

# Moms overcome obstacles, return to BYU

By KALEENA MCKELL

The Universe spoke with two BYU students — both of whom are mothers and live with dermatologic conditions — who returned to school later in life to pursue higher education.

## Armenian single mom seeks MBA

Carine Henderson was born in Moscow and moved to Armenia when she was 6 years old. She came to BYU to pursue an undergraduate degree in linguistics and was one of the early interpreters for the late Jon Huntsman, former U.S. ambassador to Russia.

After Henderson graduated from BYU, she spent a number of years in a business development role for a pharmaceutical and medical device company. She said she always knew she wanted to return to school to get an MBA.

“At some point you kind of just reach the ceiling,” Henderson said. “I decided this was the right time to return and get my master’s in business administration.”

She chose to return to BYU because the business school is ranked nationally and has high-quality professors and courses for a lower cost.

As a single mother of three kids — ages 6, 7 and 12 — Henderson said the experience of returning to school is not free from challenges, but it has been an overall great experience.

“At night we will all sit down at the table, and some of us are working on fractions, some of us are working on pie charts and some of us are working on net present value,” Henderson said. “It’s a fun experience; I really enjoy teaching my kids about business.”

She said the experience has brought her family closer together and allowed her to teach her kids the importance of education through example. As far as balancing her family and her education, Henderson said she tries to automate many things in her life aside from spending quality time with her children.

“For example, I do Walmart grocery



Carine Henderson

Carine Henderson balances raising three children as a single parent and pursuing an MBA.

delivery; I do Costco home delivery. I’m subscribing to food delivery services,” she said. “I try to automate everything that requires time so that most of my time is dedicated to work, kids and school.”

Henderson said she feels education has become more accessible for students of all ages as the world has become more digital and global. She said the world is removing the idea that one can’t obtain an education after a certain age.

“I think with time, we’re becoming more of a generation that focuses on outcome and what you can do and not necessarily on these preconceived notions of ‘well, if you’re beyond this age, you can’t really do anything,’” Henderson said.

According to Henderson, the disadvantages she faces have become advantages. She has received various scholarships based on her ethnicity, her skin condition (vitiligo) and the fact she is a single mother.

“Perhaps in this opportunity it is disadvantageous that I am a single mom, but there was perhaps a certain aspect of it that was advantageous that allowed me to apply for unique scholarships where moms are given a chance to go back to school and to receive assistance,” Henderson said.

## Psoriasis doesn’t prevent mother of six from finishing degree

Amy Feldman is studying family and consumer sciences at BYU. She started her education at BYU in June 1994 and continued through December 1996. She got married, started working full-time and started having kids, so she never finished her degree.

Feldman has dealt with psoriasis since she was 3 years old, and at times 98 percent of her body has been covered with psoriasis. When Feldman first came to BYU in 1994, she decided she would not let her skin condition inhibit her.

“It changed my outlook on life in general, and it changed me to see me as a better person, to see me as a child of God and to see me as a good friend,” Feldman said. “To see yourself as someone who is worthwhile is really hard to do sometimes.”

Now Feldman is happily married and has six children. She started working as a substitute teacher 22 years after initially attending BYU.

“I fell in love with teaching in general. I started thinking, ‘Why can’t I finish my degree so I can have my own classroom of kids?’” Feldman said.

She decided she wanted to study family and consumer sciences, changed her major and ultimately wanted to teach at the high school level. One of Feldman’s major concerns after being accepted to BYU was financing her education. She began searching for scholarships designed for returning mothers.

Feldman came across a scholarship from a dermatologist and applied. She was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship designed specifically for moms who are returning to school and also have a skin condition.

“I had been praying about how I felt really sure that I needed to go back to

school, but I didn’t know how logistically it would work,” Feldman said. “When they called me and offered me the scholarship I cried, and I was so grateful.”

Feldman took as many classes as she could at the BYU Salt Lake Center and online when she first returned to BYU. Now that she is further in the major, all of her classes are offered at the Provo campus. She rides FrontRunner every day and uses the free Wi-Fi to take quizzes and do her homework.

She said she meets many good, young people in her classes. Her fellow classmates in her major even call her “Mom Amy.”

“I feel like one of my talents is blessing these young kids with a different outlook, with a different perspective, with a different kind of love than they know how to express,” Feldman said. “These kids are still trying to figure out who they are and who they want to be and what kind of person they want to be as they get older and become adults.”

Feldman will be entering her senior year this fall and currently has five kids at home and one on a mission. She also serves in her stake Primary presidency.

“How do I balance? I don’t know how I do it all, but I can say I do it with the help of the Lord because I cannot do it on my own,” Feldman said.

She said her husband has been a tremendous help, and her kids have stepped up to help around the house. There are sacrifices made because she is gone, but according to Feldman, there are many blessings that have come as a result.

There are times when Feldman pulls all-nighters, does poorly on a test or doesn’t get home until 11 p.m., but she is not afraid to ask for help.

“This is something I feel like I need to do and everything has come together for a reason, and you just learn to deal,” Feldman said. “You learn that there are disappointments, but there’s no reason to harp on all the negatives because that doesn’t help at all. You just have to move forward with the positives and do the very best you can, and that’s all I can do.”

# Methodist-based Inn Project helps ICE remove children from detention centers

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

*Editor’s note: Immigration has been a political boondoggle for at least two decades in the United States. Congress has yet to come up with a system that will successfully address the complexities, and President Donald Trump has taken some decisions into his own hands.*

Last in a series

TUCSON — The First United Methodist Church is just another part of downtown Tucson at first glance.

Music and laughter float to the church from nearby restaurants; people stroll through the warm early-evening air, some of them perhaps students at the University of Arizona located down the street. In Tucson, as in many places, Friday night hums with weekend energy.

In some ways, however, the church is worlds away from its carefree surroundings.

The First United Methodist Church is home to the Inn Project, where immigrants with children come for food, rest and other relief after being processed by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and approved to pursue asylum.

The Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank, who ministers at the nearby Catalina United Methodist Church and who chairs the Inn Project board, said the project is named for the Bible story where there was no room for Mary and Joseph at the inn. It began in December 2016 when ICE

asked local Methodist churches for help getting children out of detention centers that Escobedo-Frank said are referred to by immigrants as “helado,” Spanish for “the freezer.”

It’s an unusual arrangement — Methodist churches helping immigrants by working directly with ICE, an organization Escobedo-Frank said they otherwise disagree with — but one that, as of July 2017, has provided 5,000 meals, registered 250 volunteers, logged over 4,500 volunteer hours at a \$100,000 value and reunited over 1,000 immigrants with family members all over the U.S., according to the Desert Southwest Conference website. (A conference is a regional area in the Methodist church that may cover part of a state up to parts of several states, according to the United Methodist Church website.) As of December 2017, they have served 2,267 individuals and 678 families.

Another similar facility in Tucson is Casa Alitas, run through Catholic Community Services, and Escobedo-Frank said similar operations run in Texas through other denominations.

## Children first

Since children are the Inn Project’s primary concern, Escobedo-Frank said their housing criteria is single parents or one parent with children under 18. The children are often traveling with one parent, with the other parent meeting them in the U.S. later.

Escobedo-Frank said these are asylum-seeking immigrants who turn themselves over to ICE after “journeys that are just incredibly long and difficult” and can last anywhere from three days to three weeks. Having been processed and granted the opportunity to



Dani Jardine

The Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank, who ministers at the Catalina United Methodist Church, stands outside the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church where the Inn Project is located. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to see a slideshow of photos that go with this story.

seek asylum by ICE, and with future court hearing dates set, they are technically documented immigrants.

For the children’s safety and to maintain good relations with ICE, Escobedo-Frank said they’re careful not to house anyone who doesn’t come directly from ICE.

Wearing ankle monitors, families meeting the criteria are transported by ICE from the detention center to the Inn Project, where they can eat, shower, get new clothes, rest and play. They don’t

often stay more than a day, however, as it’s from the Inn Project that they make arrangements to meet family elsewhere in the United States or otherwise move on.

Escobedo-Frank said the Inn Project does not know what happens to immigrants after they leave their facilities.

She also said previously, ICE officials would just drop immigrants off at bus stations where they would “camp out” for 24 hours. In addition, the Desert Southwest Conference website states

that when ICE initially asked for help in 2016, their officials expressed “the desire not to place parents with children in detention centers or merely drop them off at bus stations and Walmart parking lots to fend for themselves,” as immigrants sometimes became stuck for days.

## Taking care of each other

Daily Universe reporters visited the Inn Project in March, interacting with immigrants and volunteers.

The Inn Project is tucked away in the First United Methodist Church’s basement. An inconspicuous set of stairs on the far-left side of the sprawling, stucco complex leads down to a standard-sized door, which opens into a retrofitted living area that Escobedo-Frank said can house a maximum of 50, though fitting that many is difficult.

There were 38 immigrants from Brazil or Guatemala during the Daily Universe’s visit. South American and U.S. maps near the door help immigrants show Inn Project volunteers where they came from and where they’re going. A carefully organized whiteboard shows various details about each immigrant, such as their names, destinations and travel days and times. Racks of clothing sit near the door, where immigrants can choose new clothing, particularly cold-weather clothes they’ve never needed before.

Escobedo-Frank said many people think the Inn Project receives mostly Mexican immigrants, but that’s the second largest group, with the most immigrants coming from Central America, particularly Guatemala.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Military to limit Congress on fixing child sex assault

U.S. military officials have sought to limit congressional efforts to address child-on-child sexual assaults on bases, even as they disclose the problem is larger than previously acknowledged.

Members of Congress expressed alarm and demanded answers after an Associated Press investigation revealed sexual violence reports among kids on U.S. military bases and at Pentagon-run schools are getting lost in a dead zone of justice often leaving both victim and offender without help.



## Microsoft spends \$25M on AI for disabilities

Microsoft is launching a \$25 million initiative to use artificial intelligence to build better technology for people with disabilities.

CEO Satya Nadella announced the new "AI for Accessibility" effort at Microsoft's annual conference. The Build conference in Seattle features sessions on cloud computing, artificial intelligence, internet-connected devices and virtual reality. It comes as Microsoft faces off with Amazon and Google to offer internet-connected services to businesses and organizations.



## Kilauea volcano claims over two dozen homes in Hawaii

Hawaii's Kilauea volcano has destroyed 26 homes since it began spewing lava hundreds of feet into the air last week, and residents who evacuated don't know how long they might be displaced.

The decimated homes were in the Leilani Estates subdivision, where molten rock, toxic gas and steam have been bursting through openings in the ground created by the volcano. Another four unspecified structures were covered by lava, officials said in revised figures issued Sunday.



## State election systems wait for security checkups

With the midterm primaries about to go into full swing, the Department of Homeland Security is playing catch-up in helping to ensure that state election systems are secure against cyber tampering by the Russians or others bent on mischief.

The department says it has completed on-site risk assessments of election systems in just nine of 17 states that have formally requested them so far. It has pledged to do so by November for every state that asks.



## Shooting suspect to undergo mental health test

A man who was accused of killing four people at a Tennessee Waffle House will undergo a mental health evaluation prior to going to court.

A judge on Monday, May 7, granted a request by the defendant's lawyer that he get an outpatient evaluation before moving forward with court proceedings.

Travis Reinking faces multiple charges in the April 22 shooting, including four counts of criminal homicide.

## ICE

### Finding a sanctuary

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She said many immigrants go to the east coast, though immigrants go all over the U.S. The immigrants Daily Universe reporters met were largely headed for southeast cities.

On one side of the room is a wide kitchen, with a doorway leading to showers and bathrooms beyond the kitchen. The main floor is covered by multicolored cots and blankets. Immigrants of all ages lounged or talked quietly, sometimes sending shy glances and smiles at the reporters.

Escobedo-Frank said immigrants often hold each other's babies so parents can sleep, and they help with cooking and cleaning. "They take care of each other a lot," she said.

Past the cots, a doorway on the main room's opposite side leads into a well-furnished playroom. Children laughed and ran through the ample toys, or smiled at cartoons playing in Spanish on a wide-screen TV as if they had no idea how far they had come or what their families had been through.

A small immigrant boy, perhaps only a year old, toddled toward reporters from the playroom, the innocence in his face belying his circumstances. He threw his arms around a reporter's legs and looked up



Dani Jardine

The sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank said immigrants sometimes come here to "talk to God."

with a bright smile.

Past the bathroom and shower facilities, a staircase leads to the church's sanctuary. The wood pews, stone floor and multicolored stained-glass windows lend reverence to the room's imposing silence. It's here immigrants sometimes "talk to God," Escobedo-Frank said. "They do often come up here and just sit in the quiet and pray and get some time to relax."

Escobedo-Frank said the immigrants aren't with them long enough for the Inn Project to offer any social services, but both she and Associate Pastor Jamie Booth were social workers before becoming pastors.

She also said if there's an immediate need, the Inn Project works with non-profit Justice For Our Neighbors, which "provides free or low-cost immigration services for low-income immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers," according

to its website.

Booth said she can't think of having a bad day when she's at the Inn Project, recalling a man who said, "God bless America" and "God bless this church," when he saw her bringing groceries in.

"People are happy, and they've been through so much more than I have," she said. "People are grateful just for what's here."

The Inn Project has received about \$160,000 in grants and donations as of July 2017, according to the Desert Southwest Conference website. ICE does not help with any of the Inn Project's costs; however, anyone can donate online. The Inn Project could also expand into a second church if needed.

Still, Escobedo-Frank hopes for a day when the Inn Project won't be needed at all. "I hope (the Inn Project) goes away," she said. "I hope it's never needed again."

## LDS Church's stance on immigration

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

The LDS Church released an official statement in 2011 on immigration, supporting "a balanced and civil approach to a challenging problem, fully consistent with its tradition of compassion, its reverence for family and its commitment to law." This means supporting an approach that allows undocumented immigrants to "square themselves" with the law without this necessarily being a path to citizenship.

The statement continues that the church "is concerned that any state legislation that only contains enforcement provisions is likely to fall short of the high moral standard of treating each other as children of God," and cautions against policies that target any one group, especially if that one group largely comes from a single heritage.

However, the church discourages members from illegally entering any country or deliberately overstaying visas. It also acknowledges that immigration issues must ultimately be resolved by the federal government.

The church also released an official statement in January 2018 on DACA, calling upon national lawmakers to "create policies that provide hope and opportunities" for DACA students, sometimes called Dreamers.

"They have built lives, pursued educational opportunities and been employed for years based on the policies that were in place," the statement reads. "These individuals have demonstrated a capacity to serve and contribute positively in our society, and we believe they should be granted the opportunity to continue to do so."

The statement also illustrates the church's hope that solutions will strengthen families and keep them together. However, it acknowledges that every nation has the right to secure its borders, and that every person is subject to a nation's laws.

The church's topic page on immigration states public officials should create laws that



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Protesters rally in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program known as DACA outside the offices of Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, in Cincinnati. The LDS Church has previously released statements on DACA and immigration, and the church also provides services to immigrants.

"properly balance love for neighbors, family cohesion and the observance of just and enforceable laws" by following principles of loving all God's children and strengthening families while still upholding every country's right to secure its borders.

In addition, the leadership handbook entry on emigration states that members are generally encouraged to stay in their homelands to build the church and that emigration is usually met with language, cultural and economic challenges, "resulting in disappointment and personal and family difficulties."

"As members remain in their homelands and work to build the church there, great blessings will come to them personally and to the church," it reads.

The handbook also states that missionaries should not ask anyone to sponsor members wanting to emigrate; members who emigrate should comply with any applicable laws; members should not expect jobs or permanent visas when coming to the U.S. on student or tourist visas; a person must meet all immigration and naturalization laws to be considered for church employment in any country; and the church does not sponsor immigration

through church employment.

However, the church provides aid to immigrants through LDS Immigrant Services, a free public-service, which "aim(s) to help those who have immigrated to the United States find the help and resources they need in the community," according to its website.

Services include welcome centers, cultural adaptation classes, workshops and free legal clinics, all to help immigrants integrate into society while becoming more self-reliant. These services are offered without regard to race, religious affiliation or nationality. LDS Immigrant Services has several locations throughout Utah and two in Arizona.

Other religious-based organizations that support immigrants include Catholic Charities, which provides interpreter services, legal immigration services and a range of community services, according to its website; and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which regularly visits with and writes to people in detention, advocates for the reform of the U.S. immigration detention system and provides legal representation to torture victims, according to its website.

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## Campus News

### COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

Advanced BYU acting students attended a workshop taught by Shakespearean actor **Chris Donnelly**. In his instruction to the theatre students, Donnelly emphasized bravery, confidence, character and acting for the benefit of the audience.

### MARRIOTT SCHOOL OF Business

Thanks to the help and research of BYU students and graduates conducted in Cambodia and Uganda, a life-saving NeoLife ventilator has been constructed and is ready for FDA approval (anticipated Fall 2018). This device is designed

to help infants who struggle to breathe and could potentially save the lives of more than 80,000 babies per year who suffer from breathing issues.

### COLLEGE OF Family, Home and Social Sciences



Angela Bradford

The BYU Faculty Women's Association strives to enrich the professional life for female professors. Recently, the organization awarded five staff members, including FHSS's **Angela Bradford** and **Mikaela Dufur**, for their significant

impact on students.

### J. REUBEN CLARK Law School

The Religious Freedom Annual Review focuses on informing attendees concerning religious and LGBT rights at this yearly event hosted by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies. Through workshops and discussions led by experts, including keynote speaker **Elder Whitney L. Clayton** of the LDS Church's Presidency of the Seventy, participants can gain the needed skills to promote religious freedom. The review will take place from June 20 and 21 and is free for all BYU faculty and full-time students.



Madalyn McRae

BYU English professor Jon Balzotti believes studying the humanities gives students a unique perspective on life.

## STEM poses challenges for humanities

### Preparing students for jobs

By MADALYN MCRAE

The projected salary for an engineering graduate in 2017 was \$66,097. According to the Society for Human Resource Management, computer scientists fresh out of college were expected to make a little over \$65,000, and new math and science professionals were expected to earn a little over \$59,000.

On the other end of the scale, the predicted salary for 2017 humanities graduates was \$48,733 — more than \$10,000 less compared to the lowest predicted salary for graduates from the science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) fields.

Similarly, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences reported in 2017 that the number of humanities bachelor's degrees awarded in 2015 had decreased 5 percent from 2014 and almost 10 percent from 2012.

The author of an "Inside Higher Ed" article addressing this issue wrote that declines in the humanities may be "due in part to trends that even humanities scholars applaud, such as the opening up of science and technology fields to women."

The push for individuals — especially women — to pursue careers in STEM has caused some to proclaim "the death of the humanities."

But are the humanities really in crisis mode? Frank Christianson, associate dean in the BYU College of Humanities, doesn't think so.

"The emphasis on STEM in the last decade or so has posed a challenge to the humanities, but I see it as a healthy challenge," he said.

He said the STEM-saturated world has caused the disciplines in the College of Humanities — foreign languages, English, comparative arts and letters, linguistics and philosophy — to make more of an effort to define what they do and what they can offer college students.

BYU English professor Jon Balzotti offered a more specific view of what STEM has done to the humanities.

"It's encouraged the humanities to think about the ways they can explore the professionalization of their students," he said.

Balzotti said thinkers in the humanities see themselves as participating in the movement toward technology and science.

The Digital Humanities program, which incorporates technology skills training into the study of the humanities, is an example of the two realms coming together, according to Balzotti.

The college also offers the Humanities+ program, which encourages students to seek internships, mentored research opportunities and professional minors to prepare for the workforce.

"In a rapidly changing world," the Humanities+ website states, "it is important to gain a broad education that will be applicable in a multitude of contexts and throughout a lifetime."

Sherami Jara, assistant dean in the College of Humanities and director of Humanities Advisement and Careers, said the college doesn't discourage

humanities majors from getting a technical background.

"If anything, (technical backgrounds) will open up opportunities for them," she said.

Jara also said humanities majors are trained in skills such as writing critically, speaking persuasively and processing information and data.

"Those are skills that STEM majors aren't typically being trained to fine tune and to work through and to focus on," she said, though she noted this isn't the case for all STEM majors.

Jara said the college considers skills such as writing and communicating as professional competencies.

"This current workforce requires something more of students than what it has required in the past. It requires a real balance on both sides," Jara said. "There's value and competencies that come from both of those sides that employers care about."

Though professionalization is being pushed for in the humanities, Balzotti said the field is still unique. It teaches students to appreciate life and experience, to have an interest in the arts and a love for learning, and to examine history and culture.

"To see it as a deficit in the humanities would be a mistake," Balzotti said of the emphasis on STEM. "I think it encourages us to re-examine those differences and those arbitrary separations between our fields."

Christianson said the world of work is changing so students need to consider not just what job they want to have in the future but what problems they want to tackle as professionals.

"That's a radically different mindset than what the last two to three generations of people have had as they've gone through college," he said.

Christianson said it is important for students to find ways to actively develop professional competencies when they enter their major — especially if it requires taking action to get involved in extracurriculars like volunteering or a study abroad.

"As early as possible, have that broader view. You are the architect of your career," Christianson said. "Begin building it from the get go."

Christianson also said he recently spoke to a female humanities major who said she felt there was a lot of pressure for women to major in STEM.

"Find success studying what you love," he said. "Women students have just as much of an opportunity to professionalize themselves in the humanities as they do in the STEM fields."

Sarah Skriloff, a senior who graduated in April 2018 with her degree in sociology, will begin working as a program manager for Microsoft in June.

She originally came to BYU for industrial design, but a boss noticed she really enjoyed user research and encouraged her to pursue the liberal arts.

Skriloff chose sociology "to get good at research and good at understanding people," she said.

Jara said humanities majors like Skriloff go into many fields, not just teaching and writing.

"We feel optimistic that a student who is intentional about their experience and understands the competencies that they're building has just as much of a chance of having a successful career as anyone," Jara said.

# College education proves more accessible for older students

By KALEENA MCKELL

Eighteen-year-olds roll up to college campuses and move into dorm rooms to begin their independent lives. This is what many people picture when they think of college students. However, national statistics show an increase in older — or nontraditional — students seeking an education.

In fact, federal statistics indicate that 75 percent of U.S. college students don't pursue higher education directly out of high school, according to Education Dive. The Higher Learning Advocates report that 38 percent of today's students are older than 25.

The Higher Learning Advocates report says, "Today's students are more diverse than any previous generation of college students: they're diverse in age, race and income level."

### What is a nontraditional student?

The National Center for Education Statistics indicates age as the most frequently used characteristic for defining nontraditional students. Students older than 24 typically fall into this category.

"Age acts as a surrogate variable that captures a large, heterogeneous population of adult students who often have family and work responsibilities as well as other life circumstances that can interfere with successful completion of educational objectives," according to the center.

Amy Soto has served as BYU's Nontraditional Student Association faculty advisor since last summer. Soto said BYU defines nontraditional students as those who are 30 years and older and are pursuing an undergraduate degree.

She said BYU has adopted this definition because BYU's student population tends to differ from most universities. There are typically 400–700 students who fit BYU's definition of nontraditional students enrolled each semester, according to Soto.

The role of the Nontraditional Student Association is to connect students to resources and other nontraditional students.

"Nontraditional students are still students — every opportunity, every resource that's available to any other student is open to them," Soto said. "But they may not know about it in the same way, so we are just an extra voice to let them know that there are people that are in similar situations, and there are people that care about them."

The association holds new student orientation outreach sessions during fall and winter semesters and typically holds socials during the semester.

Soto said there are many reasons older students return to finish their degrees. Reasons can include coming back because they enjoy learning, finishing a goal or necessity of family life situations.

"I think every time we learn and we grow and we develop, our own lives are better because of it, so I can see the benefit for an individual to return," Soto said. "It blesses the individual, it blesses their families and their friends, their neighbors and their community."

### How education has become more accessible

Technology is making education more accessible for all students, according to Soto.

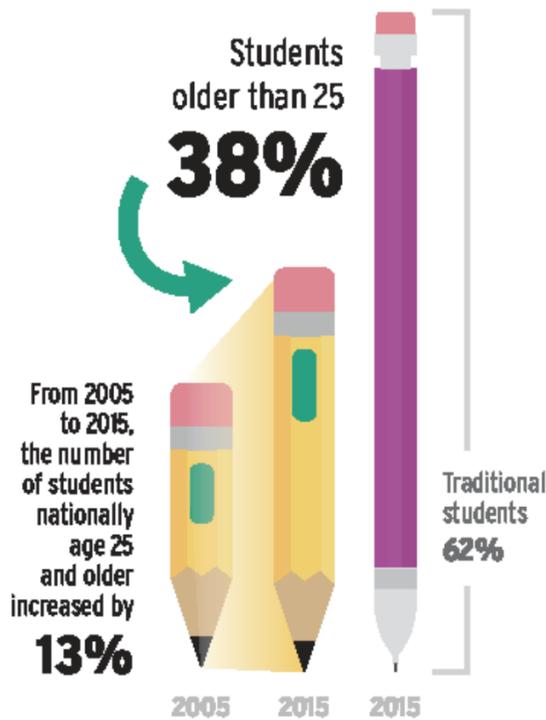
"Now students can attend in the evening, there's BYU online classes, there is independent study — there's lots of different programs," Soto said. "You can attend on campus — you can attend even up at the Salt Lake Center, so if someone lives in Davis County they can still work on their classes from a distance."

Soto also said evening classes allow for flexibility with time.

Another obstacle for all students is paying for school; however, there are scholarships available for nontraditional students.

"I think (finances are) a challenge for any student, but I think it's exacerbated by additional responsibilities," Soto said. "But with my experience, people are making sacrifices to make their dreams a reality."

These sacrifices often involve



Haley Mosher

BYU defines nontraditional students as those over 30 years old pursuing an undergraduate degree, according to Amy Soto, BYU Nontraditional Student Association faculty advisor.

students taking time to seek out scholarship opportunities. Soto said she has even seen students sell their homes to move closer to campus to make returning to school easier.

"I think the more you learn about the resources, the more you can maximize how you're using them, so that could help financially as well," Soto said. "The benefit of BYU is it's the lowest tuition in the state."

### Bachelor of General Studies well-suited for nontraditional students

The Bachelor of General Studies program has been offered through BYU Continuing Education for 20 years. To

enroll in the program, students must first meet the residency requirement of having completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at BYU.

Trav Johnson, Bachelor of General Studies director, said there are various reasons students leave BYU before finishing their degrees. Some may leave because a spouse is starting graduate school elsewhere or going to start a new job. Other times, it can be due to health issues. Students may even leave to join a business venture or start their own business, according to Johnson.

"A lot of things will make it so that our potential students

have to leave BYU, but by the time they're ready to come back after those things have been resolved, they're usually older," Johnson said.

Students of all ages participate in this program, but on average most of the students enrolled are in their late 30s or early 40s. The oldest graduate of the Bachelor of General Studies program was 85 years old, according to Johnson.

"This program is designed so that former BYU students can finish their degree from virtually anywhere in the world. We have students in eight foreign countries," Johnson said. "Most of them are in the United States, but there are students in other countries."

Johnson said Bachelor of General Studies students also have a variety of motivations for finishing their degrees. Some students want to finish what they started and demonstrate by their example that education is important.

"Others are in a position where they can't really advance in their work without a bachelor's degree, so it has a direct impact on their employment and on their income," Johnson said. "Others may be out of work, and they may need a degree so that they can get work."

Johnson said technology and online courses have made it possible for more students to access high-quality education from a distance. More people are now aware of the different options for education, according to Johnson.

"We communicate with our students and prospective students a lot through social media, which didn't exist until just recently," he said. "There's a lot of things that I think helped make education more accessible, and, in many ways, more enjoyable to be a part of than it used to be."

## TODAY

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**Robert T. Barrett**

*Professor, BYU Department of Design*

In addition to being an accomplished painter, muralist, and illustrator, Robert Barrett is also a BYU professor in the Department of Design. Robert received a BFA in painting from the University of Utah and an MA and MFA in painting from the University of Iowa. He has been awarded the Karl G. Maeser Award for Teaching Excellence at BYU as well as the Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award. He was selected as the 2010 Distinguished Educator in the Arts by the Society of Illustrators in New York City and as one of the Most Honored Living Artists of Utah by the Springville Museum of Art.

Robert studied painting in Europe as the recipient of a German academic

exchange grant and was an artist in residence at the Kimball Art Center as the recipient of a joint grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Utah Arts Council. He has received multiple awards for his work both locally and nationally.

His book *Life Drawing: How to Portray the Figure with Accuracy and Expression* is currently used as a text at several colleges, universities, and art schools. He more recently completed a children's book on the Berlin Candy Bomber entitled *Christmas from Heaven*. Robert has completed multiple portrait commissions, and his work is included in a number of private and public collections.

Selected speeches available at [speeches.byu.edu](http://speeches.byu.edu).

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**Brianna M. Magnusson**  
*Assistant Professor*  
*of Public Health*

May 15, 11:05 a.m.

Marriott Center

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# Debate: do Lagoon animals receive adequate care?

By MCKENNA PARK

Hundreds of thousands of people have signed a petition protesting Lagoon theme park's caged animals. Lagoon says its animals are well-treated and that they take the care of their animals "very, very seriously."

Lagoon's Wild Kingdom Train attraction, which takes visitors along a track passing cages of exotic animals, contains over 40 animals, many of which are hoofstock. They also have a collection of big cats, including two white tigers.

Amy Meyer, a director of Utah Animal Rights Coalition, said the protests she has attended are made up of a diverse community.

"People who don't know each other are doing this," Meyer said. "It's not just our animal rights community anymore — it's people from all walks of life who are against this."

Despite the protests, Lagoon continues to meet or surpass USDA regulations for its Wild Kingdom Train attraction. Lagoon's media representative Adam Leishman said, "I honestly could not say the animals are well-treated if it wasn't true."

## Protestors' viewpoint

Meyer said her and other protestors' ultimate goal is to convince Lagoon to retire its animals to sanctuaries.

"This isn't about education," she said. "This isn't about conservation. It's not about a fun ride. It's just about agony for these animals."

Bernie Garcia feels strongly enough about Lagoon's animals that he decided to make a documentary on the issue. The title? "Lagloom."

"I would definitely say 'Blackfish' is inspiration," Garcia said, referring to the documentary protesting against Sea World's orca program. "I felt like a documentary is the best way we could connect with the general population. A lot of people are getting turned on to animal



Amy Meyer

Lagoon houses several big cats in its Wild Animal Train attraction. Over 200,000 people have signed a petition protesting, claiming Lagoon's animals are not given proper shelters or care.

rights."

The documentary has been years in the making. Garcia said he and his team are about 80 percent done with shooting, but they ran into a road bump when their documentary website was hacked.

Garcia said their website was "beautiful" and was raising support for their film, but it began getting hacked and was shut down multiple times.

Provo resident Joshua Faulkner has participated in roadside protests against the Wild Kingdom Train.

"I'm a little biased because I've dedicated lots of time to making the world a better place for animals," Faulkner said. "But the mistreatment of Lagoon's animals is a cause that many people, from all walks of life, can get behind."

Meyer said Lagoon is not a

healthy environment for wild animals.

"There's all this loud typical amusement park activity, roller coasters and screaming," Meyer said. "It's just about the most unnatural environment you can picture for these animals. It's basically a roadside zoo inside an amusement park."

Meyer said while she does not support animal captivity as a whole, she sees Lagoon on a different level than other zoos.

## Supporters' viewpoint

Leishman said he has dealt with Lagoon protestors over the years.

"I think people are interested in the welfare of the animals; I can sympathize with that," he said, adding his belief of a misconception that the animals are abused or mistreated in some way.

Leishman said when he encounters anyone concerned about Lagoon's animals, he tries to reassure them the animals are well treated.

Leishman said Lagoon's animals have a full-time zookeeper staff who provide regular veterinary care, including a lead zookeeper, who formerly worked at Hogle Zoo.

When asked if the attraction was worth the monetary costs of upkeep, Leishman said the ride "remains one of the most popular attractions of the park. It's one of the things the guests expect, so it's worth it to upkeep it."

Leishman said many of the animals at Lagoon were rescued.

"We feel a lot of responsibility for the animals here," he said. "They mostly came from abysmal circumstances."

Amelie Blair, who worked as a ride operator for the Wild Kingdom Train in 1991 and 1992, said she loved the attraction.

"Most rides only require you to press a button," Blair said. "The train — being a real steam engine train — requires more than that. It takes practice and time to work."

Blair does not share the same negative views toward the attraction as protestors do.

"I gained a love for all of the animals," Blair said, not commenting on the protests surrounding the attraction.

When The Daily Universe requested interviews with other current Lagoon employees, Leishman responded, "It is our policy that any company business is to be handled by an authorized spokesperson." Nathan Lyman, a current operator of the Wild Kingdom Train,

responded similarly: "I'm sorry. I'm unauthorized to speak on behalf of Lagoon."

## Social media

Park attendees have taken to social media to share their views on the attraction. While more people post to voice their objection to the ride, some also post to show their support.

Over 100 supporters follow a Facebook page called Friends of the Lagoon Railroad, while a Facebook page called Stop Imprisoning Animals! Lagoon Amusement Park Facebook page has over 4,000 followers.

## USDA citations

Protestors point to USDA citations as one of the reasons they protest Lagoon's animal attraction.

However, while Lagoon was cited during USDA inspections more often in the 1990s and 2000s, it has not received a citation since 2013.

Lagoon's animal attraction currently passes USDA requirements but it is not considered an official zoo and is therefore not required to meet the same requirements as other zoos.

Hogle Zoo Community Relations Manager Erica Hansen clarified the difference between Lagoon and certified zoos.

"We do not consider ourselves anywhere in the same ballpark as Lagoon — they are an amusement park, not a zoo," Hansen said. "We are also accredited through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and they'd never pass such stringent guidelines."

Some notable citations include one on Aug. 18, 2013, when a wildebeest gored the leg of an animal keeper, hospitalizing him in serious condition.

When asked about USDA citations, Leishman said the park has regular inspections from the USDA and operate within its guidelines.

"If there is an issue or concern, we will immediately address it without fail," Leishman said.

## Police Beat

BYU

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**May 1** - Officers responded to a report of two individuals involved in possible domestic violence. The individuals were reportedly contacted and separated to determine the exact situation.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**May 2** - An individual reported a secured bike taken from the bike racks.

**April 30** - An individual reported the unauthorized use of Cougar Cash.

Provo

### MISSING PERSONS

**April 29** - First responders found 13-year-old Thomas Caldwell, who had been reported missing earlier in the day.

He was reportedly unharmed and found around 9 p.m.

Orem

### MISSING PERSONS

**May 2** - 75-year-old Robert Flygare is still missing. He was last seen April 25 walking around 600 South and 700 West in a blue or green button-up shirt with jeans. He is reportedly an avid walker and frequently walks around Geneva Road and the railroad tracks. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Orem Police.

FIRE

**April 26** - Police dealt with a gas line that caught fire on 800 South State Street.

DRUGS

**May 1** - Police responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle parked in the In-N-Out parking lot. When police arrived to talk

to the driver, one of the men in the car told them to leave because they were in the middle of a deal. Police confiscated their weed and arrested the man.

**May 1** - Undercover police arrested two meth dealers in Pleasant Grove after they took off earlier that day. The dealers already had warrants out for their arrests and were in possession of meth at the time.

**May 1** - Police stopped a car for having expired plates. Upon their interaction, the man was arrested after he admitted to having marijuana in the car.

THEFT

**May 1** - Police arrested a woman who stole a cell phone from a retailer after she returned to the store a short while later to activate it.

## Lagoon has long history of animal protests



Amy Meyer

Protestors of Lagoon's Wild Kingdom Train demonstrate outside of Lagoon on March 31.

By MCKENNA PARK

Lagoon has already opened on the weekends in anticipation of the upcoming summer season. On the first day of its opening, March 31, hundreds of cars entered Lagoon's parking lot, first passing by a line of protestors.

Dozens of Utah residents and animal rights activists who believe the Lagoon animals' living conditions are improper coordinated to gather, signs in hand, on the side of the road leading to Lagoon.

This protest is similar to several other Wild Animal Kingdom protests over the years.

Provo resident Joshua Faulkner, who participated in the most recent protest, said he saw much support from those who showed up to protest and from people driving by.

"Many people showed their support by rolling down their windows and telling us how disgusted they were with Lagoon's wild animal ride, and others showed their support with a few quick honks on their car horns or a simple 'thumbs up,' he said.

Faulkner said he has perceived Lagoon's animals as sad and mistreated since he visited the park as a child.

In addition to organized protests outside the park, several petitions have circulated online, garnering signatures over the years.

The largest is a petition on Care2 titled "Persuade Lagoon Amusement Park to close down its 'Zoo,'" created by Grace, Kenna and Matt Barkdull in 2016. It has garnered over 219,000 signatures, and its goal is 500,000. The petition says its targets are Farmington's mayor and City Council and Lagoon's management.

The Barkdull's petition garnered over 139,000 signatures within 13 days, according to KSL.

"The animals that live in the 'zoo' that are on public display at Lagoon have a very sad life," Grace wrote in the petition. "Ranging from tigers to wildebeest, lions, jaguars, and sadly, miniature donkeys and, so much more, are kept in small dirt, concrete, and wire cages with very limited space and no enrichment whatsoever."

Other online petitions include one on Change.org titled "Shut

down LAGOON'S 'WILD ANIMAL KINGDOM RIDE' created by Ashlee House, which states that it's directed specifically to Lagoon's media relations representative Adam Leishman. It has over 6,000 signatures, and its goal is 7,500.

"It is really a very tragic thing we have right here in our own state, and I think that's why you see so many people speaking out against it," said Utah Animal Rights Coalition Director Amy Meyer. Utah Animal Rights Coalition campaigns against Lagoon's attraction with a page on its website, a social media account and events page.

In addition to petitions, several local news sites have published opinion articles on Lagoon's attraction, including the Standard-Examiner, Salt Lake Magazine and Deseret News.

The Standard-Examiner's 2016 opinion piece is written by the Standard-Examiner staff Editorial Board and is titled "It's time for Lagoon to stop caging wild animals."

"Wildlife deserves to be treated with respect, as Ringling Bros. and SeaWorld learned," the article says. "Lagoon, however, persists in treating animals as cheap entertainment."

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# [ ISSUES & IDEAS ]



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**@sirmatthewtodd**

"ok mom well maybe it just bugs me that she's a NONMEMBER and STILL got engaged before me."

**@CalvinKeller16**

"Dude I'm from Idaho Falls, we have THE best Mexican food" @HeardAtBYU

**@megaleonardon**

"Bro if she ain't sliding into your Learning Suite messages she ain't the one" @HeardAtBYU #BYU

**@connerjamesw**



"The theme of sacrament meeting today is balance"

"Perfectly balanced, as all things should be" @HeardAtBYU

**@cassidy\_clegg**

I was at a stop light, singing along to Spanish music and I heard someone yelling in car next to me and the guy in there shouts "Did you serve Spanish speaking!?" He then proceeded to ask questions about my mission till the light turned green. #onlyinutah @HeardAtBYU

**@CaidenPermenter**

"I don't know why I don't have friends now, I was so popular in middle school"..... @HeardAtBYU

**@poetickate**

the movie theater employees who had to manage and clean up after the crowds for infinity war are stronger than the us marines

**@adammillett3**

@HeardAtBYU Being an adult is moving your bed out from the corner of the room to the middle of the wall... Never heard truer words!

**@nataliefullmer**

"He told me he wants to take things slow. We've gone on like 2 dates and haven't kissed or anything. I don't know how much slower we can take things... but okay.." @HeardAtBYU

**@TolkJackson**

Today's fast and testimony meeting Marvel reference count so far: 2 @TheMormonLikes

**@abbigailwoodard**

"during testimony meeting "and i was like... what the heck!?!? wait sorry am i allowed to say that up here?" @HeardAtBYU

**@sharonla6**

Actual statement from my lab quiz today: "Hint: you'll need to do a search on Dr. Google." @HeardAtBYU

**@TessaDaniels**

On campus during women's conference Old lady: they're chicks cause they have chick-fil-a @HeardAtBYU

**@SarahBikman**

Just listening to this couple planning on serving fruitcake at their wedding #yallnasty @HeardAtBYU

**@CaulinTanner**

Discussing what types of members of the church different avengers characters would be... @HeardAtBYU

**@LifeElevatedMom**

London. Peru. Mozambique. Hawaii. That's where FHSS student employees are going this summer. I'll tell you what we did during our summer vacations when I was a student: SLAVED ON GRANDPA'S FARM. #BYU @heardatBYU

**@k\_toone**

My junior high spanish teacher follows 29 people on instagram. I am one of those 29.

**@sammy\_smiless**



"how many times did you have to retake stats?" me

Tweets are unedited

## [ READERS' FORUM ]

### Showing Spanish films in theaters

United States theaters should regularly show films in Spanish to accommodate the increasing Spanish-speaking population. The United States has about 52.6 million Spanish speakers. Compared to other Spanish-speaking countries, the United States is second only to Mexico in Spanish speakers.

Despite living in an English-speaking country, many Spanish speakers speak little to no English, which means fewer movies are available at the movie theaters in their native tongue.

I have several friends whose parents are immigrants from Latin America, and their parents speak English poorly despite their best efforts to learn. These people desire to feel included in all aspects of society and culture. More importantly, they desire to feel comfortable.

To some, watching a movie in their native language may seem insignificant. To others, it may make all the difference. Many English-speaking Americans don't appreciate the privilege of living in a society where their native language is the official language.

Traditional English speakers can go about their normal activities (including seeing the occasional movie) without feeling scared, inadequate or foolish. The successful acceptance and absorption of Spanish-speaking people into the evolving American culture is a big, ongoing job.

I am not suggesting it can be done overnight by simply playing Spanish films in community theaters. What I am suggesting is that this is a good first step. So, let's take this step now and start regularly showing films in Spanish in theaters across our country.

—Tristan Torgersen  
Provo

### Learning through movement

Creative movements, such as exercise and dance, will greatly enhance students' abilities to learn and retain language skills. It is already very common to use other artistic forms of expression, like music, to help students remember grammar and vocabulary.

The first thing I learned in Spanish was the alphabet song. While the other vocabulary I learned seems to have come and gone like the wind, I have never forgotten the alphabet song. My wife had an opportunity to attend an

elementary school that used simple dance routines to teach students about the rock cycle. The kids not only had a blast, but because the concepts were associated with something fun, creative and tangible, they were able to retain the content and understand it extremely well.

The mind and the body are inseparably connected, and stimulating one will stimulate the other. I call upon language instructors everywhere to incorporate creative movement into their curriculum and make language learning fun again!

—Jeremy Hodges  
Portland, Oregon

### Mastering the art of complaining

Complaining can be very detrimental to mental health. Today, we are so instantaneously connected to the world around us that we have developed venting habits.

"Venting" is complaining to the entire world for the sake of validation and the sensation of lashing out at something we strongly dislike. In a world as imperfect as ours, it is easy to understand why this would happen.

With such divisive American presidential debates and government policies, it is impossible for everyone to get what they want. Unfortunately, many people feel entitled, claiming their views are correct. In this ever-present frustration, it can be very hard to submit to what we dislike.

People complain uselessly, which is a problem. There are two ways to complain. The wrong way to complain achieves next to nothing and doesn't solve the problem, damaging mental health. The right way is to complain with a purpose.

There are websites now, like change.org, that let people group together and voice their demands to large companies or government representatives, and customer support lines listen to feedback on why consumers didn't like a product or service.

There are good ways to complain; however, if we are uneducated, we may complain in such a way that damages our mental health and suggests to our own minds a state of helplessness and dissatisfaction.

I call on society to learn the difference between beneficial and malignant complaining so we can see the changes we want in the world without damaging our mental well-being.

—Jacob Walker  
Summerville, South Carolina

## [ OPINION OUTPOST ]

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

### Gun use

We have been more than clear that this country needs more gun laws to keep its citizens safe. Automatic and semi-automatic firearms are just not necessary to secure our fundamental rights. The most common argument against increased restrictions on gun use and ownership is the fact that in many of the recent mass shootings, laws already existed that should have prevented the attacks. Criminals, though, don't obey laws. Which is why enforcing the laws we already have is such a fundamental part of the debate.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

### Trump's firing

Mr. Trump's firing of Mr. Comey and his subsequent attacks on law enforcement have illuminated that the independence of the Justice

Department is relatively recent, and revealed that it is more fragile than most of us imagined. The good news is that, for the time being at least, law enforcement officials, including those appointed by Mr. Trump himself, are doing their jobs and protecting the rule of law as it is properly understood. In the face of regular threats to his independence and his job by congressional Republicans, Mr. Rosenstein responded last week, "The Department of Justice is not going to be extorted."

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

### Trans-Pacific Partnership

Trump has also managed to shoot himself in the foot. Among his favorite trade targets is China, which routinely runs a large trade surplus with America. But in renouncing the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a proposed deal with 11 other countries not including China, Trump weakened the position of administration officials who went to Beijing late last week to negotiate over

China's protectionist tech policies and other trade matters.

—Editorial Board  
USA Today

### SLC airport golf course

Legislation passed in Congress offering a chance to reopen a once-popular golf course abutting the runways of the Salt Lake International Airport is a curious but welcome development in the saga of the city's ongoing dilemma over what to do with a golf program struggling to stay solvent. The development is welcome because it would be a shame to allow a highly regarded links layout to go fallow, just as the airport undergoes massive modernization and expansion.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### T-Mobile-Sprint merger

For the third time in four years, T-Mobile and Sprint have

decided to try to link up, creating a wireless combo designed to compete more vigorously with Verizon and AT&T. The first effort ended in 2014, thanks to opposition from Obama administration anti-trust enforcers. The second ended last fall, before it was formally announced, when the two companies couldn't agree on who would control the combined company. ... In the final analysis, there is no good reason to block this merger, one of the few such deals that could actually increase competition.

—Editorial Board  
USA Today

### Civics education

When only a quarter of Americans can name all three branches of government, it's reasonable to question the validity of civics education across the country. But take heart: A new study shows civics and government courses can produce real increases in democratic participation. Schools, parents and public servants should capitalize on this commonsense revelation and provide meaningful experiences

for teenagers to learn the value of political processes.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### Stress of police work

(Brent) Jex is the subject of "Officer in Distress," Tribune Senior Managing Editor Matt Canham's wrenching deep dive into the stress of police work and its consequences. The crescendo of "Officer in Distress"

comes in the realization that police work is an impossible challenge. No one person can truly keep the peace, and no one can be expected to perform flawlessly every time in the split-second decisions in which life and death hang, even a veteran like Jex. It's that admission that is really at the heart of interpreting not just the mental anguish of police officers but also the anguish of everyone who has to live with police decisions.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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## Student twirls to internship with LA Dodgers

By CALEB TURNER

BYU public relations senior Shaylie Fawcett recently began an internship with the Los Angeles Dodgers. She has years of competitive baton twirling experience and runs her own business selling clothing for young twirlers.

Fawcett, a native of Riverside, California, began twirling at the age of three, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. She went on to compete on the national and world stage, but she had to retire from competition after having back surgery during her sophomore year at BYU.

Fawcett began working with BYU sports marketing early in her college career, replacing the time previously spent practicing and competing in twirling, though she still performs at some BYU sporting events.

This experience in BYU athletics led her to the current internship with the Dodgers, working in player development.

"In sports marketing, it's all about who you know," Fawcett said. "One of my best friends at BYU knew someone from back home (in California) who worked for the Dodgers, and she put us in contact with each other."

Fawcett sent him a resume, and he told her they would be in contact in the spring when internship openings became available. The Dodgers don't post their job openings online, so she was fortunate to get the internal connection.

Her duties as a Dodgers intern include keeping the player and staff database up-to-date, giving stadium tours to VIPs and assisting the travel director when he is on the road.



Josh Ellis

BYU public relations student Shaylie Fawcett, pictured at Dodger Stadium, recently began an internship with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Without the experience I had at BYU athletics, I definitely wouldn't be here," Fawcett explained. "They taught me so many things from a marketing level to how to work in a professional environment."

Fawcett added that being a communications student gave her the

organizational and technical skills she needs to do her job with the Dodgers.

"I feel like it's been a perfect mix of those two things (BYU athletics and communications) that have put me in the position I am now," Fawcett said.

Fawcett wanted to find another way

to be involved in twirling after her back surgery, so she started a baton twirling T-shirt and tank top company called "Only Twirlers."

"At BYU athletics, they jokingly call me the 'queen of hustles' because I have a million jobs all the time," Fawcett said, adding that she

"At BYU athletics, they jokingly call me the 'queen of side hustles' because I have a million jobs all the time."

Shaylie Fawcett  
BYU public relations student

also substitute teaches every once in a while. "I obviously want to coach and judge and teach and all those things, but the Dodgers are taking priority right now."

Fawcett explained that she saw a hole in the market because most twirling apparel companies produce boring, outdated outfits year after year.

"I came up with a few more modern things," Fawcett said. "It took off last year, so I'm getting ready to release some new shirts for the spring/summer competition season."

She uses a company in Provo to screen and print the shirts, and she works with them on design, though she comes up with the phrases on her own.

"I was born right into it," Fawcett said of her lifelong connection with twirling. "It's been super fun."

Fawcett plans on working with the Dodgers through the summer and then returning to BYU in the fall to finish up her capstone in the communications program and her final football season as part of the sports marketing team.

## Senior volleyball trio leaves BYU on bittersweet note



Josh Ellis

Price Jarman spikes the ball against UCLA as fellow seniors Brenden Sander and Leo Durkin look on. The trio played its last game in a BYU uniform in the semifinal loss. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to see a video of the post-game news conference.

By CALEB TURNER

Brenden Sander, Leo Durkin and Price Jarman each played their final volleyball match in a BYU uniform last week as they lost to UCLA in the national semifinals in Los Angeles.

Disappointment on the national stage isn't new for this trio, however. Over the past two years, the three advanced to the national championship and lost to Ohio State both times.

Durkin and Sander, along with coach Shawn Olmstead, struggled to express their emotions in words during the press conference following the Final Four loss.

"My time at BYU — it's, I don't have any words to explain it," said Sander. "It's been the most amazing experience of my life. I've met some of the best friends I will ever have, and they are the greatest guys in this whole world — even the coaches."

He said he expects to remain close friends with his teammates for years to come, and he expressed gratitude for the lessons he's learned at BYU.

"I wouldn't have done it anywhere else," Sander said. "I would go into battle with these guys 10 times out of 10, I don't care. These are my boys right here."

Olmstead said he first met Sander on that same court at UCLA several years earlier when the player's mother pleaded with Olmstead to convince her son to go to BYU.

Sander's older brother, Taylor, also played at BYU and has since gone on to play professionally and for Team USA in the Olympics.

"He's accepted that challenge, and every single match we played in his four-year career he heard it: 'You're not like your brother.' And he just got better and better and better," Olmstead said of the younger Sander. "He is as good as his brother, and he's an outstanding young man."

Olmstead began coaching the men's

team in 2015, and these three seniors have been an integral part of every squad he has led. Their departure, along with two assistant coaches leaving for other programs, brings about the end of an era for BYU volleyball.

"I'm super excited for both of them. I'm 100 percent supportive throughout the entire process," Olmstead said of his assistants. "Both Luke (Slabe) and Jay (Reyes) have had a handful of opportunities that they've passed over the years — and they should, they're deserving. Two of the best coaches in our game, hands down."

Slabe and Reyes are both alumni of the BYU volleyball program, something Olmstead added doesn't happen very often in the coaching world.

"I'm glad it's happening the same year I leave," Jarman said of the departing coaches. "Because if they would've left before I did, I don't know what I would have done."

Jarman and Durkin are both from Las Vegas, and they began playing club volleyball together in high school.

"From then on, I was the setter and he was my middle," Durkin said. "And we've just kind of been on the same teams and on the same road."

When Price went down with an injury midway through this season, Olmstead elected to go against common practice and have him continue traveling with the team.

"We just know the value of Price and the leadership, the example he is," Olmstead explained. "The guys feed off that, so it was important for us to travel him through his injury, and keep him as engaged at every practice around the team."

Jarman is consistently the most vocal leader on the team and gets his teammates pumped up after every small victory.

"We have some great senior leadership, and their dedication and their time over the summer to this team and to their improvement manifested itself throughout this season," Olmstead added. "Those guys have been our rock."

All three seniors earned AVCA All-American honors, with Sander being named First Team and Durkin and Jarman earning Honorable Mention.

"He's one of my best friends," Durkin said of Jarman. "It's crazy, because after this I'm not going to play any more volleyball with him."

The team falls into good hands with freshmen Gabi Garcia Fernandez, who won National Newcomer of the Year, and Felipe de Brito Ferreira. Both started in the semifinal match and will be a big part of the team going forward.



Josh Ellis

Libby Sugg, 21, celebrates with her teammates after her home run against UVU on May 1.

## BYU softball hot streak leads to first place tie

By CALEB TURNER

BYU softball has won 16 of its last 18 games, including an eight-game-winning streak coming into the series against Loyola Marymount University (LMU). This hot streak has led the team to an 11-1 conference record, tied with LMU for first place.

BYU plays its final regular season series of the year May 11 and 12 against LMU, giving the team a chance to take the conference title outright if they win two of the three games. The conference title would give BYU an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"We are really trying to bring energy and focus to every game," said senior Alexa Strid. "We know we have the training; we know we have the skill, so the only thing that can trip us up is just losing focus or letting the fatigue get to us."

Junior Libby Sugg leads the team in home runs with 11, good enough for a Top 20 ranking in the nation. She is posting career-highs in hits and batting average and has been a big part of BYU's explosive offense as of late.

The team is averaging nearly 10 runs a game (9.5) over its eight-game-winning streak, and the defense has kept opposing teams to one run or less on five occasions.

"(We) just take it one game at a time," Sugg said when asked how the team is approaching the final stretch of the season. She earned her second West Coast Conference Player of the Week award for her contribution to BYU's run.

The series against LMU will be played at Miller Field in Provo with games at 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11, and the final game at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, when the seniors will be recognized.

The Cougars will have to sweep the LMU Lions to match their 14-1 conference record from last season, when the team made it to the NCAA regionals only to lose to the University of Utah.

This year, the 64 teams participating in the NCAA tournament will be announced Sunday, May 13, at 8 p.m. MST on ESPN2.

Regionals will be held May 18-20 on 16 campus sites. At each site, a four-team, double-elimination tournament will be conducted, and the 16 winning teams will advance to the Super Regionals.

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"THE MOM" IS TOUGHER THAN "THE MAN"

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I WONDER WHY BASEBALL MANAGERS HATE HOPSCOTCH..

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### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0402

**ACROSS**

- 1 Amaz of "I Love Lucy"
- 5 Skewed meat dishes
- 11 Col. Sanders's restaurant
- 14 Muscat's land
- 15 Battery terminals
- 16 Not feeling well
- 17 62-Across landmark
- 19 Siegfried's partner in Vegas
- 20 Laurence who wrote "Tristram Shandy"
- 21 Vietnamese holiday
- 22 What's thrown in a cafeteria fight
- 23 Blue Jays' home, for short
- 24 62-Across museum
- 26 Turn down, as an offer
- 29 N.B.A. coach Steve
- 30 62-Across bridge
- 32 "I know! I know!"
- 36 Opposite of WSW
- 37 Basketball venue
- 40 Roadside bomb, for short
- 41 Artoo... of "Star Wars"
- 44 62-Across school
- 47 Clutch
- 50 Toy that shoots foam darts
- 51 62-Across cathedral
- 55 "... or so told"
- 56 ... vera
- 57 Airport guess, for short
- 58 Exile
- 61 Family members
- 62 World capital that's the theme of this puzzle
- 64 She tasted the forbidden fruit

**DOWN**

- 1 Bucks' mates
- 2 Let out
- 3 Social Security, Medicare, etc., collectively
- 4 Leading the pack
- 5 Green vegetable with tightly curled leaves
- 6 Suffix with differ
- 7 Diner seating option
- 8 Trade publication read along Madison Avenue
- 9 Ladybug or scarab
- 10 Ukr., e.g., once
- 11 Big name in Russian ballet
- 12 Elevator stop
- 13 Bonnie's partner in crime
- 18 Scandal-ridden company of the early 2000s
- 22 Pelts
- 24 Grand (cultural trip around Europe)
- 65 Many
- 66 One of three in a hat trick
- 67 Dôme (historic church)
- 68 Extends, as a lease
- 69 Abbr. on many a cornerstone

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

RAGS ASIAN LAKE  
 BPOE SCALEMODEL  
 GREATSALTDESERT  
 SLOAN LILMO  
 ANSARI AAA NEIN  
 SANSBOLTUPRIGHT  
 OVAL AROMA  
 NEGEV GIG NADAL  
 AISLE LOGO  
 KEPTQUIETABOUT  
 FARO SPA SNARES  
 OHARE LEANN  
 LASTBUTNOTLEAST  
 KNEEBRACES SINE  
 SESS NIOBE ELLE

**PUZZLE BY JASON MUELLER**

25 "... man \_\_\_ mouse?"

26 Zoomed

27 Top-notch

28 Drink that's often iced

31 Second-largest city of Morocco, after Casablanca

33 Mythical ruler of Crete

34 List of options

35 Genesis garden

38 \_\_\_ of the above

39 "Vous êtes ici" ("You \_\_\_ here")

42 Shrek, e.g.

43 Galena or bauxite

45 Hide-out for Br'er Rabbit

46 At the point in one's life

48 Think up

49 St. Genevieve, for 62-Across

51 Like a jaybird, in an idiom

52 Shade of green

53 Shades of color

54 State formed as part of the Missouri Compromise

58 Bosom buddies, in modern lingo

59 Sing like Ella Fitzgerald

60 Clutched

62 Golf course standard

63 Strew, as seed

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**ACROSS**

- 1 10% donation
- 6 Makes a to-do about this and that
- 12 Air ticket abbr.
- 15 Disney mermaid
- 16 Because
- 17 "Seinfeld" uncle
- 18 \*List for some binge watchers
- 20 Bit of a comic
- 21 Bearded beast
- 22 Freeze over
- 23 Setting of Kubla Khan's palace
- 25 \*Response to "Who, me?"
- 27 Body blow reaction
- 29 "Balderdash!"
- 30 Much-used Twitter symbols
- 31 Line around the globe
- 33 State firmly
- 36 "Gil Blas" writer
- 37 Lou Gehrig's disease, for short
- 40 \*Lowest point on the earth's surface
- 43 \*Avon competitor
- 45 Move low toward the horizon
- 46 Like a curmudgeon
- 49 Quaker \_\_\_
- 50 Sticky-leaved plant that feeds on insects
- 51 "Six-pack"
- 53 \*Superman's alien name
- 56 Longtime U.K. record label
- 57 "For what reason, though?"
- 61 War-torn Syrian city
- 63 Flexible conjunction
- 65 Tow job provider, in brief
- 66 Thither
- 67 To understand this puzzle's theme, read the ends of the answers to the starred clues and ...
- 70 \_\_\_ Dunham, mother of Barack Obama
- 71 Marked down
- 72 First-stringers
- 73 Crucial
- 74 Excited, as a crowd
- 75 "Chocolat" director Hallström

**DOWN**

- 1 Having a zesty taste
- 2 Cara who sang "Flashdance... What a Feeling"
- 3 Emperor who finished the Colosseum
- 4 Mag mogul with a mansion
- 5 Mama Cass
- 6 Prix \_\_\_
- 7 "
- 8 Drunken dazes
- 9 Ship's pronoun
- 10 French waters
- 11 More passionate
- 12 Fish tank buildup
- 13 Having bags all packed, say
- 14 Animal that has strayed from the herd
- 19 Hosp. areas
- 24 Big Apple inits.
- 26 Like whitecaps
- 28 Like whitecaps
- 32 Org. concerned with eagles and birds
- 33 First few minutes of many podcasts
- 34 Geese formation
- 35 Sup
- 36 Summa cum \_\_\_
- 37 Rap sheet letters
- 38 Muscle below a delt
- 39 Lead-in to "ops"
- 41 Rodin, for one
- 42 Suffix with north or south
- 44 World Series-winning manager Ned
- 47 Spanish weeks
- 48 When repeated, what little stars do
- 50 Equinox mo.
- 51 "\_\_\_ Ben Adhem" (Leigh Hunt poem)
- 52 Interment
- 53 Alternative to Travelocity or Orbitz
- 54 Without assistance
- 55 Comedian Bruce
- 58 Boat trailers?
- 59 Papa Bear of Chicago Bears history
- 60 "I rule!"
- 62 "Egads!"
- 64 Tossed out of the game, informally
- 68 The Cyclones of the Big 12 Conf.
- 69 Windy City rail inits.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

SNUG EDGE SLOGS  
 TERI GILA CANOE  
 EMBARGOES ADDLE  
 LEANCORNEDEEUF  
 MANTA IOS MPH  
 ONES LAWNS TARO  
 QAEDA HBONOW  
 BURIALMOUND  
 PLAITS LOTSA  
 BARD USERS MOWS  
 SPFDRE PERIL  
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 BAGEL PIZZAFACE  
 ICHAT OKRA ETAS  
 TETRA TEAR WENT

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# Women's Conference emphasizes loving, strengthening others

By SAHALIE DONALDSON

Thousands of Latter-day Saint women gathered at Brigham Young University for the annual Women's Conference on May 3 and 4. The two-day event's overarching theme was loving and strengthening others in the Lord.

The entire BYU campus teemed with life. Bright flowers pushed out of the earth and women, young and old, embraced one another as they walked around BYU grounds from speaker to speaker.

The speakers catered to a 21st-century audience as they spoke about pertinent topics like utilizing social media for good, loving the LGBT community, realities of mental illness, recovering after sexual assault and Christlike ministry.

## Ministering

BYU President Kevin J. Worthen opened Thursday's session by encouraging attendees to practice inspired ministering.

"The Lord has efficiently and effectively — though not always obviously — been preparing us to be able to strengthen one another," President Worthen said.

Citing the new policy of ministering announced last month at LDS General Conference, President Worthen said a good way to describe ministering is strengthening one another.

President Worthen said church members should not be overly concerned over whether or not a specific action counts as ministering. Instead members should see their efforts to minister, whatever that may be, as a goal.

"We will be more constant, more efficient and more effective in our efforts if we understand the full purpose, the ultimate aim, of our ministering efforts," he said.

According to President Worthen, the goal of ministering is ultimately showing love. The



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Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of the Twelve and Sister Susan L. Gong address BYU Women's Conference attendees about covenants and loving as Christ loves.

process of showing that love is based on one's own discernment. Loving intent is the most important part.

"As we love our fellow beings more, we will naturally want to minister to them," President Worthen said.

The General Relief Society Presidency also talked about ministering.

Sister Sharon Eubank, first counselor of the presidency, quoted President Russell M. Nelson who called the new ministering program "a higher and holier way to minister" — something she said is accomplished by "cherishing, watching over, comforting and learning from one another."

This year's Women Conference theme, "Strengthening One Another in the Lord" is the perfect way to describe this, she added.

Sister Reyna I. Aburto, second counselor, said higher and holier ministering means ministering regardless of differences.

The instinct to judge, compare

and compete can be replaced with compassion and charity. This is a culture in the church that can be changed by the members, Sister Aburto said.

Sister Aburto also said the key to ministering is being a genuine friend to others — something anyone can do regardless of his or her testimony and personal situation.

"Ministering isn't so much what you do — but what you feel, and how that person feels," she said.

Young Women General President Sister Bonnie L. Cordon echoed this idea in an earlier session when she said lifting those who suffer and responding to the Spirit is better than just delivering cookies. She invited sisters to ask themselves, "If not now, when? If not you, who?"

In a later session, writer and professional speaker Brooke Romney spoke about ministering through social media.

Romney said anyone can minister effectively through social media and stressed even the



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From left: The new Young Women General Presidency — Sister Michelle D. Craig, first counselor, President Bonnie H. Cordon and Sister Becky Craven, second counselor — addresses confidence, Christlike love and finding calm, quiet, Christ-centered moments in a morning session of Women's Conference.

smallest influence can make a difference.

"I'm not a scholar, a teacher, and I've never been a missionary, but the Lord has trusted me to spread his gospel," Romney said.

Effective social media influence is best done through simple messages, Romney reminded attendees. Reaching large numbers of people isn't more important than reaching one.

"Stop scrolling, and make more deliberate decisions with your social media time," Romney said.

## Christlike love

During the closing session of Women's Conference, Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of the Twelve and Sister Susan L. Gong tied everything together by emphasizing Christ's love.

Sister Gong said Christ shows his children love through using discernment, showing compassion and succoring others.

"When we have compassion — truth empathy — something wondrous happens," Sister Gong said.

"We begin to know how to help."

Elder Gong followed the same theme as his wife. He said strengthening others in the Lord connects people to God, which allows them to turn around and love their brothers and sisters in the same fashion as their Heavenly Father.

"By divine covenant, we belong to God and to each other," Elder Gong said, clarifying that belonging to God is not an act of possession. Belonging to God is liberating because it allows for loving others deeply through strengthening one another in the Lord.

Other speakers at Women's Conference also made it clear that Christlike love doesn't exclude anyone. It applies to all.

During one session, Anne Cox emphasized the importance of creating a safe space in the church for anyone who identifies as LGBT.

Cox said ministering to the LGBT community shouldn't be done with the intent of them returning to church, rather to

"love and accept them for being gay because it is not a choice; don't bash gay people or allow your children to do so."

Another session focused on helping families learn to provide loving and unconditional support for their early returned missionaries.

LDS family therapist Linda Wilson said missionaries who come home early often struggle with feelings of guilt and shame as they face the world, their family and themselves.

Wilson said it is essential to remember early returned missionaries are not failures, and the family is instrumental in making sure their child knows this.

"We need to create a climate of acceptance, healing and hope," Wilson said.

In another session, BYU nursing professor Julie Valentine directed her remarks to survivors of sexual assault and extending Christlike love to them as well.

"Recovery begins with understanding and accepting that this was not your fault," she said.

Valentine said Christ laid down his life to provide healing, but Christ also understands if anyone is struggling with their faith after being a victim of sexual abuse.

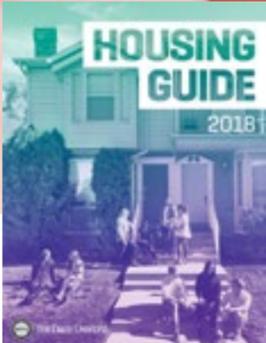
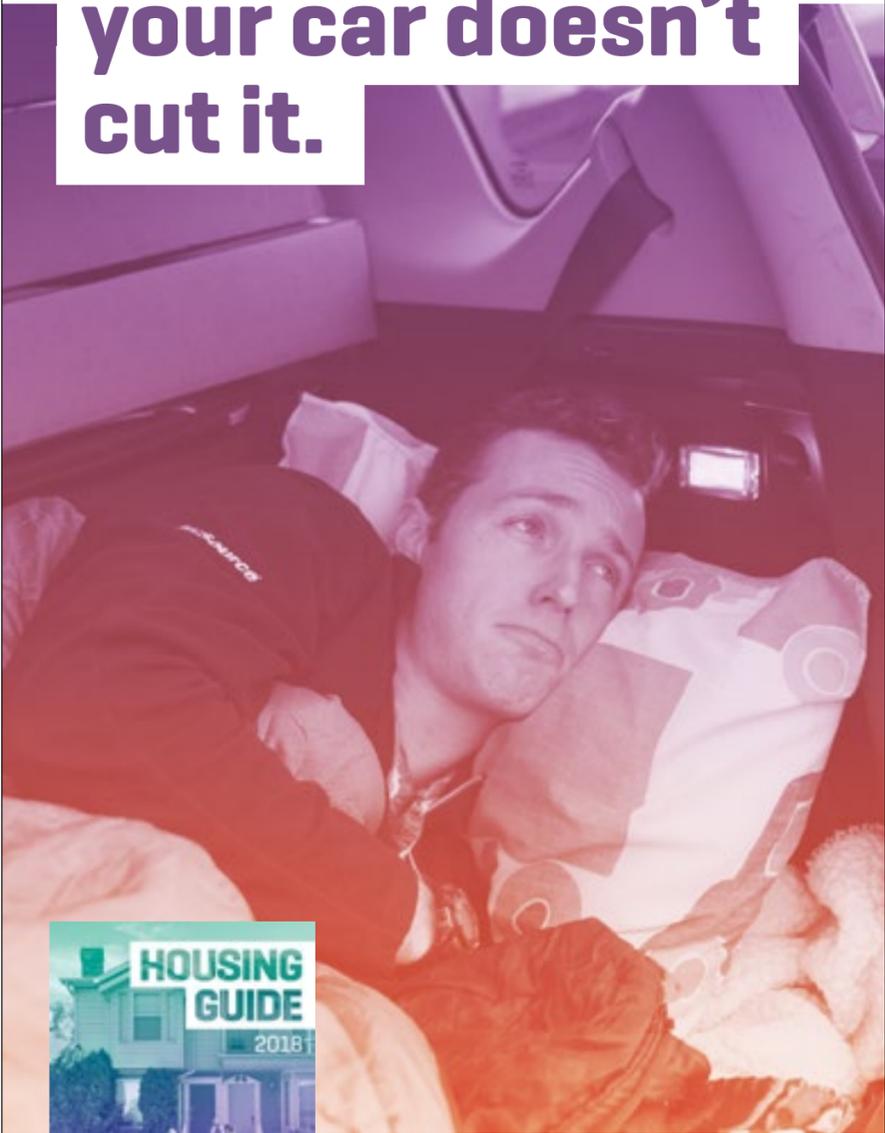
But there is always hope.

"No matter how long the winter is or how cold it is, the crocus always blooms," Valentine said. "I tell my patients that is my goal for them: that they will find a way to bloom even after this very difficult experience that they have faced."

Showing Christlike love for all God's children stems from the conference's theme of strengthening others, something Andrea Ryser summed up in a morning session on May 3.

"It is not the gospel of Jesus Christ to turn away from those who believe differently from us, it's the natural man inside of us," Ryser said. "We are children of God, and our fellow beings in and out of the church are our actual brothers and sisters."

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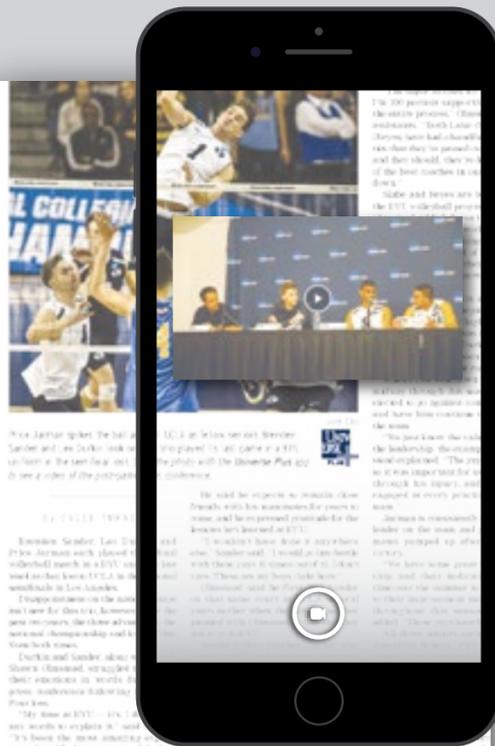


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