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## Gospel transcends cultural barriers

By CAMILLE BAKER

BYU junior Crystal Flake walked up to the LDS Church building in Lisbon, Portugal, for her first Sunday as a Spring 2018 BYU study abroad student. The building was different than what she was used to. The walls were covered with azulejo (painted ceramic tiles) and the floors were made of cork.

What she found inside, however, was the same thing she sees in church buildings in the United States: sacrament meeting, Sunday School, Relief Society and the love the members have for the scriptures.

The gospel of Jesus Christ can overcome cultural barriers, according to Sam Heywood, a BYU junior who studied in Spain during Spring 2018. Heywood said his experiences with the Mormon culture in Spain weren't much different from his experiences with Mormon culture elsewhere.

"I think that the small differences that there are in their culture are adapted to the overall simplicity of the gospel, of living basic principles to become more Christlike," Heywood said. "I think that's universal and overcomes cultural barriers."

The Daily Universe interviewed church members who were from or had lived in Europe to see how Mormon culture overcomes these cultural barriers.

### Spain

Raquel Calderon, a Mormon from Spain, was born into the church. She has lived in the Alcalá de Henares Ward for about 14 years.

Calderon said it can be difficult to be a Mormon in Spain because of the prominent Catholic culture, so remaining true to the principles of the gospel is key.

"If you really know what the principles of the gospel are, and you truly have a testimony, being accepted won't matter to you," Calderon said. "And little by little, people will start to accept you for who you are. Of course, you don't have to stop being around them, because there are not many other people around."

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Todd Richards, his wife, Emily, and their three kids, Ben, Emmett and Parker, stand outside their church building in Madrid. The Richards family is on a two-year rotation in Madrid for Todd Richards' work. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to watch a video highlighting Spanish Mormon culture.

announced in the April 2018 General Conference, Calderon said she thinks this will be a good change for her ward, saying she can tell there is "more concern for others."

Emily Richards, an American living in Spain, said immediately after the ministering announcement her ward released the high priests group and elders quorum leaders and called new leaders.

Richards said the members in her ward try their best to live the gospel.

Heywood reflected this idea when he talked about how supportive and active his ward in Spain was in missionary work.

"Especially living in Utah, missionary work is very different there, so being in a place where you're surrounded by non-members again, and missionary work is a big emphasis when you go to church, and they talk about

missionary experiences and supporting the missionaries, that's really exciting for me," he said.

When asked about how Spanish culture affects the way she practices her faith, Calderon said, "The most important thing is being converted and having a testimony."

Faustino Lopez, one of the first four bishops called in Spain, said the church played a vital role in helping him and his wife "prepare our children to understand the gospel and face the world."

Lopez currently has five callings in the church. He teaches institute, helps with public affairs, is a counselor in the Madrid MTC presidency, is a member of the Spanish translation committee and represents the church on the advisory committee on religious freedom for Spain.

Lopez said he has taught an institute class on world religions several times.

Representing the church on this religious advisory committee, Lopez said it has been interesting to meet people from these world religions, understand their beliefs and gain perspective through his associations with religious representatives.

"To have good friends in the other religious groups, that's good because it gives me perspective of the other people, other beliefs," Lopez said. "They are good friends. We should have friends outside that help us to understand people without our own beliefs, that are different. But differences are not bad."

The Roman Catholic Church is a prominent religion in Spain. Lopez said Catholicism has become a cultural belief rather than a person's religion.

"The Spanish are losing their religiosity because the Catholic church is not something they practice. It's what they call a cultural belief," Lopez said. "You are Catholic because you are born in Spain, and then you go to church for baptisms, for first communion, for weddings and for funerals and sometimes to mass. But not many (go to mass)."

Lopez said this is especially true among youths in Spain, who are becoming increasingly less religious.

Calderon echoed this sentiment. "I think it's a bigger deal for the youth here because it's harder to be accepted socially as a Mormon when you're younger because you don't do what everyone else is doing," she said.

Richards, who moved to Spain for a two-year rotation for her husband's work, has observed a number of cultural variations.

"The Mormon culture is different in the United States too wherever you go," Richards said. "There's East Coast Mormon culture, there's California, you got Northwest — it's so different wherever you go."

Richards said her ward in Spain was incredibly welcoming to her and her family when they moved in. She said this is different from her experiences in wards in the United States, where it took them a bit longer to "feel settled and make friends."

The most important thing to Richards is helping her children learn to rely on family and God.

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## Experiential learning thrives in Spain

By JACOB OSBORN

The classroom had many of the same characteristics found in any similar room at BYU. Students dressed in everything from sweatpants and T-shirts to sun dresses and hair bows. Some listened intently, and others were distracted with their phones.

After the professor spoke to them about their assignments, students headed up to the front of the classroom one by one to give PowerPoint presentations. The class seemed completely typical.

However, this classroom was thousands of miles away from a typical Provo classroom, nestled in the middle of the small Spanish town of Alcalá de Henares.

According to the BYU International Study Programs office, 1,227 students were accepted to Spring 2018 programs. The International Study Programs office said this number is typical each year.

About 2,000 BYU students will study abroad each year, and about 24 percent of BYU students will go on at least one study abroad while attending BYU. This percentage may also be slightly lower since some BYU students will participate in more than one study abroad program.

According to the International Study Programs office, 1,112 students have been accepted to study abroad programs that include Spain as a main location since 2006.

This Spring 2018 term, 25 students joined the ranks of the 1,112 students since 2006 to experience Spain.

### Studying in Spain

While attending classes at the



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The BYU Spring 2018 Spain study abroad group poses for a photo while walking a segment of El Camino in Santiago, Spain. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to watch a video that gives a peek into what it's like to study abroad in Spain.

University of Alcalá, BYU students learned firsthand how foreign classes compare to classes on the BYU campus.

Katelyn Rodriguez, a recent BYU graduate and program participant, said students in their program generally had class from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with occasional breaks in between. Because they tried to be in their rooms by around midnight each night, they had 10 hours of free time each day to explore, eat and do homework.

Many of the study abroad students said the general nature of the classes were different than those they are used to on the BYU campus.

"They make us do presentations

every week, but it's actually really fun. You learn a lot of different things, but it's not too intense. Sometimes I can even get my homework done in class," Rodriguez said.

BYU junior Capri Dahle said she loved her time participating in the Spain program.

"Seriously, it's so fun to put on your backpack in the morning and walk down the narrow streets and the cobblestone roads to get to school," she said.

Visitacion Canas, a professor at the University of Alcalá who teaches classes for BYU's Spain program, said she feels studying abroad has a big impact on the students' education.

"Being abroad is of major importance for the students' education. When they travel, they see a different perspective, and it modifies their learning experience. They become more tolerant and more open," Canas said. "Personally, I always send my own children on study abroad whenever I can."

Many students agreed with Canas in how studying abroad encourages new perspectives and experiences. Although they do have set classes they attend at the University of Alcalá, most of their learning is done outside the classroom, according to BYU junior Sam Heywood.

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## Universe wins state, national journalism awards

UNIVERSE STAFF

The Daily Universe claimed 17 journalism awards in the Utah Society of Professional Journalists' Headliners contest and 10 journalism awards in the National Newspaper Association's 2018 Better Newspaper Contest this week, including first place for General Excellence.

The Universe's 2018 Society of Professional Journalists winners are the following:

**Jessica Olsen**, Online: Best Podcast, First Place, *BYU students talk online Mormon 'meet' market*

**Haley Hilton and Megan Matheon**, Online: Best Multimedia, First Place, *The cost of perfection*

**Camille Baker**, Newspapers Division B, Spot News, First Place *#VegasShootings: the facts, people affected and ways to help*

**Kaitlyn Bancroft**, Newspapers Division B, Arts and Entertainment, First Place, *From BYU to ESPN, how Holly Rowe brings passion to sports-casting, cancer fighting*

**Ashley Lee**, Newspapers Division B, Medical/Science, First Place, *Utah maternal mortality rates not improving despite preventive measures*

**Lauren Hanson**, Newspapers Division B, Personality Profile, First Place, *Attempted murder survivor tells women to fight back*

**Kaleena McKell, Kayla Goodson, Lauren Hanson and Tyler Stevenett**, Newspapers Division B, Series, First Place, *Challenges students face with BYU-approved housing*

**Kaitlyn Bancroft**, Newspapers Division B, Sports Non-deadline Reporting, First Place, *Brain games: What cavitation and SmartFoam could mean for football players*

**Eric Baker**, Newspapers Division B, Business/Consumer, Second Place, *BYU will now sell caffeinated soda on campus*

**Alyssa Nielsen and Riley Waldman**, Newspapers Division B, Continuing Coverage, Second Place, *Utah works to reverse opioid overdose trends*

**Kaleena McKell**, Newspapers Division B, Military, Second Place, *BYU Air Force ROTC face possible move to UVU*

**McKenna Park**, Newspapers Division B, Minority Issues, Second Place, *Native Americans advocate Squaw Peak name change*

**Savannah Hopkinson**, Newspapers Division B, Religion/Values, Third Place, *Couples dealing with infertility seek support, understanding*

**Daily Universe Staff**, Online: Best Use of News-oriented Social Media, Third Place

**Daily Universe Staff**, Newspapers Division B, Best Newspaper, Third Place

**Zoe McGinn**, Newspapers Division B, General Feature, Honorable Mention, *Facebook echo chambers divisive*

**Kaleena McKell**, Newspapers Division B, General News, Honorable Mention, *BYU releases results of sexual assault campus climate survey*

The National Newspaper Association contest winners are the following:

**Daily Universe Staff**: General Excellence, College Division, First Place

**Saul Marquez**, Best Feature Story, First Place, *Transient camps pose complex problems for Utah County*

**Camille Baker**, Best Breaking News, Second Place, *Trump visits Utah, shrinks national monuments*

**Daily Universe Staff**, Best Newspaper Website, Second Place

**Daily Universe Staff**, Best Special Section or Edition, Second Place, *BYU Commencement Edition*

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Trump digs in amid family separation crisis

Facing rising outrage from some Republicans as well as Democrats over the forced separation of migrant children and parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, President Donald Trump dug in June 18, again blaming Democrats and declaring he would keep the U.S. from becoming "a migrant camp."

Democrats have turned up the pressure over the administration policy, and some Republicans have joined the chorus of criticism.



## Hat trick, own goal highlights World Cup

Day two of the World Cup started June 15 with an unexciting match between Egypt and highly favored Uruguay, with Egyptian star Mohamed Salah on the bench with a shoulder injury. Egypt defended efficiently until defender Jose Gimenez headed a last-minute goal.

The highlight of the day was a classic between Spain and Portugal. Cristiano Ronaldo completed a hat trick with an exquisite free kick in the 88th minute to give Portugal a 3-3 draw in the best match of the tournament so far.



## Kate Spade's funeral to be held in Kansas City

A funeral will be held for fashion designer Kate Spade this week in Kansas City, where she was born.

The Kansas City Star reports that services for Spade are planned for 3 p.m. June 21 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Redemptorist Church. Her father, Frank Brosnahan, says it's the same church where Spade's grandparents wed.

Spade was found dead by suicide on June 5 in her New York City home. She was 55 and had a teenage daughter and husband.



## 'Incredibles 2' sets record with \$180 million

The combined powers of superheroes, the Pixar brand and a drought of family-friendly films helped "Incredibles 2" become the best animated opening of all time, the biggest PG-rated launch ever and the 8th highest film launch overall.

Disney estimated June 17 that the film earned \$180 million in its first weekend in North American theaters — far surpassing industry analysts' loftiest expectations which had the film pegged for a \$120 to \$140 million debut.



## Slain Mexican woman's family holds memorial

The family of a Mexican woman found dead in Utah visited the site where her body was found and held an emotional memorial.

The Daily Herald in Provo reports family members of 26-year-old Elizabeth Elena Laguna Salgado hugged, prayed and cried together as they planted a cross in the ground June 15 in the foothills east of Provo.

Her remains were found last month by a passerby looking for a camping spot. She was missing for three years.

## GOSPEL

### Worldwide Mormon culture

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"Even when you feel lost, even when you think you don't know anybody, if nobody understands you or what you're going through, you're never alone. You can always rely on your family and Heavenly Father," Richards said. "It just takes time, and that's been one of our things is teaching (our children) how to adapt, how to handle new situations."

Juan Manuel Arnal is a convert to the church. He said one day while taking the missionary discussions, he decided he was done. However, he continued to read the Book of Mormon, carrying it "wrapped up and protected" in his jacket.

After a couple more lessons from the sister missionaries, Arnal was going to make good on his decision to quit taking the lessons. He decided to go tell the

sister missionaries he was done but instead found a letter from them in his mailbox. The letter talked about how much the sisters loved Arnal and how much God loved him too.

"One letter, on a Saturday in Spain — and there wasn't a mailman — they felt the need to go and leave the note themselves after a few lessons with me," Arnal said. "And that letter made me make the decision to continue listening and later get baptized. Such a small thing, yet so important."

Arnal is currently the bishop of the Alcalá de Henares Ward in Spain. He said missionary work is hard in Spain because "Europeans are a little colder towards the gospel."

"The Spanish people, and Europeans, we have to go back to desiring to search for the truth," Arnal said. "There are other cultures, where God is a part of their lives in a very natural way. It worries me that for a large portion of the Spanish people, but not all, God is a subject that isn't present in their lives."

Arnal said he hopes the people in Spain realize what they are

missing — the gospel of Jesus Christ — and seek it out, a quality expressed in his personal conversion to the church.

"I'm hungry for him to answer me. And I know that he answers," Arnal said. "If I need something at any moment, or I need him to be here, I want to live in the way that I have the right for him to be with me."

### France

BYU alumna Kayla Gubbay served her LDS mission in Paris from 2012-13.

She said the only differences she noticed with members from her mission were differences connected to French culture rather than a different Mormon culture.

"Many of the wards and branches that I served in were very small, and the few members that were active worked very hard to coordinate meetings and to serve the congregation," Gubbay said.

Although fewer members meant smaller classes, Gubbay said the members she interacted with always worked hard to do

their best and serve others.

Gubbay said the biggest difference she saw in the members in France was their willingness and excitement to share the gospel with others since they were "truly the minority in their communities."

"Because of this, many members have learned to speak openly about their beliefs in a matter-of-fact way — whether it is to discuss what they did over the weekend (church meetings) or why they won't have a glass of wine at the end of a meal at a dinner party," Gubbay said. "Their religion is a major part of their identity that sets them apart from much of the population."

The members would invite non-member friends or colleagues to ward activities, church meetings and baptisms, Gubbay said, which she said inspires her to "live the same way."

### Portugal

Like Heywood, Flake said the gospel crosses cultures and brings members together.

"Everyone is pretty friendly,

and, of course, the teachings are the same," Flake said. "I think our common beliefs bring us together in a really special way."

Flake said she enjoyed attending the ward in Portugal during her study abroad, helping out where she could and meeting the members.

"There are definitely strong members here who I admire and would like to follow their example," Flake said. "I've noticed a great attitude towards service and helping others, as well as an enthusiasm for missionary work."

Flake said culture can result in minor differences in religious practice. She gave examples of the Portuguese tradition to kiss cheeks as a greeting and of Portuguese foods that are brought to ward socials and activities — something not seen at traditional Mormon gatherings in the U.S.

"As far as religious practices," Flake said, "they are the same."

### England

Gubbay met her husband while in the mission field. After they were married, they lived in

London for two and a half years.

Gubbay said she hasn't seen any major differences in Mormon culture in either France or England where she has lived.

One thing Gubbay mentioned about her London ward was how the members came from all over the world.

"Very few families in our ward were British. Each member brought something special to the ward because of their different backgrounds and upbringings," Gubbay said. "For example, the Brazilians threw the best ward parties and created a real sense of unity in the ward. This diverse congregation became our family away from home and helped us learn and grow in new ways."

Finding this feeling of home and family abroad is something each of these individuals said he or she enjoyed during his or her time living in Europe.

Heywood said he reached a point where Spain became his home, and his study abroad group and LDS ward became his family — all because of the ability of the gospel of Jesus Christ to overcome cultural barriers.

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### Reasons for studying abroad

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The trip brought with it occasional challenges for some students. Certain classes took

up more of the students' time, and the back-to-back activities most days left some students exhausted.

"The most time-consuming class is the Madrid Walks class," BYU senior Riley McKenna said. "It requires us to go out and do activities and talk to people every week. I don't really love it."

BYU sophomore Jentry McGregor said her experience in Spain was difficult at first.

The culture was very different from what she was used to in the United States, and having so many things change in her life at once — the activity schedule, food, language, service, people and sleep cycle — was taxing. However, rather than saying "why me?" she decided to say "try me" and rose to face the challenge.

"I've learned how to make things that aren't enjoyable to

me, enjoyable. When I'm visiting a location I find uninteresting, I try and think what it would have been like to live here," McGregor said. "When I'm confused by the way people are acting in a different culture, I try and picture what it's like to live in a country where that's the norm. I don't think I could have developed a skill like this without getting way outside my comfort zone."

### Reasons for studying abroad

Some students chose to study abroad to experience the different Spanish culture; however, the students' motives for going were widely varied.

University of Utah student Annie Pugmire said she wasn't even studying Spanish. She was majoring in biology and planned to go to medical school, but she wanted to improve her language skills.

Every student in the group had some Spanish language experience, whether they had served a Spanish-speaking mission, are Spanish majors or minors or are working toward the Spanish certificate.

BYU sophomore Quin Daly served a Spanish-speaking mission in the United States. He said he wanted to study abroad in Spain to experience the language.

"I wanted to come to Spain and really experience what it is to be fully immersed in the language," Daly said.

BYU junior Jeff Shipley said he wanted to experience another Spanish-speaking country

besides Mexico, where he served his mission.

Two of the students in the group also found a family history connection to Spain. BYU junior Cristian Torres has family, who he identified as gypsies, who live in Spain. He visited his family when he was little and again this year during his study abroad.

BYU junior Carolina Rendón also wanted to visit Madrid to learn more about her family, which is from Madrid.

"I wanted to come because my family is from Madrid. My ancestors started off in Spain, but I'm the first one from my family to come back. I always knew my family was from Spain, but I never knew the full story until I planned to come to Spain," Rendón said. "At that point, my uncles started showing me stories and history of our family, and I got to learn so much more about my own genealogy."

Rendón also said she enjoyed making connections to her major — international relations — through learning more about the history of Spain, where she could ask questions not only to her Spanish professors but also to regular people on the trains or in the streets.

"It's cool to see what professors teach us and what the people just think. It's just like what they're taught to think and what they're taught to believe," Rendón said. "I've gotten to see how Spaniards and how education sees things differently."

Trying to feel the Spanish

culture and get involved in that culture is a huge part of the study abroad experience, according to Rendón.

Heywood said his experiences abroad were a "perfect example" of BYU President Kevin J. Worthen's experiential learning initiative.

"My two majors are Spanish and history, and I'm just immersed completely in Spanish and history," Heywood said. "The majority of our learning is outside of the classroom, through talking to people and embracing the culture and experiencing everything for ourselves."

Heywood said something unexpected from the study abroad program was meeting the people — those in his program and those there in Spain — and forming those relationships.

"Of course the sights are amazing and seeing those with people that I can enjoy my time with, it's been really great," Heywood said.

BYU junior Quincey Hettlinger echoed this.

She said making friends and enjoying the experiences abroad are important things to remember when studying abroad.

"The work load definitely is different I think, and the focus obviously of the study abroad is to have these historical experiences while we're out traveling and not just about what is happening in the classroom," Hettlinger said.

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## AWARDS

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Kaleena McKell, Best Breaking News, Third Place, *BYU Air Force ROTC face possible move to UVU*

Abby Hay and Kjersten Johnson, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Third Place, *Mormon judgment series*  
Jaylen Bohman and

McKenna Flores, Video Journalism, Third Place, *Pregnancy & Prison: The untold story of women who give birth behind bars*

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# Silversmithing business helps fund Ugandan orphanage

By SAHALIE DONALDSON

Creativity and forging art with greater meaning: those are the elements that motivated 26-year-old Matt James to try silversmithing in his bedroom one night.

His first creation? A ring. Within a year, those original motivations powered a profitable jewelry-making business and helped keep a Ugandan orphanage funded and intact.

James said he had a love for turquoise jewelry ever since he was a kid. His childhood home was adorned with Southwest art, and at age 8, James bought his first piece of Native American sterling silver jewelry.

Coupled with his love for other cultures, James said he had a deep appreciation for the outdoors. As a young boy, he was fascinated with Bear Grylls, an interest that later led to him working in wilderness therapy.

"All of that really prepped me to loving stones," he said. "Loving nature, stones and learning how to wear them in a way that is not all done up, just simple."

James said he was studying political science at UVU when he read a book that said he needed to do something creative to be happy.

He decided to follow the book's advice, and after a few failed attempts trying painting and photography, James turned to his childhood roots — stones.

One silversmithing lesson later, James finished his first ring in his bedroom. He described the 3 a.m. experience as "falling in love with the process."

James said he started out just making jewelry for himself, but once he started teaching his friends, his passion for the project grew. When he realized he could start charging people to make their pieces, things really started picking



Matthew James learned silversmithing and started his own business called The Gem Studio. A portion of the profits he earns goes to fund a Ugandan orphanage he started five years ago.

up. James said he suddenly saw something else: opportunity.

After three months of teaching lessons to friends from his bedroom, James and his roommate decided to convert an old shed in the back of their yard into what is now known as The Gem Studio.

The two tore out the inside,

drywalled and insulated it, slapped gray paint on the outside and transformed the shed's interior into a boho, eclectic studio. Polaroids adorn the walls and various silversmithing tools rest across white tables burnished with small ashy marks, the stones themselves placed in

a wooden tray between two couches.

James said he initially thought he'd teach lessons once a week, but he and his staff were teaching 10 to 12 people per night within three months.

The very first lesson was on Sept. 16, 2017.

"I am still new to this. I mean, I'm operating out of a shack in the back of my yard," James said. "But I am very proud of creating a profitable business model that is fueled by creativity. People come here because they want to get their hands dirty and forget the world."

He and his crew play loud music and engage with their customers, who pick stones and design their own pieces.

"I feel like I've been able to create this little escape where me, my instructors and a bunch of strangers are able to indulge in this creative, beautiful process where we are able to use fire and melt silver and shape stone," James said.

Although The Gem Studio hasn't been open for even a year, James said they already have plans to expand.

"I would rather be a poor man doing this than a rich person in a cubical," he said.

The most important thing though, according to James, is what his business does for children halfway across the world.

James has deep connections with the orphanage he started in Uganda five years ago with the help of a woman named Caroline Bisquita.

He met Bisquita when he was hired as a HELP International Uganda country coordinator, and the two spent the summer doing small development projects together.

At the end of his time in Uganda, James said he didn't want to leave. He wanted to leave a real mark, so he and Bisquita started an orphanage — a goal he always had, especially after he served African refugees on an LDS mission and volunteered in India.

James said his experiences in India taught him mostly what not to do.

"I definitely had the white savior complex in India, but I'm a lot more humble now," he said.

James said one of the deepest lessons he has learned

from all of this is suffering is relative. He described it as a mental trade-off where he has compassion for everyone, not just people in foreign countries. People suffer in America as well, he added.

"My orphans are like the happiest, bubbliest kids in the world. Sure, they cry and they suffer and they don't have the best situations. They don't have parents, but they'll dance all night long. I don't feel pity for them," James said. "I view them as equals on this world. I am lucky enough to serve them, and they are lucky enough to serve me."

According to James, the orphanage was originally a tin shack building they built for about \$2,500. The structure was shabby and immediately started to fall apart after he left.

"It's grown over the past five years from being this tiny, little shed on a hill to now we have 60 orphans that we take care of full time," James said. "We provide education for another 100 orphans, and we are in the process of building a whole new school on five acres of land we purchased last year."

It is a huge endeavor, and James said the pressure is crushing sometimes. The only reason he originally created The Gem Studio was to help with fundraising.

Keeping communication up can be difficult, but James said it doesn't feel like his life in America and Uganda are two separate identities anymore.

"It just feels like this is my life," he said.

James returns to Uganda every six months. Over the past five years, he said he has spent more than a year in the country.

"I guess being somewhat of a father figure for dozens of little baby orphans in Uganda brings me more joy than anything else," he said. "I am most proud of creating a safe home for children to grow up in."



Mormon Newsroom

Latter-day Saints in Mongolia sing from the hymnbook. The church announced new versions of the hymnbook and children's songbook are being prepared.

## LDS Church announces hymnbook, children's songbook revisions

By CAMILLE BAKER

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced it will be making "significant changes" to the "Hymns" and the "Children's Songbook" the church uses in its worship services, according to a news release from Mormon Newsroom.

An official notice was sent to all church leaders detailing this announcement.

"Under the direction of the First Presidency, committees have been assembled to recommend revisions to the current hymnbook and children's songbook," the official notice reads. "When the revisions are complete, there will be one hymnbook and one children's songbook, offering the same hymns and songs in all languages. The new collections will be created over the next several years to reflect the needs of members around the world."

Among the selections will be hymns that "teach of the doctrines of the gospel," the news release says. The process is expected to last several years.

The committees selected by

the First Presidency will be in charge of making recommendations to revisions in the current music books.

At the end of the process, there will be one hymnbook and one children's songbook, with every song included in each language translation of the books. New audio recordings will also be available online as the new printed books are made available, as well as "additional hymns and songs applicable to specific language and areas" distributed digitally.

The news release also detailed that national anthems will be removed from the printed hymnbooks.

"We recognize the power that sacred music has to unify the members of the church throughout the world," said Elder Ronald A. Rasband, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve. "We desire to offer a consistent core collection of hymns and songs in every language that reflects the diverse needs of the global church in our day."

The first hymnbook was created by Emma Smith, the wife of Joseph Smith, in 1835. In 1985, the hymnbook was revised into the one currently used.

As seen throughout the history of the church, music has played an important role.

"The language of music is universal. Even if we come from different cultures and speak different languages, singing together brings the same spirit to everybody," said Elder Erich W. Kopschke of the Seventy.

With this announcement, the church has opened a submission period to send in "original hymns, children's songs, song texts without music or music without text" for consideration at [newmusic.lds.org](http://newmusic.lds.org). Each individual may only submit five hymns and five children's songs for consideration. An online survey is also available for feedback. The submission deadline is July 1, 2019.

"Perhaps the most meaningful hymns and songs of the Restoration have not yet been written," said Elder LeGrand R. Curtis Jr. of the Seventy. "We encourage our talented members to prayerfully consider what they might add to the body of music already known and loved by the church."

To make a submission, use or create a profile for free with the LDS account — member or non-member — at [ldsaccount.lds.org](http://ldsaccount.lds.org).

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# So you want to be a millionaire?

By TAYLOR ZUNDEL

Planning for the future occasionally feels inconvenient when starting a life or trying to build one financially. However, no matter current financial situations, it's crucial to begin saving for retirement and exploring investment opportunities as soon as possible.

"You spend a little bit of time crunching the numbers, and you can see how a little bit can go a long way with time," USAA certified financial planner J.J. Montanaro said. "When you're getting to the point where I am in life, you realize how it can pay off. You want to look back with a smile and not look back with regret."

NerdWallet put some retirement figures into perspective. For example, by putting away just \$14 a day at age 23, \$1 million will be saved by age 67. To reach a million by age 67 and waiting just seven years to start putting money away, the amount invested needs to increase by 50 percent. Hold off until age 35, and the amount will double what it would have been at age 23. The lesson: Invest early.

Craig Israelsen, Executive in Residence in the financial planning program at Utah Valley University, recognized how overwhelming investing can appear but provided simple suggestions to get started.

Israelsen said a good place to start is with a mutual fund instead of single-company stocks. He described mutual funds as "a collection of investments" that help diversify investments.

"Think of it as those small boxes of cereal that get shrink-wrapped together. Instead of buying the big Costco box of cereal, you buy a variety of little boxes," Israelsen said. "This is the same concept as mutual funds."

He said there are many different mutual fund companies, financial planners and websites to purchase mutual funds through and suggested a few options, including Motif Investing, Homestead Funds, Betterment and Wealthfront.

"Homestead Funds is a great place to start because they only require a dollar initial investment and waive the normal initial investment of \$500," Israelsen said. "As a student

or younger, you could build a diversified portfolio with Homestead for less than \$12 a month and build from there."

He said the spirit of the \$12 portfolio is that it can start out as a small amount and be raised over time as finances allow. Starting out with a small amount like this helps investors become accustomed to and comfortable with investing — it becomes less foreign and more like a way of life.

Rhett Jeppson, financial advisor, president and co-founder of Investment Management Consultants in Salt Lake City, said he approaches investing with the mindset of safety first.

"The best place to start is to cover these three things: emergency reserves, reasonable shelter — make sure where you live is within your budget — and insurance for things you couldn't economically recover from," Jeppson said.

Having an emergency savings account, with six months of living expenses, is an important financial goal, according to Jeppson.

After accomplishing those three things, Jeppson suggested two rules for investing: diversification and time.

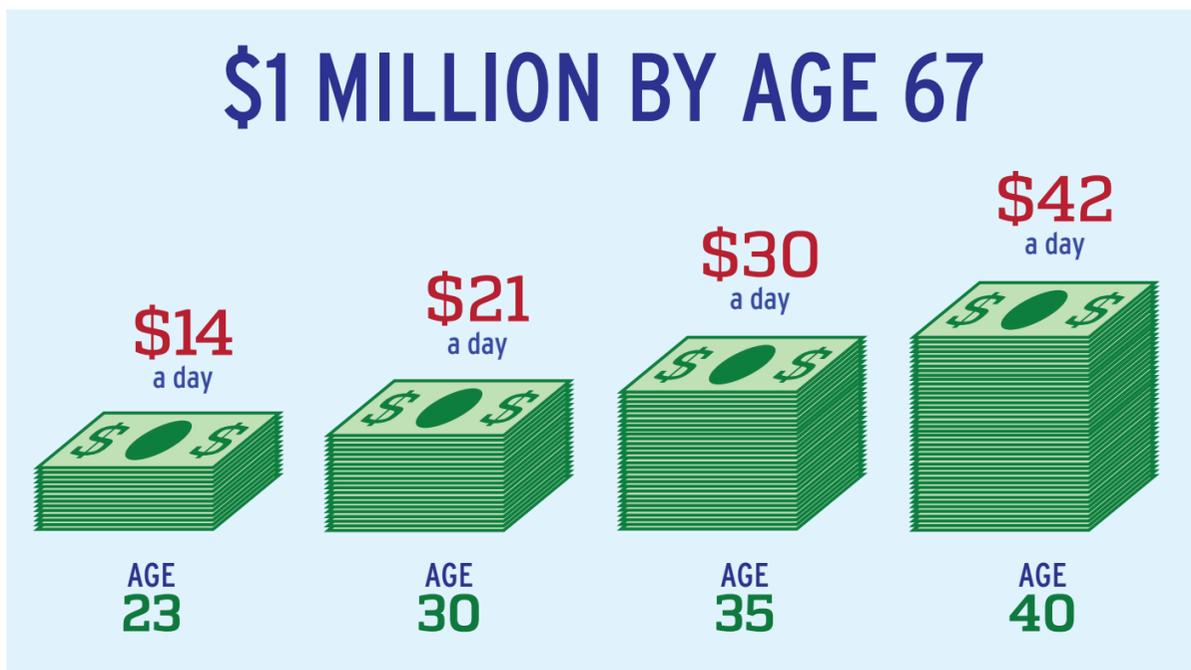
Don't put "all your eggs in one basket." Don't invest in only one company; put money into a variety of companies for a safer, more consistent approach.

With the right time horizon and perspective, the volatility of the market doesn't matter all that much.

Jeppson said the longer an individual's investing time horizon, the riskier the investment should be. Higher risk and higher returns go hand-in-hand with enough time, and it's important to think about long-term goals.

"If you bought a stock for \$150 and it went down to \$120 a few months later, you didn't lose any money unless you sold it. With a long-term mindset, the small losses along the way don't matter," Jeppson said. "What matters is what happens 30 years from now."

He said looking at the stock market over long periods of time shows how the market has a natural tendency to increase over time. That makes it a great place for long-term growth for retirement. However, in saving for a down payment on a home, it's better to invest in



Danny Burnham

Data from NerdWallet shows the daily savings requirements to reach \$1 million by age 67.

something safer and more conservative.

"When you're young and have a long-term horizon for retirement, putting your retirement account into stocks is very realistic," Jeppson said. "But, when you're in your 40s, 50s or 60s and are approaching retirement, your investments should become incrementally more conservative."

He suggests tracking financial progress over time — whether in a spreadsheet or with an online resource like Mint — to make sure net worth is increasing year after year.

## Retirement

"There is such an enormous mathematical power in starting to save for retirement today. The value of time and compound interest is unbelievable," Jeppson said. "I would encourage people, as a rule of thumb, to save 10 percent of their income toward retirement."

He said planning for retirement is a reverse calculation. The question is how much people plan on spending in retirement and the lifestyle they want to live. A reasonably safe withdrawal rate is about 4 percent yearly.

To figure out how much is needed to save for retirement, Forbes recommends using a retirement calculator to set goals and plan for the future.

Although an individual's 20s

can be filled with debt, paying rent, finding a job and providing necessities, those years should also be used to invest. Starting early means saving less.

There is a company-sponsored retirement plan — a 401k — where a percentage of the paycheck goes into the retirement fund and an employer will (typically) provide a matching program.

"If you can find a job where the employer is willing to pitch in and help with benefits, that's a significant advantage," Jeppson said. "For example, a company might put in dollar for dollar match up to 3 percent of your pay each year."

He said participating in a 401k usually has additional tax advantages. For example, if someone has a \$50,000 salary and he or she chooses to put \$5,000 into the 401k every year, the IRS requires only \$45,000 of the income be reported. Once a person is in retirement and withdraws money from the account, taxes are paid on the withdrawn funds.

"The most common retirement options you'll encounter are 401ks and IRAs," Jeppson said. "Just as there are many types of 401k plans, there is Roth IRA and a traditional IRA."

According to Vanguard, withdrawals of Roth IRA contributions are not taxed



Tim Pannell/Forbes

Craig Israelsen has conducted extensive research in the analysis of mutual funds and the design of investment portfolios.

because taxes are paid when the money is initially contributed. With a traditional IRA, ordinary income tax will be taken out on all withdrawals.

"If you're young, a Roth IRA or Roth 401k is better while you're in a lower tax bracket. If you're older or in the peak of your career, a traditional IRA is likely better because you'll pay taxes later when you're in a lower tax bracket again during retirement," Jeppson said.

According to Israelsen, if motivation is found to invest, plan and save for the future, it

has a spillover benefit in helping an individual become more prudent in money management. He said investing and saving for retirement requires budgeting money more carefully because it's another reason to be careful with spending.

"If a person figures out how to invest and create an account wherever they choose to invest, they've done something huge," Israelsen said. "They built the machinery to become an investor, which represents the starting point of a lifelong process you can benefit from later."

# Mobile banking: the key to financial future

By MICHAEL MORRIS

The world is changing. As technology marches forward, everything from the simplest actions to the most advanced processes is becoming electronic, instantaneous and mobile — namely, banking.

In a world where time is money, this progress may be seen as nothing but positive. However, according to Dale Phelps, president and CEO of Nebo Credit Union, it all depends on value.

When it comes to the financial industry, there are both pros and cons to making everything automated, Phelps said.

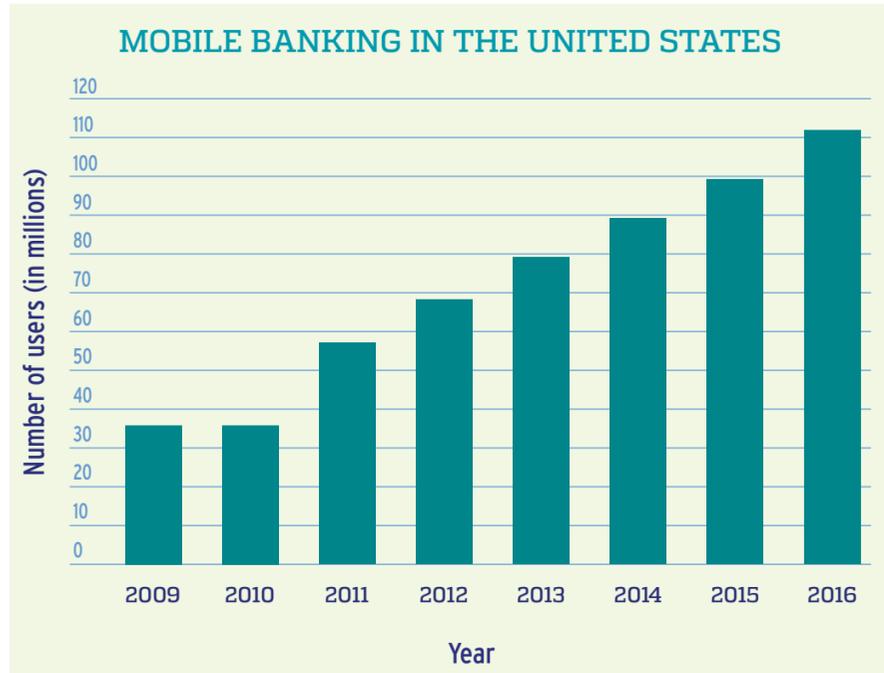
"The objective is to try to make everything easier and to accommodate what our members need and want," Phelps said. "As long as we can maintain our security and it's cost efficient, we'll adopt new technology."

Trevor Allphin, accounting manager for Nebo Credit Union, agrees. He said online banking and mobile apps make things easier for customers.

"As a credit union, we're not looking to increase margins, we're looking to meet the needs of our customers," Allphin said. "And if their needs are automation, then that's what we aim for."

Another benefit to digital banking is the time it saves, Phelps said.

"We were on the phones a lot more before there was online banking," Phelps said. "It has eliminated a lot of the need for



Danny Burnham

Data from Statista.com shows the number of mobile pay users in the United States from 2009 to 2016.

that. Now we have thousands of people who check their balances and make their transfers online."

According to the Pew Research Center, 51 percent of adults in the United States bank online, and 32 percent of adults bank using their mobile phones. The Pew report stated that this increase has come since June 2000, when only 18 percent of people in the United States used online banking. Phelps said this trend is likely to continue.

Colby Wright, professor of

finance at Brigham Young University, said he believes all financial transactions will eventually become digital.

"My vision for the future is that there is no paper cash," he said. "It will all be digital."

Both Phelps and Allphin, however, agree that human interaction will always be needed.

"How many times have you been on the phone with an automated system and become frustrated and pressed zero as many times as you could just so you could talk with a real person?"

Allphin asked. "I think most of us still prefer somebody we can talk to who will interact with us."

A lack of interaction with people is only one of the cons associated with automation. Another con of online digital banking is associated risk.

"There has been an increase in fraud because of it," said Phelps. "People don't have to be present anymore in order to rob you. They can do it from the other side of the world."

Allphin said crooks are usually one step ahead.

"Fraudsters are always coming up with new ways to get to your money," he said.

When it comes to implementing new technology, cost — not security — is always the determining factor, according to Phelps.

"The thing is, people view everything from a cost-benefit situation," he said. "And as long as the cost of fraud is below the cost of implementing new technology, they won't implement it."

As an example, Phelps explained how credit card chip technology was used for years in Europe before it was implemented in the United States, simply because U.S. banks saw it as too expensive to use.

Chip technology adds an additional layer of security to credit card transactions because every time a card with a chip is used at a terminal, card member information is converted into a unique code that is hard to duplicate, according to the Citi Bank website.

"It's always about the costs," added Allphin.

Javelin Strategy & Research reported that in 2016, \$16 billion was stolen from 15.4 million U.S. consumers via cybercrimes, up from \$15.3 billion and 13.1 million victims in 2015. The report also states that in the past six years, thieves have stolen over \$107 billion.

Allphin said as the U.S. moves further and further from cash, criminals will continue to progress in their ability to steal electronically.

"Every time we get one hole plugged, criminals find another

way to get money that isn't theirs," he said.

Wright said he believes the answer to fraud prevention can be found in biometric technology, which allows for verification using individually distinguished biological traits, like a fingerprint.

"I think a biometric system has to be a part of it," he said. "We've seen too many data breaches, too much identity theft."

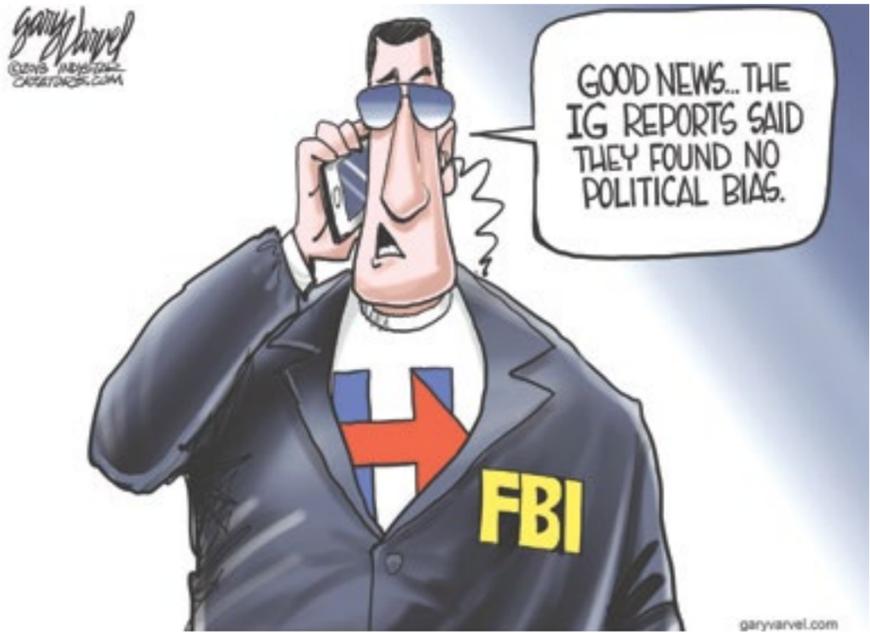
According to Wright, as the world becomes more digitized, both retinal scans and fingerprint identification will be necessary to prevent fraud and may even be used to process digital payments. But for this to happen, Wright said, people will need to have difficult conversations about which is more important — efficiency or privacy.

According to Wright, some people will always resist letting others have access to such intimate information as their retinal scans or fingerprints, but he believes efficiency and security will eventually outweigh those objections.

"Imagine not having to click a button to buy something. Imagine not having to punch in a credit card or go to a cash register ever again," he said. "The efficiencies are obvious to me. Think of all the minutes you will get back in your life, and if you're like me, time is your scarcest commodity."

So, what is in store for the future of online banking? No one knows. But according to Phelps, one thing will always be certain: change.

# [ ISSUES & IDEAS ]



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On Fox News, Ann Coulter calls crying immigrant kids detained at border 'child actors,' warns Trump not to fall for it <https://yhoo.it/2JWfPUe>

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Trump is being hit by democrats and many republicans for "separating families." But when do we re-think our family destroying welfare state that has incentivized women to marry the gov't and men to abandon their moral and financial responsibility? #IllegalAliens

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\*Trump: blame the Democrats

\*Sessions: Romans 13

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The Trump regime has set up an alternative reality - a hallmark of authoritarianism.

Don't let them get away with it!

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I've demanded @realDonaldTrump end his inhumane policy of separating innocent children from their families at the border. He hasn't, so I joined my Senate colleagues to introduce legislation in Congress to keep these families together. #FamiliesBelongTogether

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## [ CAMPUS PULSE ]

# In our opinion: New BYU parking regulations use technology backwards

BYU is leaving \$60 parking tickets on the windshields of faculty and staff members' vehicles. In many cases the problem isn't the car as much as the driver having to remember to update the university's parking app.

The Daily Universe applauds the desire to make parking more equitable, but a new policy creates unintended problems.

It used to be that faculty and staff were allowed to register up to three cars, even though only one could be parked on campus at a time. This allowed BYU employees some flexibility because they weren't restricted to taking the same car to work every day.

According to statistics taken in 2016 by Governing, the average household in Provo has two vehicles. The previous policy was helpful to staff members because many households have more drivers than cars, and a BYU employee might not bring the same vehicle to campus every day.

On March 1, BYU updated its employee parking policy and changed the three-car registration rule. Now, an employee can register multiple cars but must update the campus parking app each time they change cars. For employees who forget to make the vital switch, their car is treated as unregistered and is ticketed.

University Police Sgt. Wade Raab said the change was made because employees were

allowing family members to use their parking privileges, which took spots away from staff members and faculty.

Raab said University Police knew this was happening because they were receiving multiple phone calls about "young-looking people" using faculty parking. Technology on parking enforcement cars can read license plates to check vehicles against a database of campus-registered owners. University Police said parking officers investigated the complaints by testing all the employee lots and confirmed some employees had more than one vehicle on campus at a time.

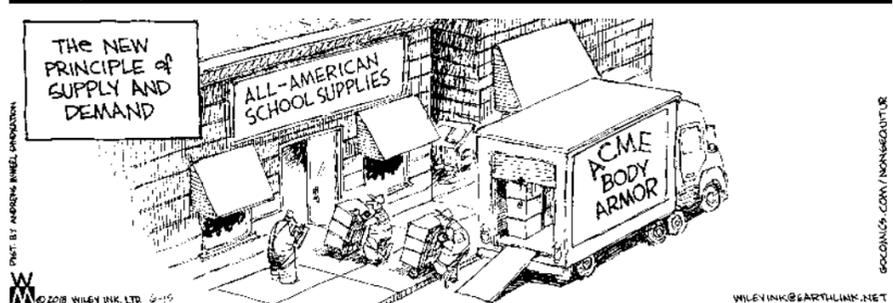
Since the university changed the rule and cracked down on violators, Raab said there has been an improvement in the number of parking spots available.

Staff members at The Daily Universe can understand the university's reasoning for wanting to reduce violations.

However, making faculty get online and switch from car to car or risk a ticket is not the answer.

The Daily Universe believes such an innovative university can do better to solve this issue. Instead of making employees update their registration each time they switch cars, the technology University Police have available should be used to find the multiple-car violations, like in the parking lot test, and ticket those violators.

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# [ OPINION OUTPOST ]

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

## Suicide hotline

The U.S. Senate passed a bill last November that would direct the Federal Communications Commission to set up a nationwide, easy-to-remember, three-digit emergency hotline for suicide prevention. It is inexcusable that the House has dawdled this long in considering it and has yet to bring it to the floor. ... This is one bill that deserves fast action for reasons of compassion. ... The establishment of a three-digit hotline should be neither controversial nor difficult. The House has no excuse for not moving faster.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

## North Korea summit

(The outcome of the North Korea summit was) better than war, for sure. But since it was Donald Trump who raised that spectre, giving him credit for

dispelling it would be like calling a man a life-saver when second thoughts stay his hand from murder. The U.S. president handed over gift after gift in exchange for the inflation of his ego. He does not know or does not care that his country went home poorer than it came. The language in the joint statement was weaker than in previous agreements. ... There was not even a pledge that either side "shall" take action; just the assertion that North Korea will "commit to working towards" denuclearisation, which it sees as a general, not unilateral, process.

—Editorial Board  
The Guardian

## Voter dress code

The (Supreme Court) justices seemed to show their hand last February when they considered a challenge to a Minnesota law that says voters can't wear "political insignia" at a polling place. ... Sure enough, on Thursday the court correctly concluded that such vagueness violated the free-speech protections of the 1st Amendment and it struck down the law. But it could—and should—have gone even further in

affirming free speech at polling places. ... Even at a polling place authorities ought to allow voters to wear clothing expressing their point of view—even about the election—so long as they don't accost their fellow voters or attempt to proselytize or hand out literature.

—Editorial Board  
Los Angeles Times

## Unfair Freedom Festival

We should celebrate our history, not relive it. These parade organizers think they can make time stand still, and they're not even listening to their own children, to whom history's unfairness is obvious. We're eight years out from the nation's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026. By then, there is no way the Freedom Festival is still trying this. It's been a long fight for gay people to gain what the rest of America already had. Let's hope someday we can laugh about parade organizers who yearned for a cruel past.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

## Immigration bills

Don't be fooled: The Republican House members who had been pushing for a common-sense, humane immigration plan, caved. Now they seem to be hoping that voters will believe that the sham bills the House will vote on instead are real substitutes. ... The congressmen were just two GOP signatures short when House Speaker Paul Ryan stepped in and promised them votes on two other immigration bills in exchange for dropping the effort. But those bills are going nowhere, as the members must have known, and the maneuver is clearly a face-saving political gesture.

—Editorial Board  
The Boston Globe

## Consequences of separating families

The Trump administration's practice of separating children from parents at border crossings—with toddlers screaming and mothers crying—is cruel and potentially dangerous. It may have long-term consequences, traumatizing children who might grow up with emotional and mental health issues as well as hatred toward the United States. It certainly has immediate consequences and speaks ill of a nation that ought to embrace family values. It doesn't have to be so.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

## Trump's trade war

Republican lawmakers, long proponents of free trade, portray themselves as impotent to halt the president's trade war-mongering. The Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has said there's not much he can do. ... Threatening an all-out trade war, insulting our next-door neighbor and ally, will not change the nature of our economy, only damage it. In Wisconsin and Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, farmers who need to maintain access to foreign markets are hoping that Mr. Trump's bluster is just that, a negotiating tactic, and that cooler heads will eventually prevail.

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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## Nick Emery officially reinstated, will miss 9 games

By CALEB TURNER

Junior guard Nick Emery has officially been reinstated by the NCAA and BYU basketball after missing a year following an investigation into improper booster benefits. Emery will be required to sit out the first nine games of the season as part of the NCAA ruling.

Emery withdrew from BYU last fall, citing personal mental and emotional issues, including his recent divorce. He announced quickly after that he was cleared by BYU's Honor Code office, but the NCAA investigation was ongoing until just weeks ago.

The return should not come as a surprise to fans, who began seeing the Utah native around the Marriott Center again in April. Emery himself announced his return to BYU basketball later that month over Twitter.

Though BYU has not released its official schedule for this season, Emery is likely to make his return in early to mid-December when the Cougars take on rival Utah at Vivint SmartHome Arena in Salt Lake City.

Emery's questionable conduct dates back to a game against the Utes in December 2015, when he appeared to punch Utah player Brandon Taylor. The incident caused the rivalry to be dissolved for one year before returning last season.

The Lone Peak graduate still has two years of eligibility remaining following a record-breaking freshman year and a solid sophomore season. Emery set the record for made threes by a freshman and was named to the All-WCC freshman and second teams.

Following the departure of fellow guard Elijah Bryant, Emery will be a much-needed offensive option after averaging 14.7 points per game over his first two years and becoming the fourth BYU player to reach 1,000 career points as a sophomore.



Nick Emery drives to the net in the game against Pepperdine on Jan. 19, 2017. Emery withdrew from the school last year and will return this upcoming season after sitting out the first nine games.

Ari Davis

## Elijah Bryant follows former Cougars on path to pros

By CALEB TURNER

The 2018 NBA draft is on Thursday, June 21, and one BYU player is hoping to hear his name called.

Elijah Bryant announced his departure from BYU in April and has since worked out with six NBA teams in hopes of achieving his professional dream.

The highlight of the draft preparation process for Bryant was a workout with the Utah Jazz, which he said was his best performance. He also worked out with the Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Lakers, Brooklyn Nets, Boston Celtics and Memphis Grizzlies.

"I'm waiting for another workout and then the draft," Bryant said. "Then I'll get into summer league and take it one step at a time."

Bryant spent a month in Las Vegas prior to the workouts training with professionals at a gym called Impact. It was there where he connected with current NBA stars such as Demarcus Cousins and Myles Turner.

"Everything is so much faster, and every decision happens so much quicker," Bryant said of the difference in preparing for the NBA. "Everyone was the top guy at their school, so they're all very smart basketball players."

The focus of Bryant's pre-draft preparation has been getting in shape, hitting shots and competing at every moment.

"Other than that, they've seen you play, they know what you can do," Bryant said of the scouts who watched him at workouts and Pro Day at Impact.

Bryant said he has learned from BYU alumni before him that the opportunity to play professionally and in the NBA comes once in a lifetime, so he is embracing every opportunity and trying to make the most of the experience.

Lee Cummard, an assistant with the BYU basketball team, was in Bryant's shoes prior to the NBA draft in 2009.

Despite winning Mountain West Conference Player of the Year and being named to the All-Conference first team twice, Cummard went undrafted and ended up playing overseas for his six-year professional career.

"Everybody wants to play in the NBA; it's always a dream," Cummard



BYU assistant coach Lee Cummard and Elijah Bryant meet at the Utah Jazz draft workout on May 15. In 2009, Cummard was preparing to enter the NBA draft.

Elijah Bryant

said. "(But) the European experience is unbelievable too."

Cummard and his family embraced the European culture and way of life, especially during their four years in Belgium, a country that became a second home to them. His wife begs him every day to return and play professionally in Europe again.

"The sooner you can embrace the way they do things over there, the more you can enjoy it," Cummard said.

Even though the NBA didn't work out for Cummard, he said the system has improved a lot in recent years in allowing players like BYU's Kyle Collinsworth to find success.

The NBA G-League now serves as a true farm system for the highest level, whereas it was previously much more disorganized and not well-run, according to Cummard.

Collinsworth played for the Dallas Mavericks' Summer League right after he left BYU and then played for their G-League team for two seasons. His impressive play with the lower-level squad caught the eyes of the upper-level coaches and management, leading to a three-year NBA contract for

the rookie.

"When (Collinsworth) made his first three, I said I would have traded my whole pro career for that experience," Cummard said. "To be on an NBA team, to hit a three in an NBA game."

Despite the intense competition to make it into the NBA and onto a roster, Bryant said several players have offered him advice, something he hopes to pay forward with the younger generation.

"I'll never be a guy that's too cool to help kids or answer their questions," Bryant said. "They're chasing their dreams, and that's what I'm doing."

It requires courage on the part of the student to ask for advice and humility on the part of the teacher to help, according to Bryant. He said it makes him feel good whenever he offers advice and life experience to kids following in his footsteps.

"I don't know where I'm going to be, but I need to make some connection when I get there," Bryant said of his desire to reach out and communicate with others. "(I'm) just trying to make everyone feel like they're a part of our family and journey."



Ralph Zobell accepts a jersey at his last baseball game as a sports information director. Zobell is retiring after 41 years at BYU.

BYU Photo

## Sports publicist retires after 41 years

By TRÉ HARRIS

BYU football did the unexpected in 1984 and brought home a national championship. In 1990, Ty Detmer won the Heisman trophy. BYU baseball even sat atop the national ranking for a short time.

What do all these events have in common? Ralph Zobell.

Zobell has worked at BYU for 41 years, and this will be his last year. The above accomplishments were some of Zobell's pinnacle moments over the span of his 41-year tenure.

Zobell has worked as a sports information director and media relations director for many different sports. Although Zobell spent his entire professional career doing things he loves, the job had its costs.

"My experience has included a lot of love," Zobell said. "It has also included an impressive amount of hours and lots of heartache."

Zobell chose to stay at BYU. He received job offers from both Weber State and Boise State but chose to remain in Provo.

Working in one place for 41 years could wear anybody out, but not Zobell. He explained his appreciation for and thrived off the security of his BYU job. He was not in search of fame or fortune,

only success and the excitement of a new season every year.

"Now that I am coming to the end of my career, it feels like I have lost, but I have won. My next year will be different," Zobell said. "There is always an excitement to a new year, but I will come back in a different way next year."

Zobell said it is the excitement of a new season kept him going in the most difficult of times.

"The job is always easier when we win," Zobell said. "Remembering what I learned from LaVell — don't get too low after a loss or too high after a win."

After 41 years at BYU, Zobell said he will have to learn how to be a fan.

"I won't be able to do as many things as before," Zobell said. "I have only sat in a press box, and we can't yell there."

The final token Zobell said he wants to leave with the school is the importance of always doing missionary work, even if it is small. Zobell makes a directory for his neighborhood for new people that move in.

The directory contains information about ward members and all the necessities to make moving into the neighborhood easier. It helps those who do not have the church to settle in.

Zobell said even though this may be a small effort, it can have a large impact on all his new neighbors. He also said he wants everyone to work their hardest, even if it's behind the scenes.



# 2K children alone: Trump's self-inflicted domestic crisis

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Thousands of children split from their families at the U.S. southern border are being held in government-run facilities.

## How did we get here?

Tens of thousands of parents and children, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, have been caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border illegally in recent years with stories of fleeing drug cartels, extreme poverty and gang violence. The U.S. can't send them back over the border unless they are Mexican citizens and instead must refer their case to an immigration judge.

In 2008, President George W. Bush focused on the problem of minors crossing the border without their parents and signed a law unanimously passed by Congress that called for such "unaccompanied minors" to be released into the "least restrictive setting."

By 2014, President Barack Obama was facing an influx of both children traveling alone and families as a result of violence in Central America. At one point, his administration tried housing the families in special detention centers. But after a federal judge in California ruled the arrangement violated a long-standing agreement barring kids from jail-like settings, even with their parents, the government began releasing families in to the U.S. pending notification of their next court date.

Fast forward to President Donald Trump, who campaigned on building a border wall, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who derided these longtime U.S. immigration practices as "catch and release." Trump and Sessions insisted people exploit the system, even traveling with children to ensure they aren't jailed and slipping away before their



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People protest the policy of separating families at the border outside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans where Attorney General Jeff Sessions was addressing the National Sheriffs' Association on Monday, June 18.

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## So did U.S. policy change?

Yes. While Trump's new immigration policy doesn't call for families to be separated, as pointed out by Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, the policy makes separations inevitable.

Following Trump's election, then-Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly — now Trump's White House chief of staff — floated the idea of separating families as a way to discourage illegal border crossings. But much of the administration's focus went into a travel ban aimed at Muslim-majority nations.

By this April, Sessions announced a plan: The U.S. would have "zero tolerance" for illegal crossings. If a person doesn't arrive at an appropriate port of

entry to claim asylum, the crossing is deemed illegal and prosecuted even if the person does not have a criminal history. With the adult detained and facing prosecution, any minors accompanying them are taken away.

Nielsen has muddied the debate by insisting children will only be separated in narrow circumstances, including if the adult has broken the law. That falsely leaves the impression that only children traveling with gang members or other violent criminals will be separated. But under U.S. law, the act of crossing the border without proper documentation itself is a crime and would trigger a separation.

The result is that in the six weeks following Sessions' announcement, nearly 2,000 minors were separated from adults at the border.

## What do Democrats have to do with it?

Not much, except that they seem to be relishing in the bad optics this creates for Republicans in the upcoming midterm elections.

Trump has repeatedly said Democrats are to blame and cited a "horrible law" that separates families. But no law mandates that parents must be separated from their children at the border, and it's not a policy Democrats have pushed or can change alone as the minority in Congress.

(That 2008 law signed by Bush dealt only with unaccompanied minors, not families.)

Perhaps a bigger obstacle is that Republicans, currently in control of Congress, have been deeply divided on immigration. Moderate Republicans have

been trying to negotiate a plan that would reduce family separations and also open a door to citizenship for young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children and who stayed illegally.

But many hardline conservatives are leery of any legislation that would protect from deportation immigrants who arrived illegally, calling it "amnesty" and complicating the GOP's ability to pass both the House and reach the needed 60 votes in the Senate.

Some Democrats have speculated that Trump is using the humanitarian crisis as leverage to negotiate a tougher immigration bill, an assertion the White House has rejected.

But White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said June 18 that any crisis belongs to Democrats because they are the ones who

rejected Trump's initial immigration plan.

"It's a dangerous situation for this country and it's all on the backs of the Democrats," he told Fox News.

## What's this about the Bible?

Last week, Sessions cited the Bible in defending the policy.

"I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order," he said.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders defended Sessions' use of the Bible saying "it is biblical to enforce the law."

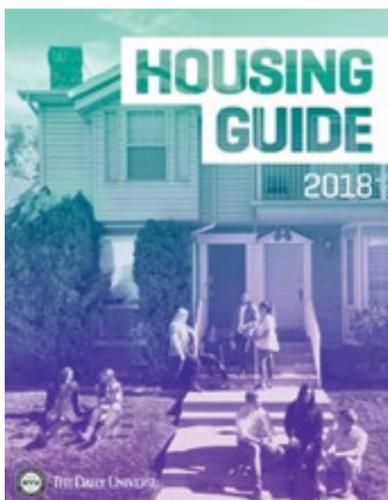
But a longtime Trump ally, the Rev. Franklin Graham, had already rejected the zero-tolerance policy as "disgraceful," while former first lady Laura Bush called the practice "cruel" and "immoral."

First lady Melania Trump issued her own statement saying she "hates" to see families separated at the border and hopes "both sides of the aisle" can reform immigration laws.

So far though, the White House is showing no sign of backing down. Trump dug in on Twitter on June 18, asking "where is the outcry for the killings and crime being caused by gangs and thugs, including MS-13, coming into our country illegally?"

Late Monday, June 18, the LDS Church released a statement that "immigration reform should strengthen families and keep them together. The forced separation of children from their parents now occurring at the U.S.-Mexico border is harmful to families, especially to young children. We are deeply troubled by the aggressive and insensitive treatment of these families. While we recognize the right of all nations to enforce their laws and secure their borders, we encourage our national leaders to take swift action to correct this situation and seek for rational, compassionate solutions."

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