could become known for working on issues that affect men, women and children internationally.

Forste, a sociology professor and BYU's associate international vice president, said the Global Women's Studies program fits in well with the other Kennedy Center programs because it is interdisciplinary.

Humanities and media librarian Elizabeth Smart taught the Introduction to Global Women's Studies course for the second time this fall. She said the program's transition to the Kennedy Center makes great sense.

"I think the BYU student population is perfectly suited to the study of global women's studies because of their many international and diverse experiences," Smart said.

Current program coordinator Valerie Hegstrom said while the program will officially become part of the Kennedy Center this month, she predicts the physical move to the

Kennedy Center will occur in February or March after some remodeling. The program will gain more office space, she said.

Those involved with the program are also working on a proposal for a women's studies major. The proposal has to work its way through the University Curriculum Council and the Board of Trustees to be approved.

"It's a long process, so there are no guarantees," Hegstrom said, though she added she remains hopeful.

The second wave of the women's movement swept the country in the 1960s and '70s, dealing with issues like pay equity, workplace equality and reproductive rights.

Universities then began to create women's studies programs. The first of these was the Women's Studies program at San Diego State University, created in 1970.

According to BYU Women's Studies librarian Connie Lamb, Dallin H. Oaks, who was president of BYU at the time, began focusing on these issues. He formed the Women's Advisory Committee with Marilyn Arnold, an English professor. The committee suggested the creation of a research institute.

The Women's Research Institute was created, directed first by Ida Smith. Lamb said Smith mainly focused on gathering women's studies materials and raising awareness about the program. The next director, Mary Stovall Richards, focused on research on women not only in the church, but also in other areas.

The Women's Studies minor was established in 1991 under the next director, Marie Cornwall, allowing students to become involved. Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill, who served as the next director, began leading the institute in research of its own instead of just encouraging faculty to do research.

In 2009, BYU closed the Women's Research Institute and created the Women's Studies program. According to Lamb,

this caused some heartache, though the minor and other Women's Research Institute activities have continued. Now the Women's Studies Program does not conduct its own research, but it does still give research grants.

Hegstrom said she became involved in women's studies as she began looking for lost women writers in her area of focus: 16th and 17th century literature and theater. Over 25 years, she has identified 24 forgotten female writers from this time period, though her professors in graduate school told her there were none.

Like the case of Hegstrom's lost women writers, Forste said that when she teaches the introductory women's studies course, she points out the role that women have played in everything.

"It's not that there aren't women doing amazing things; it's just that we don't always know about it," Forste said.

Sociology major and Women's Studies Honor Society copresident Jorden Jackson is one of 81 current Global Women's Studies minors. Jackson said her dream is to become a sociologist activist focused on gender.

"There hasn't been anything else that I could see myself doing for the rest of my life," Jackson said.

Jackson said while serving a mission in the Philippines, she witnessed both moments of sexism and triumphs of equality. She said coming back to the U.S. was eye-opening to her because she was able to see more clearly the inequality at home and the progress still to be made.

"Women's studies has helped me empirically pinpoint why certain things in the world don't feel right," Jackson said.

For the faculty and students involved in Global Women's Studies, there is only more room to grow and progress.

"I think it will just continue to get bigger," Forste said. "And I think adding the major will just provide more opportunities for students to be involved."

## Campus News



Samuel Otterstrom



Ben Abbott



Montana Shugars



Benja Cuque



Jani Radebaugh

### DAVID M. KENNEDY CENTER FOR International Studies

Geography Associate Dean **Samuel Otterstrom** will speak at the Kennedy Center Lecture Series on Jan. 24 at noon. Otterstrom will present about migration patterns to California in the late 1800s and how this history shaped the present settlement landscape.

### MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF Business

Business students from across the country visited BYU on Jan. 12 for the Deloitte Supply Chain Case Competition. Visiting schools included the University of Southern California, Penn State University, the University of Tennessee and Purdue University. BYU took second place in the competition and USC took first.

### COLLEGE OF Life Sciences

Research led by BYU ecologist **Ben Abbott** found bodies of water can be used as "sensors" of ecosystem health. This information could be used to demonstrate which areas are best for farming and food production.

### COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

BYU dancer **Montana Shugars** recently traveled to Italy to train at one of the leading ballet schools in the world, La Scala Opera Ballet School, as part of a study abroad. Shugars said her experience taught her to focus less on herself as a performer and more on the audience.

After spending a summer studying with the Ballet West Summer Intensive in Salt Lake City, BYU dance student **Benja Cuque** has created his own non-profit dance company. Cuque said his training with Ballet West also prepared him to teach creative dance in a public Mayan school in Guatemala next summer.

### COLLEGE OF Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Geology professor **Jani Radebaugh** and her team have qualified as finalists in NASA's New Frontiers program. The Dragonfly Mission, Radebaugh's proposed project, would land on the surface of Titan, Saturn's largest moon. The team will find out whether their project has been chosen next spring.



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## TODAY

**UNIVERSITY FORUM**  
Tuesday, January 23  
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This event will also be broadcast to the JSB Auditorium.



**Sister Sharon Eubank**

*First Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency*

"Turning Enemies into Friends"

Sharon Eubank is the director of LDS Charities' worldwide operations. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from BYU and subsequently taught English as a second language in Japan. She has also worked as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate and owned a retail education store in Provo, Utah.

Since 1998 Ms. Eubank has been employed by the Church's Welfare Department, helping establish LDS employment offices in Africa and Europe before directing the LDS Charities wheelchair initiative. She established 17 international employ-

ment offices helping women qualify for jobs or start small businesses. For five years she directed the humanitarian wheelchair donation program expanding both the number and quality of donations. In 2008 she became regional director of the LDS Charities for the Middle East, overseeing humanitarian work in 11 countries.

In 2017 she was asked to serve in the general presidency of the LDS Church's women's organization called Relief Society. In this capacity, she helps provide leadership and resource for 7.1 million members in 162 countries.

A question-and-answer session will be held at noon in the de Jong Concert Hall.

### NEXT: UNIVERSITY DEVOTIONAL



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# LDS church members united in Spain despite Catalonia divide

By ELEANOR CAIN

*Editor's note: Interviews for Mireia Coll and Faustino López were translated from Spanish to English for this article.*

Dillon Lindsay said Catalans would "light up" if he ever talked to them in Catalan during his LDS mission to Barcelona.

"I never picked up anything more than, 'Hi,' 'How are you,' and 'We're missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,' ... but that's all that I had to learn, and the second that I threw that out to people, they would light up," Lindsay said. "They would physically wake up."

Catalan is the native language of Catalonia, Spain's northeastern region that includes Barcelona. The region is currently home to about 7.5 million people, with its own unique language, culture and a historically strong thirst for independence.

## Why independence now?

Catalonia received international attention after Catalans held an independence referendum vote from Spain on Oct. 1, 2017. The Spanish government subsequently took control of the Catalan parliament, arresting some Catalan leaders and announcing new elections for the autonomous region held Dec. 21.

The Catalonia region currently accounts for about one-fifth of Spain's GDP, and Lindsay said economics as well as culture have influenced the current independence movement.

According to Lindsay, one concern many people expressed to him is that Catalonia's government takes in a lot in taxes, which is then given to the Spanish government and redistributed equally to all the other Spanish regions.

"Since Catalonia is so wealthy,



Mireia Coll

A Catalan independence flag stands out among thousands of protesters in Brussels, Belgium on Dec. 7. Catalans gathered to support exiled and jailed Catalan leaders.

they're giving a lot more money than they're getting back," Lindsay said.

The referendum vote received major media coverage as violent videos of Spanish police trying to stop voters surfaced on the internet and as distressed Catalans called for the freedom of Catalan leaders both jailed in Spain and exiled abroad.

Mireia Coll was one of them.

A native Catalan, Coll was in charge of the voting process at her neighborhood elementary school. She recently traveled to Brussels to protest with thousands of other Catalans for the freedom of Carles Puigdemont, the Catalan leader currently exiled in Belgium, as well as for the freedom of other Catalan leaders.

"The situation is very critical right now because we don't have a Catalan government and it's the Spanish government who has assumed the (government's) functions," Coll said. "We have

part of the government (officials) in prison and part in exile. The Spanish government is using this situation to suspend Catalan laws, and our only hope lies in elections with little guarantees of democracy (because) we fear that the Spanish government will manipulate the results."

## Effects on Europe

Europe is made up of nearly 750 million people in 50 countries who speak around 80 languages. Unsurprisingly, Catalonia isn't the only regional or cultural group in Europe to seek independence or more autonomy. In fact, some have even expressed support for Catalonia.

However, most of these groups don't wish to have full independence like Catalonia, and some have even been purposeful about differentiating themselves from the Catalonia movement.

Faustino López lives in Madrid and teaches LDS institute classes

to BYU students studying abroad in Spain. López said the situation in Catalonia has been blown out of proportion by the media.

"Many foreign journalists are mistaken when they write about Catalan independence, saying that Catalonia is oppressed by the Spanish government. All of that is false," López said. "Propaganda from Catalan politicians (seeking) independence tricks foreign journalists so that they don't check to make sure what's actually happening."

López cited Spain's wavering economy since the secessionist movement and accounts of conflict between pro- and against-independence Catalans as examples of how the movement is truly affecting Spain as a whole.

## Effects on the LDS Church

The LDS Church has a strong presence in Spain, with over 55,000 members and almost 150 congregations.

Lindsay said he doesn't foresee the current events of Catalonia dividing church members in Spain unless there are attacks on Catalan language or culture.

"I could see, if given the opportunity, (church) members wanting to have Catalan branches or a Catalan ward, but I don't think that it is to the point where members would disagree with each other," Lindsay said.

While he hasn't talked to any church members in Catalonia, López said he believes there will be no issue overcoming any differences created from the Catalonia vote.

"I believe that (church) members in Catalonia) all strive so that there aren't any divisions among them and that they don't harm the church," López said. "In these cases, the gospel helps overcome the differences because there are many more things that unite us than separate us."

# BYU swim and dive adds service to winter training in Puerto Rico

By MCKAYLA ROBINSON

The BYU swim and dive team used its winter training as an opportunity to serve Puerto Ricans devastated by Hurricane Maria.

Coach John Brooks was originally concerned about the hurricane's effect on the trip, which had been scheduled before the storm hit.

However, Brooks investigated further and found the team would be able to get by.



BYU Swim and Dive

A member of the BYU swim and dive team helps clear debris in Puerto Rico.

"They had a place for us to stay, they had electricity, they had clean water, they had a pool for us to train at and they had food to eat," Brooks said. "We didn't need cellphone service, Wi-Fi or TV. Basic necessities were met."

The Cougars provided service to the local community of Puerto Rico in a number of ways. They handed out water filtration systems, cleared debris and helped boost the economy by staying at a local hotel.

"Every person we came in contact with was so appreciative that we came and helped them," Brooks said. "They told us it gave them hope and faith that it would be OK. It was almost overwhelming to constantly hear. The devastation is unreal, and we went to the least impacted part of the island."

Many of the athletes were deeply affected by the opportunity to serve those in the area.

"A lot has already been done to help, but you could tell by looking into the streets how much the people of Puerto Rico have been through," said senior captain Vanessa Moffat. "It put everything into perspective for

us that even though we don't have a pool at BYU right now, what the people of Puerto Rico are going through is much worse — they don't even have power."

Sophomore James Sorensen said residents ran out of their houses to offer the students water when they cleared out an area.

"They were so thankful for all the help we were giving them," Sorensen said.

Brooks said he's received positive feedback from several team members about the experience.

"I have already heard from a lot of the swimmers that it was a highlight of their life," Brooks said. "Some of the freshmen had never been outside of Utah, so being able to experience a different culture was an unforgettable experience."

The Cougars also trained during the trip. They spent much of their time at Mayaguez University of Puerto Rico at the RUM Natatorium, the only aquatic facility up and running on the island.

In the RUM Natatorium, they were able to practice in the facility's three pools: a 50-meter Olympic pool, a 25-by-25-meter warm-up pool and a 25-by-35-meter diving pool.

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# [ ISSUES & IDEAS ]



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**@ddlywckmorm**

\*gets on twitter\* \*sees drama with the new first presidency\* \*gets off twitter and keeps opinion to myself (a novel concept)\*

**@zoelaine99**

\*girl steps in puddle\* "Crocs do not come in clutch when it's raining." But what I want to know is why someone is wearing Crocs in the first place @HeardAtBYU

**@brownjoshua08**



Pretty cool how @cafezupas walls also double as an idea board of potential baby names for Utah moms...

**@dallinmoak**

A recent RM talking about a book she read: "...and it was about the Nazi consecration camps." "You mean concentration camps?" "yeah that" @HeardAtBYU

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"Don't you know? It's against the Sabbath to kiss boys on Sunday." @HeardAtBYU

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**@poetickate**

if kim and kanye were mormon they would have named their kid "far west"

**@pacopudding**

Confession: Sometimes when I hear of a couple announcing an engagement, I am torn as to whether to congratulate both or to feel sorry for one and to begin to include that person in my daily prayers. #mormonprobs #thugmormon #singlelife

**@cassjens**

The only thing I miss about YSA wards is being able to go to any given neighbor and ask for brown sugar on a Sunday and it not be weird #mormonprobs

**@marlamuppets**

Oh my gosh this church library is so nice and well stocked...said nobody ever. <throws broken chalk pieces against wall> #Mormonprobs

**@Black2Rin**

Just texted Jimmy the countdown until he can grow a beard again. It's 100 days, in case you cared. 🙄 #byuproblems

**@clairebates37**

"December through February is the worst time to get in a relationship because you have to buy your girlfriend lots of presents" @HeardAtBYU

**@Frosties4life**

My religion professor "I-clickers are from, forgive me, from heck." @HeardAtBYU

**@jlinehan9**

I hate traffic so much I went out and bought a mannequin today so I can travel in the carpool lane. His name's Andy.

**@LaVonnnie**

There is this super hot guy in the law school but literally every time I see him his hand is in his pocket so I have no idea if he is married or not. #byuprobs

**@gabriela\_sky7**

Guy: Where are you from? Me: Milwaukee Guy: Where in Utah is that? @HeardAtBYU

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My biggest fear is that one day something will happen to my feet and I'll be forced to wear Sketchers shape ups

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## [ OPINION OUTPOST ]

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

### Elections, Russia's involvement

The results of a special counsel's investigation into Russia's involvement in the 2016 election will not be known for some time, but one fact is well established: The regime of Vladimir Putin tried to sway the results of the presidential vote. Moreover, it is likely to mount similar operations in 2018 and 2020. In that sense, the most damaging aspect of President Trump's behavior on Russia may not be his attempts to discredit the work of Robert S. Mueller III — which so far have had scant effect — but his utter disregard of the continuing threat from Moscow.

—Editorial Board  
*The Washington Post*

### Government shutdown

The government shutdown continued on Sunday as Senate Democrats imitate Republican Ted Cruz's 2013 strategy of using government funding to force a President's hand on an unrelated issue. Mr. Cruz wanted ObamaCare repeal while Democrats want to coerce the GOP on immigration, but the budget blackmail strategy deserves to fail again. The important difference this time is that the Trump Administration is trying to limit the shutdown damage while President Obama tried to make it as painful as possible.

—Editorial Board  
*The Wall Street Journal*

### Monitoring home-schools

Every once in a while, a horrible story involving home-schooled children grabs the public's attention. Most recently, a Perris couple allegedly kept their 13 sons and daughters chained and malnourished, while filing the proper paperwork each year to tell the state that they were running a small, home-based private school for the kids. ... Parents have the right to educate their own children; they don't have the right not to educate their children or to use home-schooling as a cover for abuse and neglect.

—Editorial Board  
*Los Angeles Times*

### National parks

But last week, after waiting nearly a year for Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to notice them, nine of the 12 board members resigned in protest. ... Those who walked out were unanimous in their view that Zinke and the National Park Service have their own agenda, one that apparently includes opening up more public land to mining and drilling and having little respect for the millions of people who love the parks, and have no intention of slowing down to discuss any of that. ... What has become clear, though, is that the administration's idea of those who cherish the land most are those most eager to dig it up. No other voices need be heard.

—Editorial Board  
*The Salt Lake Tribune*

### Immigration

There is an important public safety reason for keeping local police and sheriff's deputies out of the deportation business. If people who are living in the country illegally come to view local law enforcement officers

— whose duty is to maintain the peace and enforce criminal codes — as just another set of immigration agents, they will be far less likely to report crimes or cooperate with investigators. In Los Angeles alone, Police Chief Charlie Beck said last year that fewer Latinos in the city were reporting rapes, spousal abuse and other crimes for fear of being deported under the Trump administration's policy of stepped-up arrests.

—Editorial Board  
*Los Angeles Times*

### Transgender military members

As of Jan. 1, the United States military finally began accepting transgender recruits. That's despite President Trump's tweets over the summer demanding a ban on all military service by transgender Americans. Barred multiple times by federal judges from implementing the president's order, the Trump administration chose to hold back from further efforts to prevent new recruits from joining — at least for the moment.

—Editorial Board  
*The Washington Post*

### Lobbying

The numbers compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan organization that tracks money in American politics, might not seem surprising. The amount spent on lobbying during the first nine months of Donald Trump's presidency, it found, was higher than in any corresponding period since 2012. A new administration would attract a new wave of lobbying, you would think.

—Editorial Board  
*The New York Times*

### Hawaii missile alert

If states take this opportunity to update emergency notification plans and to make them as responsive as current technologies allow, Hawaii's mistake will have served a good purpose. Families also should use the opportunity to take stock of their personal emergency plans. Such updates may be difficult to prioritize when disasters seem distant, but the Hawaiian experience is a reminder that threats — real or otherwise — come when least expected.

—Editorial Board  
*Deseret News*

## [ READERS' FORUM ]

### Technology use

Teenagers spend too much time each day on technology (social media, video games, television, etc.); therefore, parents should more closely monitor how often their kids use technology.

In a CNN article, a non-profit organization named Common Sense Media performed a study revealing that teenagers spend about nine hours a day using media.

Technology not only influences teenagers' social abilities, but it also has a great effect on our health. Teenagers are sacrificing essential activities, such as exercise and sleep, to have more time on their devices. The average number of obese teenagers in the U.S. has aggrandized drastically over the past 30 years. One of these factors can be attributed to an increased use of technology.

To get teenagers to decrease their technology usage, parents need to be more involved in their children's lives and become more active. We are losing the ability to interact with other human beings. With technology, we are like a chick embryo that never hatches. We stay protected in our shell, never gaining the opportunity to see the fantastic world where we live. We are losing sleep and gaining weight because of technology.

The answer is not to take away technology from teenagers (the opportunities that exist with technology are limitless) but to look at how long our teenagers and children are spending on technology each day. Certainly there is something a lot more useful and productive we could do with these nine hours.

—Landon Thompson  
*Layton, Utah*

### Incentives

When LDS youth are asked what comes to mind with the words "Relief Society," a typical response is "food."

LDS culture offers kids candy for participation in Primary, luncheons for special occasions and refreshments for attendance at most gatherings. At school, children are given candy or prizes for classroom participation and sometimes just for doing their homework. In sports, treats are provided for showing up to games, and the end of the season brings the shiny participation medal for bench-warmer and MVP alike.

This constant use of material incentives negatively impacts the expectations children have for life; therefore, the focus should be shifted to intangible rewards.

When today's youth look to start their careers, they will find that employers want self-motivated employees who will further the company's success. Working just enough to earn a paycheck will not be enough. If kids are always taught to work for a material reward, their ability to work hard for the satisfaction work brings will not be cultivated.

To become the successful individuals they need to be, children should be taught to perform well academically out of the joy of acquiring knowledge, athletically for the satisfaction of a win well-earned and spiritually out of the desire for peace and fulfillment. Decreasing incentive use among the youth will help accomplish this. The occasional treat incentive is acceptable, but that is exactly how kids should start viewing rewards — as treats, not traditions.

—Kelsie Westphal  
*Eagle Mountain, Utah*

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## Football's Kaufusi steps down, Hadley hired

*Kalani Sitake  
announces more  
coaching changes*

By CALEB TURNER

BYU football coach Kalani Sitake announced changes to the defensive staff Jan. 19. Linebackers coach Steve Kaufusi will be stepping down to "pursue other interests," and Weber State assistant and former BYU cornerback Preston Hadley will join the staff as safeties coach.

In addition, a 10th assistant will be named on the offensive side sometime in the future.

Kaufusi leaves BYU football after 16 years on the staff. He also played for BYU as a defensive lineman from 1985-1987.

"Anyone who knows Steve knows he is an exceptional coach and mentor to young men, which you can see in the players he has coached over the years and also in his own family," Sitake said. "I wish Steve nothing but the best for his future."

Three of his sons have played, or are currently playing, for BYU. The oldest, Bronson, plays for the Baltimore Ravens. Corbin currently plays for BYU, and Devin, the youngest, has committed to playing for the Cougars.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity I've had to coach at BYU for the past 16 seasons," Kaufusi said. "I'm honored to have had the opportunity to represent the University and everything it stands for. I will always be a Cougar and look forward to watching my sons play at BYU."

Hadley leaves a successful Weber



BYU Photo

Left: Steve Kaufusi stepped down after 16 years as a BYU defensive coach. Right: Former Cougar cornerback Preston Hadley was hired to join Kalani Sitake's defensive staff.

State program, where he coached the defensive backs.

"I'm honored to return home to represent BYU and looking forward to

working alongside the great coaches on the staff," Hadley said. "I am very thankful to Coach Jay Hill for teaching me how to be a football coach, and

to Coach Sitake, Coach Tuiaki, and the BYU administration for the opportunity to serve at my alma mater and help provide the BYU experience to the

student-athletes."

The 6-foot defender played for BYU from 2011-2012, battling several injuries during his playing years.

Hadley logged 117 total tackles, 6.0 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks during his career. His 14 pass breakups as a junior tied him for No. 9 in the nation.

Previous to his time as a Cougar he played for Snow College, leading them to two conference championships.

A graduate of Pleasant Grove High School, Hadley also served a full-time LDS mission in the New York New York South Mission from 2007-2009.

After playing at BYU he worked as a graduate assistant under Bronco Mendenhall for two years.

The 2017 season was the second season for Hadley at Weber State, where he helped lead the Wildcats to a Big Sky Conference title, a school-record 11 wins, two wins in the FCS Playoffs, eight All-American honors, and a top-5 national ranking, the highest in school history.

"Preston is a leader and a coach who understands and knows how to teach the fundamentals and techniques of the game," Sitake said. "He is a young, up-and-coming coach in this business who brings experience overseeing the entire secondary and as a recruiting coordinator. He will fit in perfectly in our defensive backfield and we are excited to welcome him back home to BYU."

With the addition of Hadley to the defensive staff, assistant head coach Ed Lamb will move from safeties to coach linebackers while defensive coordinator Ilaisa Tuiaki and Jernaro Gilford will maintain their position assignments with the defensive line and cornerbacks, respectively.

Sitake also announced that he will assist in coaching the defense in 2018.

## Patrick Fishburn: world class golfer

By JACOB WALTERS

BYU golfer Patrick Fishburn is a 6-foot-4 senior who is making a name for himself on a national stage.

Originally from Ogden, Utah, Fishburn has been a member of the BYU men's golf team since 2011. He started golfing when he was 7 years old, when his older sisters were offered full-ride scholarships to play for Weber State University's golf team, despite being all-American basketball players, not golfers.

They set an example for Fishburn, who excelled at both golf and basketball throughout his youth. He said he caught on to golf quickly and won tournaments from a fairly young age. He started getting attention from BYU's program when he was just 13.

Despite the attention he received early in his career, Fishburn was never really hindered by the intense pressure that can come with being a promising young athlete.

"I never really put too much pressure on myself," he said. "Playing multiple sports made it a little more fun, (and) I didn't get burned out early."

Initially, Fishburn thought he wanted to play college basketball, but after a foot injury his junior year of high school, he felt like he wasn't quite the same player as he had been. He decided to focus on golf, moving forward and committing to play for BYU.

Several top programs at colleges including Texas, UCLA and Ohio State recruited him. Ultimately he figured staying closer to home in Utah would be the best fit for him.

"It was pretty tempting to try to go to one of those schools, but I really like the coaches, and being LDS, I like the atmosphere here," Fishburn said.

Another benefit to playing for BYU, Fishburn said, was the ability to keep his spot on the team and still serve a full-time mission.

Although he said his time as a missionary in Nashville, Tennessee was well worth it, he added that not having a club in his hands for two years affected his game.

He described himself as "horrible" for the first 8 to 12 months after he returned from the mission field but said ultimately he was able to correct his game and has since excelled on the links.

His list of accomplishments over



Dani Jardine

Patrick Fishburn smiles as he gets ready to drive a ball during Cougar Day on Oct. 16 at the Riverside Country Club in Provo. Fishburn helped BYU win two events and three top 4 finishes this fall.

the last few years is extensive. Fishburn's most notable accomplishment to date occurred last summer when he had a breakout performance at the Utah Open at the Riverside Country Club, an event that attracts professional golfers from all over the western United States.

He took first place, shooting 26-under-par, a tournament record by six shots. His closest opponent finished nine strokes behind him, and the other nine top 10 finishers were all professional golfers.

Such a dominant win has put Fishburn on the national map within golfing circles. The Scratch Players Group, an organization that tracks and ranks the world's top golfers, ranked him the 32nd best amateur golfer in the world.

Fishburn is modest when discussing his success, but isn't shy about making clear his goals for the future. Since he was a kid, he has had a goal of turning pro by becoming a member of the PGA tour.

The work involved in becoming a

professional will be an extension of everything he has already accomplished. The PGA Tour has become increasingly competitive over the last several years, with more and more athletes excelling at golf. He will have to go through a potentially years-long process qualifying through multiple stages to reach his goal, but that doesn't faze him.

From the athletic examples of his older siblings to the low-pressure approach his parents took in encouraging him, Fishburn gives a lot of credit for his success to his family, who he said has always been supportive.

A lifetime of preparation has brought Fishburn to the point in his career where becoming a professional is well within reach, according to his father, Steve Fishburn.

"When it comes to athletics, he has an extraordinary work ethic," Steve said. "Even at a young age, he was committed to practicing and playing and working on his game every spare moment he had."

## Heath Schroyer making a difference with BYU basketball – again



Dani Jardine

Associate Head Coach Heath Schroyer, right, talks with Assistant Coach Quincy Lewis during a basketball game against Pepperdine on Jan. 11. Schroyer has drastically improved the team's defense in his first year back.

By CAITLYN LARSEN ALLDREDGE

BYU basketball coach Heath Schroyer is making a big impact just months into his return to Provo.

Dave Rose hired Schroyer last May as associate head coach — 16 years after he left the Cougars for Wyoming.

"Heath brings a lot of energy to the office," Rose said during the team's media day in October. "He pays attention to detail and has a special connection with the guys."

Schroyer moved his family back to Utah from North Carolina, where he was the assistant head coach for North Carolina State.

"At this point in my career if I was going to be an assistant I really wanted to work with someone I really knew — and knew me," Schroyer said on what brought him back to BYU. "I've always enjoyed my time at BYU, and it's just a great place."

Schroyer and Rose worked together from 1997 to 2001 as assistant coaches on Steve Cleveland's staff. Schroyer said the adjustment has been "really easy."

"The staff has just been fabulous to work with," Schroyer said. "I've been really, really blessed to be with such good coaches."

Schroyer likes to focus on the defensive side of the game, where BYU has seen one of the biggest improvements this season.

"We have a group that's unselfish. They are playing for something bigger than themselves," Schroyer said. "We are getting better defensively and more efficient offensively."

Schroyer said the changes are due to the players buying into the emphasis on defense.

"Coaching isn't really about what you teach, as much as what you emphasize," Schroyer said. "We have had success where we haven't shot the ball well and defensively we have won the game."

Schroyer has high expectations for this team, including winning a WCC championship and getting back to the NCAA tournament. Schroyer said the players will be successful if they continue to work hard on both sides of the ball.

"Coach Schroyer is intense, and he's given us that mentality and we understand that that's how we win games," said forward Yoeli Childs. "Every day in practice he brings it; every game he brings it. He is just an intense guy, and it has helped us out a lot."

The Cougars hit the road to play at Saint Mary's Thursday, Jan. 25 at 9 p.m. MST and return to Provo to host Pacific, Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. MST.



## Bill could raise minimum wage for tipped employees

By JENNA ALTON

BYU sophomore Taryn Ramos Thurston started working at the Pizza Factory in Provo almost six years ago, but recently business is slowing down so much that it's had a negative impact on her paycheck. Her salary is based on a minimum wage of \$2.13 an hour and customer tips.

Many BYU students like Ramos Thurston could see a raise in their paychecks if a bill in Utah's Legislature passes. Rep. Lynn Hemingway, D-Millcreek, has filed HB118 — a bill that would raise the minimum wage for tipped employees from \$2.13 to \$3.25 an hour.

This isn't the first time Hemingway has introduced a bill that would raise the minimum wage for tipped employees. During the 2017 general session of the Utah Legislature, Hemingway filed HB147, which would have raised minimum wage for tipped employees to \$5 an hour. The bill did



Dani Jardine

Taryn Ramos Thurston counts her tips. On slow nights, she sometimes earns as little as \$6 an hour in tips.

not pass.

This year, Hemingway has also filed HB117, which would raise the minimum wage for non-tipped employees from \$7.25, the federal minimum wage, to \$10.25 in 2018 and to \$12 by 2022.

"We're not a bad business, but there are other businesses that we have to compete with," Ramos Thurston said. "It can be really frustrating when

you're only paid \$2.13 an hour and business is slow."

She said that as other businesses and large chain restaurants build around the Pizza Factory, service slows down, leaving waiters with fewer customers, less in tips and lower paychecks.

For some tipped employees, the hourly wage is inconsequential. Senior Bryan Vosper, who worked as a waiter at P.F.

Chang's for two years, said he typically earned \$30 an hour in tips.

"Most servers that are killing it don't really notice the difference too much from the \$2.13, unless it's a very slow night," said Vosper, who is majoring in political science.

"A \$1 raise isn't going to make a huge difference, but nobody is going to complain about it."

BYU economics professor Christian vom Lehn agreed a \$1 raise would not dramatically impact the Utah economy.

"We don't see big effects in small changes of the minimum wage, at least for the first few years," vom Lehn said.

But for Ramos Thurston, who's living on a tight budget like many other students, every penny counts.

"Maybe to some people who work in bigger chain restaurants, it may not seem like a big difference," Thurston said. "But to people like us that have bills to pay and are only making \$2.13 an hour, the small change could make a big difference."

## Initiatives aim at legalizing medical marijuana in Utah



Associated Press

Jake Dimmock, co-owner of the Northwest Patient Resource Center medical marijuana dispensary, works on balancing the pH level of the soil used to grow new medical marijuana plants.

By KATIE HARRIS

A BYU graduate's proposed 2018 initiative effort could lead to the legalization of medical marijuana in Utah. At the same time, a Utah County lawmaker plans to introduce a package of bills aimed the production and sale of cannabis-based medicines.

D.J. Schanz leads the initiative as the campaign co-director of the Utah Patients Coalition, which is sponsoring the ballot.

SB73 stalled in the 2016 legislative session. The bill would have allowed use, production and sale of the drug for medical purposes only. Advocates for legalizing medical marijuana are rallying together in hopes of legalizing the drug this year via the ballot, bypassing the legislature altogether.

Schanz said this action is necessary.

"This is a case where the legislature's will does not align with the public's will," he said.

The initiative needs 113,000 signatures by April 15 in order to be included in November's ballot. A recent poll conducted by the Salt Lake Tribune and the University of Utah Hinckley Institute of Politics shows that 75 percent of Utah voters either strongly or somewhat support the initiative.

As of Jan. 12, the coalition had 85,000 signatures, leaving 28,000 to go by mid-April. Schanz is hopeful.

"Polling has been very consistent and trending in our favor," Schanz said.

Some legislators who favor

legalizing medical marijuana don't support the ballot initiative. Among them is Rep. Brad Daw, R-Orem, who said the language on the ballot would make it easier to pass laws allowing recreational use of the drug — something he strongly opposes.

"It is a masterpiece of deception. It calls itself medical on the one hand, and on the other it allows others to get it without qualification," Daw said. "It absolves doctors of all responsibility."

While Daw opposes the initiative, he confirmed he is preparing his own package of bills that would legalize the production and medical sale of cannabis-based medicines in Utah this legislative session.

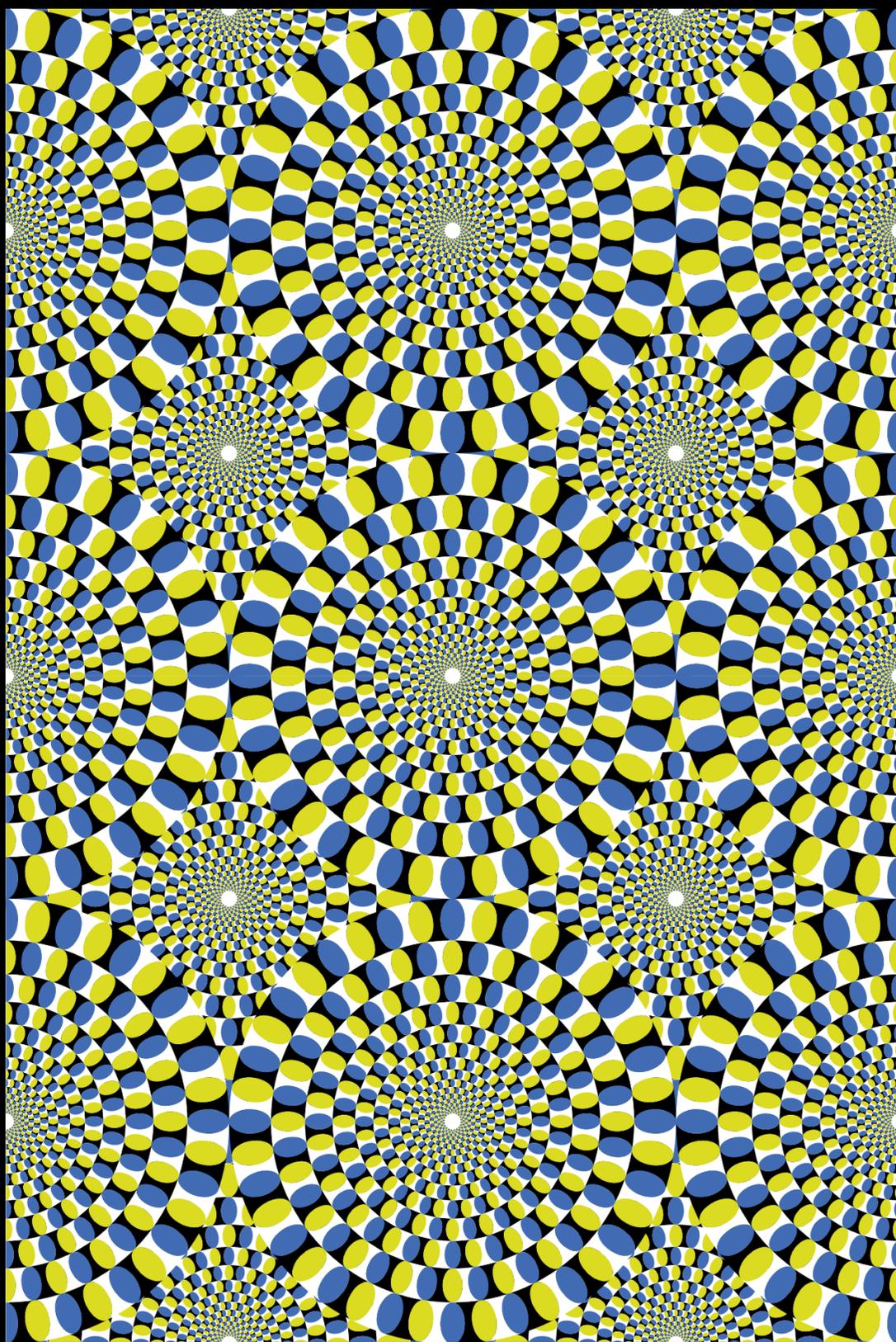
These bills would additionally allow the Department of Agriculture to grow the product experimentally and give terminally ill patients access to cannabis.

"My goal by the end of the year is to have every single patient with a legitimate condition to have access to a safe and reliable product," Daw said.

While the LDS Church publicly opposed SB73 during the 2016 session, it did not oppose SB89, a bill that would have legalized cannabis-based medicines in the state of Utah. Both bills failed.

Whatever the result of the legislative proceedings, the coalition plans on going forward with the ballot initiative as long as it gets the signatures it needs.

"It's great for the thousands of patients that have conditions like epilepsy to no longer be considered criminals and to get the support they need," Schanz said.



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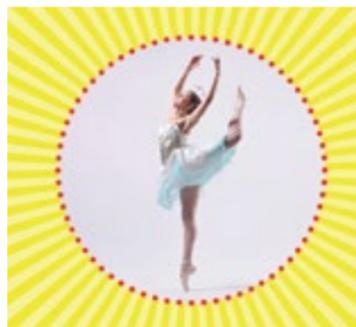
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