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‘Saints’ reads like a novel, but isn’t

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

Patrick Mason was reading “Saints: The Standard of Truth” on a plane when he became emotional over it.

Mason, the Howard W. Hunter Mormon Studies chair at Claremont Graduate University, was given an advance copy of the new church history book in preparation for a review panel at the 53rd annual Mormon History Association Conference. It was while reading passages addressing violence in early church history that he “got a little bit weepy.”

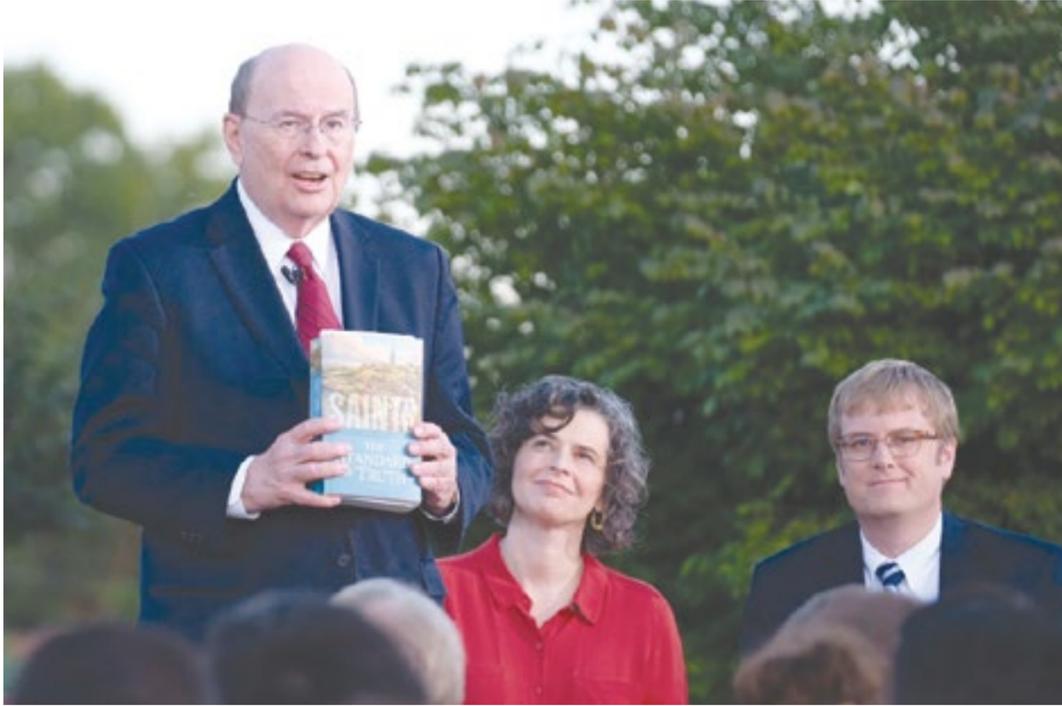
“Thinking about the suffering that these early Saints endured and their courage in the face of real suffering was actually quite moving to me,” he said.

Violence in early church history isn’t the only thing “Saints” doesn’t shy away from. Mason said the book also addresses polygamy, the translation process of the Book of Mormon and “a lot of tough issues” in a straightforward way, all while avoiding the sometimes dry writing style of some church histories. Rather, Mason said the book uses storytelling techniques such as compelling characters and a narrative arc “to make it read more like a novel than a history book.”

“This is going to be a breath of fresh air,” Mason said.

Despite reading like a story, however, “Saints” is no historical fiction novel; rather, it’s the first official church history published since 1930, according to Church Public Affairs. It’s also the first in a four-volume collection titled “Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days,” according to a press release from Mormon Newsroom.

“Saints” was released to the public on Sept. 4 in print, eBook and for free online in 14 languages, according to Church Public Affairs. The four volumes will tell the church’s story from Joseph Smith to present day, with



Mormon Newsroom

Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles was joined by Church historians Kate Holbrook and Matt Grow to explain further the interesting and factual stories in the book “Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days” during a worldwide devotional with young adults Sept. 9, 2018. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to hear a Portuguese translation of this story.

the first volume beginning at Joseph Smith’s childhood in 1815 and covering through Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1846.

The first eight chapters have already been published in 47 languages in the *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines and online during the months leading up to the book’s release.

“This isn’t written for me, per se, (for) other historians,” Mason said. “This is written for the membership of the church.”

In addition, Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles hosted a Face to Face event on Sept. 9

at the Nauvoo Illinois temple, according to Mormon Newsroom. Elder Cook invited young adults to read some of “Saints” before the event.

The Face to Face was broadcast around the world and focused largely on church history and “Saints.” Church historians Kate Holbrook and Matt Grow helped Elder Cook answer questions about topics like accounts of the First Vision, the translation of the Book of Mormon and polygamy.

Telling the story

Steven Harper, a faculty member in

the BYU Department of Church History and Doctrine, said the “Saints” project began in 2008, when Elder Marlin K. Jensen, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy and the church historian and recorder, called 10–15 people of various backgrounds to serve on a committee for six months. The committee, which Harper was called to, was tasked with making a proposal to the First Presidency for the best way to update B.H. Roberts’ “Comprehensive History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” which was released in 1930.

Following the committee’s release,

Harper said he was asked to refine the proposal and create an outline, which the First Presidency accepted in 2010. He was later invited by the managing director of the Church History Department to become the managing historian of the project. He has held this position for the last six years, as well as being one of three general editors for “Saints.”

Harper was involved in writing the first draft of “Saints,” which was written like a traditional history. He said the historians had the right vision for the project, but not the skills to make it “sing,” which is why they brought in creative writers for the second draft, including playwright Melissa Leilani Larson, novelist Angela Hallstrom and scholar Scott Hales, who has written a historical dissertation titled “The Role of the Novel in Post-Utopian Mormonism.”

Because passages of the text were re-written dozens or even hundreds of times by multiple people, Harper said there’s no way to measure who wrote what. However, Chris Crowe, a young adult writer and a BYU English professor who was an advance reader for “Saints,” said despite how many people worked on the book, it has a good flow.

“I think it really was an effort ... to make it have a sense of unity,” he said.

In addition, Harper said they couldn’t bring just anyone onto the project; the creative writers had to understand that “Saints” is a history, not a historical fiction.

Harper particularly emphasized this is what sets “Saints” apart from works of historical fiction like “The Work and the Glory” series by Gerald N. Lund; though historical fiction can be entertaining and even spiritually edifying, “Saints” is not the same genre — “not even close,” Harper said.

“Saints” is history, and just because this is narrative history doesn’t mean it’s historical fiction,” he said.

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Spaniard works as BYU travel agent for 40 years

By CAMILLE BAKER

Spanish travel agent Antonio Caballos has been working for BYU for about 40 years.

Fifty years ago, Caballos started his career at a travel agency in Spain. Soon after, he founded his own travel agency, according to BYU Spanish professor — and close friend of Caballos’ — John Rosenberg. Although he is currently retired, Caballos continues to take care of BYU study abroad programs in Spain.

“BYU is the one client that (Caballos) has continued to want to work with,” Rosenberg said.

His long career working as a travel agent saw Caballos on travel boards in Madrid and in the European community and has encouraged his learning of English, French, Portuguese and Italian.

Since he isn’t a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Caballos said he was initially exposed to the church and BYU because of a BYU student from Argentina who needed a travel agent in Spain. After that, the connection with BYU continued.

BYU Spanish and Portuguese professor Gregory Stallings was the director of the Spring 2018 Spain study abroad program and said Caballos was “incredibly helpful” during the program.

“He has organized countless trips, activities and monument visits for us. If I give him an outline for a trip that I want for our students, he perennially surprises me with suggestions for rarely visited spots to possibly seek out on the way to and from our destination,” Stallings said. “The sites he recommends always turn out to be incredibly beautiful and historically informative.”

Once arriving in Spain, Caballos gives students a tour of Madrid. He’ll teach them a little about the history of Spain while showing them key sights in



Cristian Torres

Travel agent Antonio Caballos takes the Spring 2018 Spain study abroad group on a tour through Madrid.

Madrid and teaching them how to live and navigate in a major European city.

“(Caballos) gives of himself in profound ways to the program. He often accompanies the students on their trips, (and) he takes care of directors and their families,” Rosenberg said. “He draws a great deal of satisfaction from his relationship with many of the faculty here at BYU and generations of BYU students, many of whom he still keeps in touch with.”

Rosenberg said Caballos’ help with the study abroad programs in Spain is invaluable because of the unique learning opportunities Caballos tries to provide for the students.

“(It goes) so far beyond just saying ‘here’s the cost of the bus’ or ‘here are the right hotels,’” Rosenberg said. “He is aware of festivals and cultural traditions, and he wants students to get to know the culture in both big ‘C’ and little ‘C’ — big ‘C’ is the art, the architecture, the music; the little ‘C’ is the food and the festivals and the way people actually live their life.”

Caballos said his relationship with

BYU has been “fantastic” over the 40 years he’s been working with BYU. He said he traditionally receives information three months in advance, which helps him get good prices on hotels and enough time to plan activities and excursions.

Rosenberg said Caballos’ expertise is greatly appreciated because directors can change from year-to-year. When a program director isn’t as experienced with Spain as others, Rosenberg said Caballos is a great mentor for them.

Stallings said Caballos would frequently call him to make sure activities and excursions went well.

“He always goes the extra mile for our programs, going out of his way to seek out the best hotels, monuments, restaurants, transportation or museums for us,” Stallings said.

In his 40 years working as a travel agent for BYU, Caballos said there hasn’t been any problems — security or otherwise. He will also often receive feedback from students who participate in a BYU study abroad in Spain who say they’ve enjoyed their experiences in

Caballos’ home country.

“The program of BYU is fantastic. I know the programs of other universities in Spain, and BYU gives more to the students than any other university,” Caballos said. “They know — through the church — the inside of the Spanish society, and they visit almost all the most important things of the country, and, of course, they learn Spanish.”

Caballos said BYU does a great job with its study abroad programs, and not just the Spain study abroad program. He has helped with other programs, including an art program and a multimedia program.

According to Caballos, he has helped about 3,000 BYU students since working as a travel agent for BYU, and his favorite part of his work is forming relationships with the professors and students who go to Spain.

One of these relationships is with Rosenberg, who has worked with Caballos for 38 years, and not just in a BYU capacity.

“It goes far beyond a professional relationship,” Rosenberg said. “I mean, he’s helped me arrange for professional travel in Spain for almost four decades.”

Rosenberg said Caballos has taught him so much about Spain and has become almost like family.

“He’s my daughter’s uncle, and he’s the big brother I never had,” Rosenberg said. “He’s a very, very dear and close friend to our family.”

When asked about his opinion on the church, Caballos said he knows many church members in Spain and even considers himself a “dry Mormon.”

Caballos said the focus on genealogy and missionary work in the church are things he likes most.

“He’s profoundly respectful of the church,” Rosenberg said. “He’s an avid genealogist and has spent a lot of time at the church genealogical library at the temple square in Madrid.”

Rosenberg said Caballos is “well-informed” and “well-connected” with the church in Spain.

“He is a devoted example of someone who endeavors to live in the Christian way,” Rosenberg said. “Though there are obvious differences in doctrine, what connects us is the attempt to come to understand Christ and to follow his example and his teachings and to always maintain the brightly burning hope that all sincere seekers of Christ will find him.”

Caballos said he has traveled to 17 countries with various travel groups, but his relationship with BYU and with BYU students who visit Spain has been “real special.”

“He is very proud of his country. He is very well-informed about its history and its culture and is very eager for students to be able to experience that as profoundly as they can,” Rosenberg said.

Stallings said many of the students on the Spring 2018 study abroad interviewed Caballos for part of their Madrid Walks course — the assignment required the students to interview native speakers. Stallings said many of his students reported learning so much after talking with Caballos.

“Talking to Antonio (Caballos) about Spain is like opening a marvelous, brilliantly colorful travel book,” Stallings said. “He absolutely loves sharing his expertise of Spain, especially its beautiful places to visit and its multiple cultural events, with our BYU students. (Caballos) is truly a treasure for our university.”

Once Caballos discontinues working as a travel agent for BYU Spain study abroad programs, Rosenberg said the programs will continue to progress, but the “personal attention and personal investment to faculty and to their students” will be hard to replace.

“Antonio has played an indispensable role in our Madrid study abroad program for some 40 years,” Stallings said. “When he finally retires from serving us, I doubt that we will ever find anyone as knowledgeable and caring as (him) for our Spain programs.”

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Trump admin closing Palestinian office

Trump ordered the closure of the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Washington on Sept. 10, citing the refusal of Palestinian leaders to enter into peace talks with Israel. The Palestinians accused the administration of dismantling decades of U.S. engagement with them. The State Department said the U.S. step came after a review of the Palestine Liberation Organization office centered on the fact that no "direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel" are underway despite previous warnings.



Sweden joins move to right over migration backlash

Sweden has become the latest European country to have its political order shaken by a backlash against large-scale immigration, with voters giving a boost to a far-right party and weakening the more established ones. The Sept. 9 election left the two rival blocs – a center-left group and a center-right alliance – with roughly 40 percent of the vote each, portending what is likely to be weeks of uncertainty and complex coalition talks before a new government can be formed.



Pétanque balls help disarm Paris attacker

They went out to play a game of pétanque and enjoy the summer warmth by a Parisian canal. By the end of the evening, the three friends had neutralized a knife-wielding attacker who had stabbed seven people, with an unlikely weapon: the game's clanking – and hefty – metal balls. They managed to bring the horror on Sept. 9 to an end. The attacker is now in custody and police are trying to piece together what happened and what the attacker's motivations for his bloody rampage were.



Miss America report finding no bullying a whitewash

Hours after a new Miss America was crowned, the Miss America Organization released a report on Sept. 10, denying the outgoing one had been bullied by pageant leaders. Former Miss America Cara Mund's lawyer called the report, commissioned by the Miss America Organization, "dishonest" and "a complete whitewash." Mund was not interviewed for the report. She offered to meet with an investigator working on the report after the next Miss America was crowned, but pageant officials insisted it had to happen before then.



Colorado linebacker balances football and faith

Davion Taylor might have been great in high school, if he had played in games, rather than just practiced with his team. As a Seventh-day Adventist, Taylor observed the Sabbath from sundown on Fridays to sundown on Saturdays during his high school days by resting and worshipping. Meaning, he didn't play in Friday night games. So he didn't star at South Pike High in Mississippi and instead helped fill water bottles before games, then headed home for prayer. He didn't give up on his dream, though and now plays for Colorado.

Campus News

COLLEGE OF Family, Home and Social Sciences

Sherina Saasa, the newest Social Work faculty member and BYU alumna, holds a master's in social work. As an African emigrant, Saasa experienced firsthand the impoverished lifestyle and oppression of families in Africa. Focusing on inequality, emotional health and academics, her nonprofit, the Crispin Mwakamui Memorial Foundation, helps orphaned children attain an education in sub-Saharan Africa.



Sherina Saasa

The college announced **Mike Bridenbaugh** as the newest college controller, in addition to serving



Michael Bridenbaugh

as assistant dean. Replacing former controller, **Mike Nelson**, Bridenbaugh will take over the role of overseeing the disbursement of university funds, including endowments and scholarships within the social sciences.

IRA A. FULTON COLLEGE Engineering and Technology

A chemical engineering professor, **David Lignell**, and his Ph.D. student, Alex Josephson, recently conducted research, resulting in a reliable model to better predict soot and smoke emissions from wildfires. Working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the team's model is competition to current models due to its reasonable cost.



David Lignell

COLLEGE OF Fine Arts and Communications

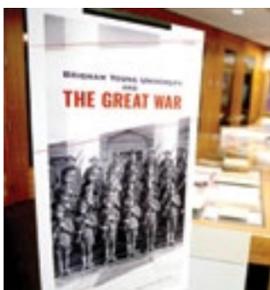
Libby Lloyd, a BYU music dance theater graduate spent the summer performing with professionals at Tucahn Center for the Arts. Lloyd acted as Ella in "Cinderella," danced in "The Prince of Egypt" and lastly, performed in "Matilda." Lloyd plans to move to New York City in January in order to fully utilize her degree.



Libby Lloyd

HAROLD B. LEE Library

In honor of 100 years since the end World War I, BYU archivist **Cory Nimer**, along with **John Murphy** and **Ken Alford**, introduce a new exhibition, "Brigham Young University and The Great War." The exhibition shows the impact the war had on Utah Valley and its residents, due to the church encouraging enlistment. The exhibit includes letters, diaries and scrapbooks from famous church leaders. Its goal is to help the public reflect on the nation's past and bravery of Utah's soldiers. Located on level one of the library, the public can visit the free exhibit Monday through Saturday until November.



e-Called to serve



Mormon Newsroom

Billy Elliott, 17, poses with his parents as he holds his iPad, which displays his mission call to the Peru Chiclayo Mission. Elliott was one of the potential missionaries chosen to pilot a new program to view mission calls online.

Digital mission calls replacing snail mail

By JENNA ALTON

Utah State University student Morgun Olcott always planned to surprise her family with her decision to serve as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but her plan got a lot easier when she was informed she would receive her mission call online.

Rather than worrying about how she'd manage to grab her mission call letter before any other family members checked the mail, Olcott simply received an email saying her mission call was ready to open.

"(My family) didn't know it was coming because it didn't come in the mail or anything," said Olcott, who was called to

serve in the Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission. "That was really useful. They were super surprised and super excited."

Olcott was part of a pilot program in her home stake, the Fruit Heights Utah stake, to test the church's initiative to distribute mission calls online.

According to Mormon Newsroom, the initiative will now expand to potential missionaries in Utah and Idaho. By the end of 2018, the church anticipates the process will expand to the rest of the world with reliable Internet.

According to Elder Brent H. Nielsen, executive director of the Missionary Department of the church, the new process will help missionaries receive their mission calls sooner, expediting the visa application process. The initiative will also cut down on postage costs.

"Technology is there, and it's so easy to do," Nielsen said. "We just put it online and they can read it in a matter of minutes."

Olcott's mission call came 15 days from the day she submitted

her mission papers. According to LDS.org, the typical wait time for missionaries to receive their call is between two and three weeks.

"I got a little message on my phone that said, 'Your mission call is ready to view,' so it was still super exciting because I still got to have that surprise," Olcott said. "I thought I was going to be disappointed about it, but I wasn't at all. I actually loved it a lot."

According to Mormon Newsroom, missionaries will receive either an email or text message saying their mission call letter is ready to open.

The change will greatly impact potential missionaries who live in foreign countries, who will be able to receive their mission calls in a fraction of the time. Nielsen spoke about the first sister missionary to receive an online mission call in Brazil.

"It would have taken over three weeks to get her call and she had opened it in three hours," Nielsen said.

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Ty Mullen

Jake Robins, left, clinks his glass with Steven Flinders during the mint chocolate brownie milk debut.

Student reconnects with family on Spain study abroad



Cristian Torres

From left: Cenci Garrido Lucas, Francisco Torres Salazar, Maria de la Cinta Torres Salazar, Andrea Gomez, Cristian Torres and Catalvina Torres Salazar pose for a photo in Spain. Cristian Torres is a BYU student who reconnected with his family during a study abroad in Spain.

By MCKAYLA ROBINSON

The BYU Spain study abroad program offers opportunities to learn Spanish language, culture and history in a realistic and lifelike setting. However, for one BYU student, this study abroad lent him an additional opportunity: to reconnect with family members and a heritage he never fully experienced.

Cristian Torres grew up in Ruskin, Florida, with a Mexican-American mother and a Spanish father. His dad grew up in Spain and didn't move to the United States — or even learn English — until after his mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Torres said he was primarily exposed to Mexican culture, due to his mother's heritage.

"My mom is Mexican-American, so that's the culture I grew up in — Mexican music, Mexican traditions, Mexican food," Torres said. "I knew I was Spaniard, but I didn't feel the Spaniard in me until I started taking classes with Dr. Greg Stallings and being here (in Spain)."

Torres said he took a history and literature class from BYU

Spanish and Portuguese professor Gregory Stallings — who was also the director for the Spring 2018 Spain study abroad program. Torres said taking this class is where he "started feeling the beauty of the humanities," prompting him to study abroad in Spain.

"My first motivation was seeing the things he taught us about," Torres said.

After deciding to go to Spain, Torres recognized the opportunity to see some of his paternal family members he hadn't met or seen since he was 4 years old.

One weekend in May, Torres took a train to Huelva, Spain, where his grandfather, aunts and uncles live. Torres said he didn't even know what his aunt would look like when she picked him up from the train station. He just heard people yelling his name and then was smothered in warm embraces and cheek kisses.

"Because they knew we were related, it was like an instant connection with them," Torres said.

Torres arrived at a family member's apartment, and they immediately asked him if he wanted something to eat and started whipping out a

plethora of food. Torres said this reminded him of his dad, who always offers food to visitors.

"I realized that's where my dad gets that from, because anytime I'm with my dad he's always like, 'Eat more, eat more,'" Torres said.

Torres' family is of gypsy heritage and still fully embraces some of the traditions, including the custom of flamenco dancing.

"One thing that ties them to their past is their dance," Torres said.

On the first night of Torres' stay, they cleared the furniture from the living room and danced. They played modern music but danced and sang with flamenco influence.

"You can tell that music is the center of their (culture)," Torres said. "It comes from their soul."

After returning home from this visit with his family, Torres had an assignment to watch a Spanish film that included Spanish guitar music. While watching, he said he thought, "This is me. This is my heritage."

Torres said this was the first time he felt he could genuinely claim a part of his Spanish heritage and that this study abroad experience inspired him to continue learning more.

Outdoor enthusiasts gather for annual Hammock Festival

By RILEY WALDMAN

Friends and local outdoor enthusiasts gathered at the CLAS Ropes Course for this year's Utah Hammock Festival on Sept. 7 and 8.

The event included a variety of activities like kayaking, rock climbing, slacklining, volleyball, Spikeball and live music. Participants also enjoyed a variety of food trucks.

The main attraction of this year's festival was an official count to break the hammocking world record. The current world record — held in Mainz, Germany — is 269 hammockers.

Event organizer Adriel Johnson said the hammock events started with a small group of friends and a small tower with only eight hammocks, then the number of attendees grew, and he began to speak with sponsors.

"That was two years ago, and this year we decided to make it bigger and better," Johnson said. "This year we wanted to accomplish something, and so we decided to go for the world record."

Johnson's original hammocking group started as a Facebook group known as Moab and Beyond where friends could post about canyoneering trips and hammocking outings.

UVU student Sierra Lawrence has been a member of the group since her freshmen year of college and has participated in several group trips and events.

When she heard about the event coming together this year she couldn't wait to get involved.

"It's cool that we all get to help throw this hammock festival and invite as many people as we can and share our love and passion for outdoors and hammocking with a lot of other



Lexie Flickinger

Hammock Festival attendees participate in the "hammock tower" while waiting for the official hammock count. While the official count did not beat the current world record, participants still enjoyed festival activities. Scan the photo with the *Universe Plus* app to watch a video of the Hammock Festival.



people. This is a really unique and fun event for us," Lawrence said.

When it came time for the official count, participants gathered around hammocking areas including a climbing wall where a hammock tower was set up.

Harrison Riehle was one of the hammock tower participants and said he has been a fan of the hammock tower since the first event two years ago.

"This is the kind of event that every year just gets better and

better because more and more people will come, and the more people that come the more fun it will be," Riehle said.

By the end of the event, the official hammocking count came in just under 200. While participants didn't beat the world record, they did set the U.S. record.

Even though Johnson and his crew didn't reach their world record goal, they will continue to share their love of hammocking and the outdoors with others.

TODAY

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Tuesday, September 11,
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This event will be broadcast to the JSB Auditorium.



President Kevin J. Worthen
Sister Peggy Worthen

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

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

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

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

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New church history book 'Saints' reads like a novel, but isn't one

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Mason agreed with Harper, adding how he thinks people who liked "The Work and the Glory" will like "Saints" as well, but "Saints" is even more useful because it's actual history.

He also spoke with authors of the text who said they were careful about not having any character say something that wasn't actually documented.

"So they try to load it with emotion and make it conversational, but they really strictly adhere to the historical record," he said.

Harper said B.H. Roberts was a "terrifically balanced" historian, but most readers today aren't interested in his 1930 comprehensive history because it was written for a 19th-century audience.

He said when church members don't know their history, they're not Latter-day Saints in one respect because church

members depend much more on their own stories than other Christian traditions, which typically depend on creed.

For example, if a church member wanted an authority on baptism, they might refer to the story found in Joseph Smith — History 1:68-72, where Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery received the Aaronic Priesthood and the authority to baptize.

"So we tell history as our way of grounding our truth claims," he said.

Reaching worldwide

Mason said he'll point church members to this new history "in every case" because it will be gripping, as opposed to other histories that contain only concrete information and analysis and may be overwhelming to many church members.

"('Saints') is really a kind of one-stop shop to come get acquainted in a kind of deep and intimate way with the

personalities and the events and the history of the early Restoration without sort of blending through all of the academic scholarship," he said.

In addition, Mason said the 586-page length of the print copy is "deceptive," due both to a large font size and line spacing, and due to the reading level, which he said is accessible to any high school student.

He also encouraged youth and young adults to not be intimidated by the size of "Saints," particularly because they've likely read big books such as "Harry Potter" before.

"Saints" is also created for a worldwide audience. Crowe said he was told the writers were trying to strike about an eighth-grade reading level, which means the book will be an easy read for good readers while remaining accessible to readers in countries with developing literacy.

Harper said the book is "intensely readable" and will have an "exponentially larger readership than any church history we've ever had before"; however, he also recognized

there's a demographic of church members who will never pick it up, and he said how much the book holds readers' attention is up to them.

'A sound history'

Mason and Crowe both think "Saints" was written in response to criticism that the church has been too optimistic in how it presents its history.

"I think the goal was, 'We should tell our story,'" Crowe said. "We shouldn't act like something didn't happen when it did. We should be the one to tell it."

Mason said the book is "part of a larger trend of greater transparency" that's particularly coming out of the Church History Department. He also said the book doesn't draw conclusions like an academic history; rather, the narrative history leaves readers to draw their own conclusions.

Harper agreed the book was written as a response to criticisms, and said its publication is also part of a long process that began when Joseph Smith was instructed to keep a record, as told in Doctrine and Covenants 21:1.

"And from then on, imperfectly, struggling, but with amazing success, Latter-day Saints have kept records," he said. "This is the next installment in a long tradition for a history-keeping and a history-dependent people."

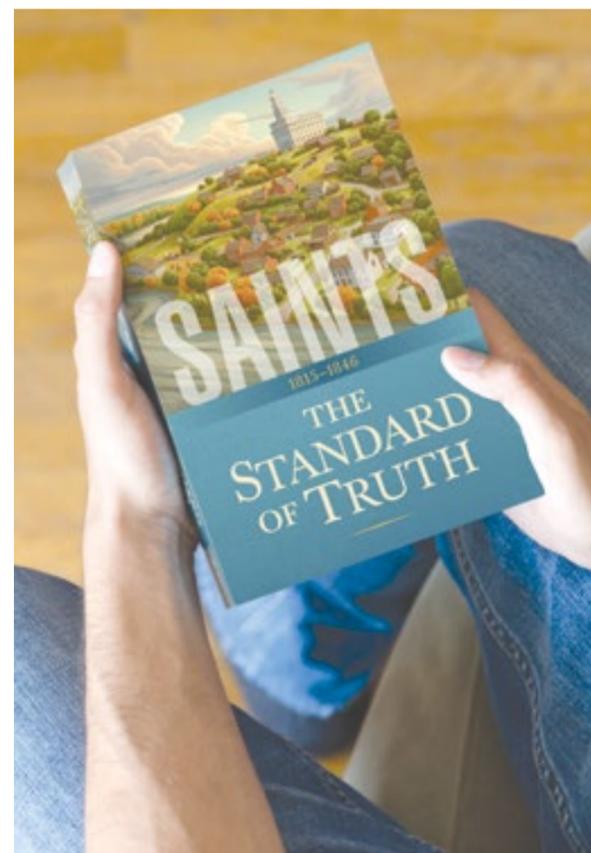
He also emphasized it's accurate to view "Saints" both as a response to present pressures and priorities and as the latest installment in the church telling its story.

Another goal of "Saints" is acknowledging uncomfortable things in the church's past, Crowe said.

For example, Crowe said the book doesn't sugarcoat Joseph and Emma Smith's marriage, and it acknowledges Joseph Smith's multiple wives. It also addresses the Danites — a paramilitary group who aimed to protect the community from enemies of the church — and Joseph Smith ordaining a black man to the Melchizedek Priesthood prior to black men being banned from holding the priesthood. He added the sources in "Saints" aren't always from church members or church history, but sometimes come from enemies of the church.

Harper said the church's explanations of controversial topics, often found online in gospel topic essays, have been woven into "Saints." Although the book is not overtly exposition, it helps place difficult topics in a historical context.

"Readers who may not read the gospel topics essays who read 'Saints' will have some



Mormon Newsroom

The first volume of a new set of books about key events in Latter-day Saint history is now available to the public. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is publishing the four-volume collection, titled "Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days."

understanding of the issues," he said.

And when readers want further explanation on a subject, there are hundreds and hundreds of supplemental essays "just a click away" on the electronic version. Supplemental materials are also available on the "Saints" website.

Mason said though the book shows the church is firmly committed to the occurrences of the early Restoration, it also doesn't hide from difficult issues. He also said readers will find it refreshing that the book can both build their testimony and discuss hard topics.

"You can hold both of these messages in your head at the same time," Mason said, "both that the Restoration is real and that it's faith-promoting, and that these were human beings who made mistakes and were liable to error along the way."

Harper said "Saints" has historical integrity, though it's difficult to give a black-and-white answer when asked if it's an honest history. This is because history always comes from someone's point of view. For example, Joseph Smith would probably say "Saints" is honest, but an enemy of the church — who throws out eyewitness accounts of miracles

as evidence — wouldn't agree.

However, "By all of the rules of the historical method that I learned in graduate school, this is a sound history," he said.

Mason said the book is a fair and accurate representation of church history, but it's not the only one out there. He also said there will always be people who think "Saints" goes too far in addressing controversial issues, but he thinks some of the book's criticism will come from people who think it's too honest.

However, "I think when you have critics on both sides, that means you might be doing something right," he said. "I think they've really done a pretty remarkable job of finding that middle path."

The English-language paperback is available for \$5.75 at store.lds.org, Church Distribution Centers and other retail outlets, according to Church Public Affairs. E-book and audiobook versions are available on Amazon Kindle, Apple iBook, Kobo and Audible. Print editions in Cebuano, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog and Tongan will be available later this year.

Simple Bites

CHILE LIME CHICKEN FAJITAS

	For 1	For 2	4 or more	
	2 tbsp	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	olive oil
	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	chili powder
	1 tsp	2 tsp	1 tbsp	garlic
	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	cumin
	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	6 pepper spice
	1/8 tsp	1/4 tsp	1/2 tsp	cayenne pepper
	1/2 tsp	1 tsp	2 tsp	sea salt
	1/2	1	2	fresh lime
	4 stems	6 stems	12 stems	cilantro
	1	2	4	boneless skinless chicken breast trimmed
	1/4	1/2	1	medium white onion
	1/4	1/2	1	medium red bell pepper
	1/4	1/2	1	medium green bell pepper
	1/4	1/2	1	medium yellow or orange bell pepper
	2-3	4-5	8-10	corn or flour tortillas

Marinate chicken:

In a small mixing bowl blend olive oil, chili powder, cumin, garlic, 6 pepper spice, cayenne pepper and salt.

Zest limes and add to mixture. Cut limes in half and squeeze juice into mixture. Blend well.

Place trimmed chicken breast in a gallon size zip lock baggie. Add whole stems of cilantro to bag.

Set aside a small amount of the marinade for use later.

Pour remaining marinade over chicken and cilantro. Seal baggie and marinate in refrigerator for 2 to 4 hours (or overnight).

Turn baggie over in refrigerator after a couple hours to allow marinade to fully saturate the chicken.

To prepare fajitas:

Peel and slice onion, set aside.

Remove seeds and membrane from peppers. Slice into strips. Set aside.

Heat a large skillet with enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan.

Remove chicken from baggie and place in hot skillet.

Cook chicken on one side until brown, turn and cook other side until chicken is completely done.

Take a small paring knife and cut a small slit into the largest part of the breast. Chicken is done when it is white in color without any pink showing.

Remove chicken from pan, set aside. Add Onion and peppers to skillet. Pour reserved marinade over vegetables and saute on high heat until brown.

Cut chicken into strips and add to onion and peppers.

Remove from heat and serve in warm tortillas.

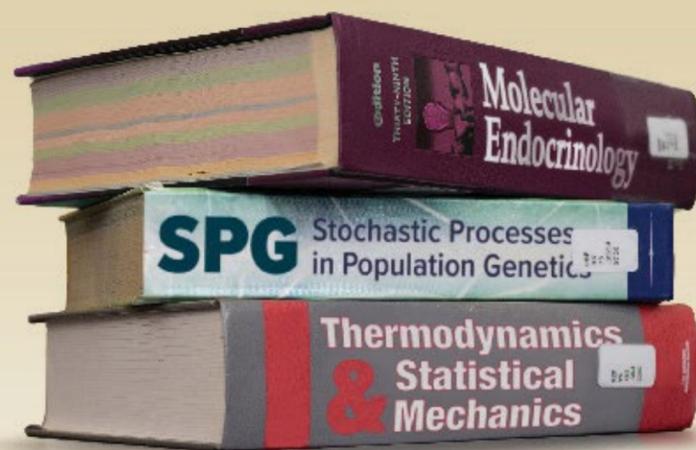
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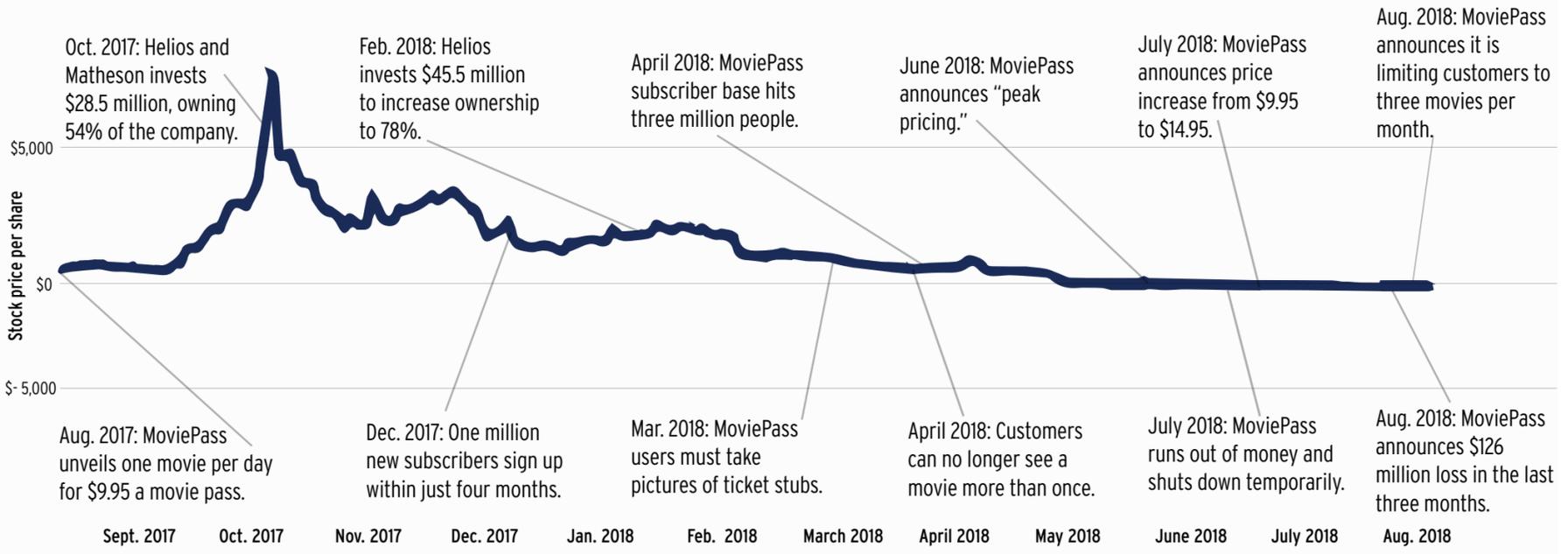
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MoviePass struggles as industry evolves



Allie Jones, Stephanie Macias

The MoviePass stock price growth and decline is shown in comparison to the timeline of MoviePass. In August, shortly after the announcement that subscribers would be limited to three movies per month, MoviePass announced a \$126 million second quarter loss.

By STEPHANIE MACIAS

The much-anticipated movie "Mission: Impossible—Fallout" was released in July. MoviePass users Kirsten Card and her husband, Ben, rushed to the theater to see what would unfold for Tom Cruise as he embraced his next thrilling mission. However, they found their own mission impossible as they tried to enter the theater.

"They blocked the movie I wanted to see," Kirsten Card said. "If I can't see the movie I want, what's the point? It's so annoying."

MoviePass introduced a \$9.95 per month subscription-based movie model in August 2017 that allowed users to see one movie per day, prompting more than three million customers to join.

The subscription-based movie ticket model MoviePass created—which was planned to be paid off by selling data to theaters and other merchandisers long term—has disrupted the industry as theater chains and others roll out competing plans.

"I think the idea of subscription was novel and innovative," BYU professor of marketing and entrepreneurship Gary Rhoads said. "I think MoviePass is going to go under most likely, but now other companies are going to learn from their mistakes and be profitable."

MoviePass has made several new stipulations since introducing the plan of one-movie-per-day for \$9.95 per month in August 2017.

One movie per day was reduced to three movies per month, and MoviePass users were no longer allowed to see newly released movies until they had been out for two weeks.

"I went to see the Christopher Robin movie the other day, and I was annoyed to find out that it was blocked. I had to pay for the ticket on top of paying for my MoviePass," said Kaylie Smart, a former MoviePass customer.

A peak pricing increase was also added to any movie ticket when a theater reached a certain undisclosed percentage of its capacity.

"I was really annoyed when the first two movies I wanted to see were blocked, and then my third choice was \$3.41 more than I've ever had to pay before," Ben Card said. "I had no idea they would charge me more if the theater was filling up."

MoviePass users are no longer allowed to view a movie more than once. On its website, MoviePass FAQ explains the logic behind the change, saying, "We hope this will encourage you to see new movies and enjoy something different!"

MoviePass user Allie Howell did not find this change as helpful as the company described.

"They won't let you see the same movie twice now, and that's annoying because sometimes I would go to a movie with one friend and then want to go to that same movie with another friend later," Howell said.

For a time, MoviePass also required customers to submit pictures of their ticket stubs.

"It was a pain when they made us take pictures of our tickets, but I still thought it was worth it," Kirsten Card said.

"But when they just completely blocked the movie from us, it was game over."

MoviePass heard its customers' complaints and no longer requires them to submit a ticket stub picture. The company also eliminated peak pricing when a theater begins filling up and modified the new release restriction to only block selected new releases.

"As we continue to evolve the service, certain movies may not always be available in every theater on our platform," MoviePass CEO Mitch Lowe said in an email to subscribers.

On July 31, MoviePass announced a price increase from \$9.95 per month to \$14.95 per month starting in August 2018. However, on Aug. 6, MoviePass went back on the announcement.

"We have heard—and we have listened to—our MoviePass Community and we will not be raising prices to \$14.95 a month," the company wrote in a press release.

Rather than raising prices, MoviePass announced a plan that allows subscribers to view three movies a month for the original MoviePass price of \$9.95. However, according to Business Insider, the new plan limits the films and showtimes available each day. The schedule of available movies is available online.

The frequency of change in policies seems to be adding to the frustration as customers are no longer sure what is possible with their pass.

"Even three movies at \$9.95 is a great deal, but I don't have

confidence in them anymore because they've changed so many things, and they say you can go to the movies, but my pass shows most movies are blocked," Rhoads said.

In a press release, MoviePass said more people are seeing movies due to the prices provided by a MoviePass subscription.

"Overall, we believe as much as six percent of the industry's total box office receipts can be traced to our loyal subscribers. It's clear that because of MoviePass, more people are seeing more movies at fair prices."

The Numbers, Where Data and the Movie Business Meet, reports a declining trend in movie tickets sold since 2002. However, the trend took a strong uptick from 2017 to 2018—tickets sold in 2018 are projected at an annual rate based on tickets sold so far this year.

To support its claim in the same press release, MoviePass stated 23 percent of the tickets sold for Lionsgate's "Blindspotting" in its opening weekend, 17 percent of first night previews of Paramount's "Book Club," 13 percent of the Warner Brothers' opening weekend domestic box office totals for "Tag" and about

12 percent of the entire theatrical run for Magnolia Pictures' documentary hit "RGB" were all purchased by MoviePass members.

For the movie "Beast," MoviePass-supported theaters grossed 55 percent higher than theaters that MoviePass does not support.

During the July 4 holiday week, MoviePass accounted for over five percent of Universal Pictures' "First Purge," playing on more than 3,000 screens. MoviePass purchased more than 150,000 tickets for the movie during the week.

At its core, MoviePass plans to lose money by buying movie tickets and letting its users go to the theater for free after their first movie each month. In exchange for that loss, MoviePass has planned to collect data about its user base and leverage that data

to make money. In addition, a restaurant or ice-cream parlor near a theater could pay MoviePass to advertise to a movie patron who is currently seated in the nearby theater. Another option is that toy companies could do targeted advertising to a home where children just saw a popular animated film. Major studios could

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Gary Rhoads
BYU Marketing and Entrepreneurship Professor

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direct their marketing dollars to the exact audience who viewed similar movies in the past.

Helios and Matheson Analytics Inc., MoviePass's largest shareholder who owns 78 percent of the company, is a big data company that sees great value and opportunity in mining the data MoviePass gathers. But that data only gets interesting when it represents millions of people. Hence, the willingness to lose money in order to attract a larger audience.

Unfortunately, this plan to sell data has not been as profitable as the company had planned. And with customers paying a monthly fee that amounts to roughly the price of one movie ticket, the financial losses have been staggering.

In August, MoviePass's parent company, Helios and Matheson Analytics (HMNY), announced a \$126 million loss in the second quarter, which ended June 30.

On Aug. 15, Helios and Matheson Analytics stock closed below 5 cents per share. In comparison, shares traded as high as \$9,714.38 on Oct. 11, 2017.

"When a company stock price drops and stays below \$1 for 30 consecutive business days, it's at risk of being delisted," said Paul Smart, president of private investment company Smart Capital, Inc.

"In this case, NASDAQ will

probably notify HMNY, which is the majority stockholder of MoviePass, and give them 180 days to get their stock price back above \$1. MoviePass is going to have to act fast."

When MoviePass started in August 2017, it was the only subscription-based movie pass available. Since then, three competitors have jumped into the new movie subscription-based market.

"All their tactics and strategies were good, but when they didn't have a well-thought-out crisis management process, that really hurt them. They should have seen it coming and developed a management process, but they didn't. They fumbled through it, and it really hurt them," Rhoads said.

Sinemia offers members two movie tickets per month for \$9.99 per month. One advantage Sinemia offers over MoviePass is the ability to reserve a ticket before going to the theater. MoviePass users must be within 100 yards of the theater to reserve a ticket.

Cinemark Movie Club offers one movie ticket per month for \$8.99. Cinemark Movie Club members also receive 20 percent discounts on concessions at the theater.

AMC Stub A-list costs \$19.95 per month and gives users three movie tickets per week.

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Coco Screening with Director Lee Unkrich

Fans of Disney Pixar entertainment will not want to miss this remarkable opportunity to learn about the magic behind one of their favorite Pixar films. *Coco*, The 2017 Academy Award winner for Best Animated Feature and Best Song will screen in the Pardoe Theatre for a fun night the whole family can enjoy! Stay after the screening for a discussion with the film's director, Lee Unkrich, and to hear about his journey to bring the mystical land of the dead to life.



Fri., Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Pardoe Theatre



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This treasured season opener features performances by BYU Ballroom Dance Company, Contemporary Dance Theatre, International Folk Dance Ensemble, Living Legends, and Theatre Ballet.

Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 20-21, 7:30 p.m.
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de Jong Concert Hall



Greek Theatre: Women of Trachis

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de Jong Concert Hall



BYU School of Music Instrumental Showcase

Fri., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall



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Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
Nelke Theatre

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Tues., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

Jazz Showcase
Wed., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

BRAVO! I'm With Her
Thurs., Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.
de Jong Concert Hall

All events are ticketed.

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@hattie_jeann

"The church is still true, even in the MARB." @HeardAtBYU

@nancyclairebear

@HeardAtBYU asked my co-worker about her date from the weekend, she pulls up <http://familysearch.org> instead of <http://facebook.com> (on accident) to show me what he looks like

@mallorymross

Relief society: "Let's go around and have everyone say your name and if you're single or not."

If that's not the most Provo thing I've ever heard I don't know what is. @HeardAtBYU

@shannieb97

I was talking to my mom in the BYU book store and she asked why she didn't have any grandchildren and I said "because I'm 20 years old??" And some lady next to me said "well I had my first kid at 19." And I still don't understand BYU. @HeardAtBYU

@waitimnotdunne

"My brother's been home from his mission for three years now and he's still not married. It's his own fault though! He never asks anyone out." @HeardAtBYU AHHHHHAHAHA

@mayadehlin

The Utah "first look" video:

- Boy straightens tie that is already straight
- Girl turns around boy in slowmo
- Guy doesn't have nearly as good of a reaction as we had hoped
- Couple makes out, but like, from different angles
- Girl leads boy (where to? We don't know)

@ashytp

@HeardAtBYU "he sent me the BEST missionary email. It had so many good scripture references about husbands and wives"

@calbinw

"Alright brethren, the sisters are waiting outside for the munch and mingle...and let us remember, that the most important part is

not the munch." -@HeardAtBYU

@_rachelmcgrath

there are so many parking spots on campus this weekend bc all the freshmen went home to break up with or be broken up with by their significant other from high school

@lindsaydorrett

"that's just what i do, make the girls go crazy" @HeardAtBYU (actually heard at the mtc by a missionary)

@PDAstrup

You know school is back in session in Provo when you wake up to 11 snapchat from your friends all saying they've gotten \$60 parking tickets ON THE FIRST DAY

@dnixon33

Every freshman boy today on BYU campus

@colton

So excited and grateful for a new adventure... It's time to find a wife!

@HeardAtBYU

Can I get in on those girlfriend prayers?

@KCIO4_and_Sugar

My sister during a prayer: "...and please bless Jacob that he will get a girlfriend." @HeardAtBYU

@BrittEldredge

"Any time I do anything domestic I add it to my 'wife me' resume" @HeardAtBYU aaaaand we're back

@k_toone

SOS just saw one of the missionaries I taught in the MTC on mutual. Bye forever never opening this app again

@_linde25_

"Going to the football games is just like dating- not worth the emotional pain" @HeardAtBYU

@k_toone

Professor just spent half an hour trying to translate the term Provo All Star in my spanish translation class

@callmemory

R.I.P
Here lies:
Morgan Shoemaker
Cause of death:
The RB stairs
@HeardAtBYU

@BYU_MARB

i see that byU made a new building.. too Bad it does not have my nice green.chairs try again ira

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[READERS' FORUM]

Global media coverage

If you turn on any given news channel, you're very likely to see some story about President Trump and his administration — either positive or negative. This intense attention has been almost constant since Trump first announced his candidacy. On the surface it seems to make sense that we, as a nation, would be interested in the daily happenings in D.C. But exactly how much good does this constant barrage of news stories, personal and political attacks, and social media updates actually do for us as a nation?

How much does the average American know about the economic collapse in Venezuela? Is there a BYU student who can explain Brexit and the economic risks that it may pose? Do you really know what is going on with Syria right now? Is there anything that the United States could do to help Nicaragua overcome its current political crisis?

The point is by focusing so much on our own problems, we may be missing opportunities to do great good in the world. While it is important to be informed about the issues in our own country, we also have a responsibility to help others. As public pressure and opinion can strongly influence the way our government acts, it is essential that we, the American people, push to expand national news coverage. I encourage everybody to take an active stance in supporting and encouraging the expansion of the press.

—TJ Beal
Gainsville, Texas

Campus gift cards

It is so convenient to have full access to a food court with a variety of options right in the heart of campus. The Cougarreat guarantees to satisfy any food craving. Whether it's a chicken burger with waffle fries, a taco in a Dorito shell or even a roll of sushi — the Cougarreat has it all! Heading into college many students look forward to cooking less and eating Chick-fil-a with a Mango-A-Go-Go from Jamba on "Thirsty Thursdays."

Gift cards are just another form of payment — often a gift from your loved ones — that are meant to be used. Their purpose serves not only the marketing aspect for companies but also the "college student budget." Where is the harm in accepting a gift card? Instead of walking to the Cougarreat to use this gift from your grandparents, we have to find our car miles away due to the limited parking, and hopefully, don't have a piece of paper on the front window written by the lovely BYU parking police (that's a whole other topic), and then drive almost five minutes to use the gift card. That's more time and money spent just to use a gift card.

It's 2018, you would think that people would know the word "convenience."

—Madeline Mossman
Portland, Oregon

Provo construction

I woke up early this morning and left for class with 10 minutes to spare. I had a microwave breakfast burrito in my left hand and my hair brush in my right hand. I slowly meandered around the parking lot to find that the southeast exit was closed. After driving in circles trying to find another way out, I finally escaped the parking lot only to find another detour. The road was lined with a species of tree native to Provo, *laranjas barricadus*, better known as the orange barricade. I still had three minutes to spare. I got out my phone and opened up Google Maps to find where the traffic was least severe on my route. Every single road was blanketed with red, and we all know what that means. By this time my burrito was gone, and I had pulled all of my hair out. I never made it to class. And I live only two blocks away from campus.

There are only three things in this life that are unavoidable: death, taxes and Provo construction.

—Austin Banz
Salt Lake City, Utah

Cougar honor

Ever since freshman New Student Orientation, I have been thinking about a major theme here at BYU, namely one of honor. It seems everywhere I look there is the presence of honor. Whether it is implied in a testing center policy reminder or explicitly stated on a T-shirt, it seems BYU is focused on honor, and I love it. A major target for both external and internal critics of BYU is our focus on honor and the Honor Code. To these critics, I would like to extend a counter argument that goes beyond the simple "you know what you are getting into" that we've all heard.

At BYU, we gain an excellent education, but we also learn to be honorable people. Although a major in electrical engineering will get a foot in the door, I believe it is work ethic, honesty and integrity that play a more important part in our work, social and spiritual lives. BYU and its focus on honor is not meant to control our lifestyles; rather, it teaches us a valuable attribute most of the world is missing these days. It sets us apart, makes us unique and defines what it means to be a Cougar. Let's embrace it and truly learn what it means to Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve.

—Jacob Ward
Mapleton, Utah

[OPINION OUTPOST]

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

Opioid epidemic

No single cause for opioid abuse among the elderly means there is no single answer. But health care providers should be the first line of defense, meaning doctors and pharmacists should begin by adequately explaining the significant effects associated with opioid use so that patients, or those who may care for them, fully understand. Doctors should likewise follow up with their older opioid-using patients on a more regular basis than they do for younger patients.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

BLM in Utah

BLM land constitutes one-eighth of the nation, mainly in 12 western states — Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. That includes more than two-fifths of

Utah — some 22.9 million acres. There clearly are some BLM functions that need to remain in D.C., but anything that can be moved closer to BLM land should be.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Homeless rights

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has concluded that prosecuting homeless people for sleeping on public property when they have no access to shelter amounts to cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the 8th Amendment of the Constitution. The decision, which will protect the homeless across the entire Western United States, affirms a principle that should be obvious: that there's no point — and no moral justification — for telling people they can't sleep on a sidewalk if they have nowhere else to go.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Hard liquor ban

To be sure, a ban on hard liquor won't cure all the

problems caused by underage drinking. Beer, wine and malt beverages, all still allowed for those of age to drink them, also have the potential to be abused. That's why schools that have banned hard liquor with largely positive results, including Dartmouth College and Purdue University, have also put in place other health and safety initiatives. As fraternities spend the coming year developing plans to implement and enforce the hard-liquor ban, they would also do well to study what other measures are needed to make campuses and fraternities safer.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Immigration debate

The current ICE organization may not be the most effective. Putting it under Homeland Security signals that immigrants are to be treated as criminals first. Immigration used to be under the Department of Commerce, reflecting economics both as the driver of immigration and a reason why allowing orderly and temporary work permits is important for agriculture and other

industries. Americans should demand that their representatives begin debating such things.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

Supreme Court

(Justice Ruth Bader) Ginsburg expressed the hope this year that "one fine day, Congress will return to the bipartisan spirit that prevailed for my nomination." That also has been our position. We long have argued that, even though presidents can be expected to nominate justices who share their general approach to the law, the Senate in considering those nominees should place the emphasis on

legal qualifications and judicial temperament. In that way, the court can remain above politics even if individual justices bring different philosophies to the bench as the White House changes hands.

—Editorial Board
Los Angeles Times

Free speech

No one enjoys criticism, especially from people who are considered supporters. Even so, it takes a special kind of leader to suggest that critical coverage should be handled by eroding the First Amendment, as Mr. Trump has since early in the 2016 race, when he began vowing that, as president, he would

"open up those libel laws" to punish media outlets that did "hit pieces" on him

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Syrian intervention

The Americans and their allies can't dictate the path of the Syrian war and shouldn't be expected to fix all the problems Mr. Assad and Russia created. But they do have more leverage to influence events than they have used so far. Preventing an all-out assault on Idlib is the immediate goal, but helping to ensure Syria has a more stable future is also in America's interest.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

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Mangum keeps 'fighting' after Achilles injury



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BYU starting quarterback Tanner Mangum throws a pass during the game against Arizona on Sept. 1. Mangum returns to the quarterback position after an Achilles injury during the 2017 season.

By AARON FITZNER

BYU starting quarterback Tanner Mangum said he knew he would be back on the field for the start of the 2018 season soon after going down from his serious Achilles injury that ended his 2017 campaign.

"Very early on I had that goal to just get healthy," Mangum said. "It's great to be back."

The senior quarterback started just eight games last season before sustaining the injury that would lead him to sit out for the remainder of the season and require off-season surgery. Blake McMullin, a fan who attended the game against Utah when Mangum left the field injured, said he sensed BYU fans' concern when their quarterback went down.

"You could tell that there was an immediate feeling of concern amongst the crowd," Blake said. "There was

a feeling of sickness as well not only because Tanner went down, but also because we lost to the Utes."

The Eagle, Idaho native helped lead the Cougars to a statement win over the Arizona Wildcats to start their 2018 season, even after a season-ending injury, surgery and months of physical therapy.

Taking care of the body and mind has been something Mangum has focused on during his tenure at BYU, often being a spokesperson to raise awareness for mental health. On April 3, 2017, Mangum posted on Instagram about his own battles with mental health. The 25-year-old commented on the struggles he faced during his rehabilitation after the game against Arizona.

"There were obviously times, the moments, where you feel frustrated, you feel discouraged, because it is a long road to recovery," Mangum said. "I knew all along that I would get through it. I didn't ever give up. I didn't want to relinquish that hope, that faith,

and I just did my best to keep pushing and keep fighting."

Long-time voice of the Cougars Greg Wrubell offered his thoughts on the expectations he has for Mangum's final season at the helm of the Cougars offense.

"I expect Tanner to have an excellent season," Wrubell said. "He has worked hard to rehabilitate, regain his playing form, and get his body in shape to withstand the rigors of a season while increasing his mobility. I think all of his experiences will culminate with the kind of performance we've come to anticipate from BYU's fine senior quarterbacks in the past."

Boasting a quarterback rating of 138.8 during his performance in the Cougars' 28-23 win against Arizona on Sept. 1, Mangum now looks to continue his recovery-success story in each game and throughout the rest of his senior season. Mangum will take the field against the Wisconsin Badgers in Madison, Wisconsin, on Sept. 15.

Sitake optimistic after 21-18 loss to Bears



Claire Gentry

The Cougar offense huddles before a play against the University of California, Berkeley Bears on Sept. 8. The Bears defeated BYU 21-18.

By TRÉ HARRIS

After an unexpected victory over the Arizona Wildcats last week, the Cougars dropped the ball this week against the University of California, Berkeley, and lost 21-18.

Although the Cougars were favored to win, they could not do enough in the second half to recover from the mistakes made early on.

Coach Kalani Sitake appeared calm and optimistic after the loss. In the postgame press conference, he talked about his feeling regarding the loss and how the team will bounce back in the future.

"The effort was there from our guys, just way too many errors," Sitake said.

The Cougars fought until the very end of the game but did not do enough to secure a victory. After the win over Arizona, the Cougars received three votes in the AP Poll to be in the top 25. After this loss to California, BYU's chance to be in the top 25 is much slimmer.

California is a Power Five team and went into the game against the Cougars 1-0 after a win over North Carolina. BYU's schedule is strong enough to put the Cougars high up in the national rankings, but they will need to rebound from their loss against the Bears in order to progress nationally.

Although this loss for the Cougars resurfaced some of the 2017 woes, Sitake said early mistakes affected the overall tone and outcome of the game.

BYU's first offensive drive was long and effective until Beau Hoge could not convert on a fourth down.

The Cougars doubled all the Bears' numbers in the first half except for the score. California's lone score came off a blown assignment in the BYU secondary. California running back Patrick Laird caught a deep ball over the middle, giving California a 7-0 lead. BYU kicker Skyler Southam drilled a 36-yard field goal before the half to make the score 7-3.

Going into halftime, Sitake talked about the struggles on both sides of the ball and the Cougars' two failed fourth down conversions. The Cougars attempted fourth down plays, and both of them fell short of the first down marker. Sitake said they would "continue to go for it on fourth down all game if necessary."

After halftime, California came out with a quick score to make the game 14-3. California wide receiver Kanawai Noa scored on a 52-yard catch after getting past the BYU secondary on the sideline.

BYU defensive back Dayan Ghanwoloku scooped up a fumble and ran it for a touchdown thereafter, bringing the score to 14-10. Although this play provided a bit of life to the Cougars, they could not get the offense moving.

After the game, Sitake talked about the mistakes and how they

affected the course of the game.

"I was proud of how hard they played. We just made way too many mistakes and didn't have enough time to fix them by the end of the game," Sitake said.

Although there were good moments in the game, the Cougars' offensive and defensive lines were dominated, wide receivers dropped a significant amount of passes, quarterback Tanner Mangum could not connect with his receivers on passes over 15 yards, and the secondary continued to show weakness down the field.

The offensive line was the strong point of the BYU victory over Arizona last week, but they struggled to protect Mangum and open holes for the BYU running backs against the Bears.

The defensive line could not get pressure on California's quarterbacks, and they consistently had

sufficient time to make plays. "We shouldn't be making any of these mistakes and miscommunication on the field," Sitake said. "So, we can't give up layups. We can't give up free points."

Dropped passes proved to be a key downfall for the Cougars throughout the game. Wide receiver Dylan Collie dropped a perfect Mangum deep ball over the middle in the first half, leading to a punt. This play proved to set the tone for the rest of the game as the Cougars could not get anything finished offensively.

"We gave up a big touchdown on a missed assignment," Sitake said. "It's not on the players; it's on us as coaches."

The BYU secondary showed weakness with their penalties in the game against Arizona and against California due to several blown assignments and being consistently out of positions.

"I thought we could have played better in every phase of the game," Sitake said. "As a head coach, I've got to make sure we put our guys in better positions so we can win games."

The early mistakes engulfed the Cougars, but Sitake showed optimism in the effort and said he is looking forward to playing Wisconsin. In his post-game interview, he said his team will perform much better than last year's 40-6 loss to the Badgers.

"It's a hard task to go to Madison and play a really good team that's physical, and that was a good reminder last year of how physical they played," Sitake said of the Wisconsin Badgers. "It will be a good measurement to see how much we've improved from last year to this year."

Sitake said the game against Wisconsin will prove how the Cougars face adversity and how they overcome it.

The Cougars will face off against the Badgers in Wisconsin on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m. MDT. Wisconsin is 2-0 going into the game against BYU.

Men's lacrosse carries success into postseason

By DOLLI PLAYER

BYU men's lacrosse program reached their highest rank in the last four years while at the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) tournament in 2018, returning with a No. 3 ranking in the league.

"One of our main goals was to take it game by game, not go straight to the national championship, so that's what we did," said Connor Williams, a first-year graduate student on the team.

After a successful season, BYU fell to Michigan State in the tournament semifinals on May 10, but not before securing an emotional win against hometown rival Utah, handing the No. 5 Utes their only loss of the season.

"The University of Utah game in the national championship tournament may have been one of the best wins ever in BYU lacrosse history," Coach Matt Schneck said. "It was the last game that BYU and Utah will ever play against each other. If you have one game left against your biggest rival in the series, that's how you want to play the game."

In the final minute of the game, senior Chris Severson scored the game-winning goal, ending the match with a score of 10-9.

"It was one of the only times I played in a game where I wasn't afraid to lose because we were really supposed to," said Arty Williams, a BYU senior and one of the 2018 season team captains. "It's really the fear of losing that holds people back from their potential."

BYU finished their season with a 16-4 record, with wins against Stanford, No. 10 Cal Berkeley, Boise State and No. 25 Texas A&M. Ten BYU lacrosse players also earned 2018 MCLA All-American Honors, including one first team and two second team All-American spots.

Moving forward, the team is ready to



Mykel Severson

BYU lacrosse prepares for their game against Washington on March 3, 2018. The BYU men's lacrosse team returned from the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association tournament with a No. 3 ranking.

train their young core of returning players and recruits and plans on carrying their recent success into the 2019 season.

"We have a very strong and mature defense coming back. We have All-Americans coming back in on offense, and then we have some new guys that will be scattered into that mix as well," Coach Schneck said. "But the fall is and always has been about development. We're trying to figure out the chemistry, see who works well together."

But while the coaches are preparing the team on the field, lacrosse team members are doing their best to prepare the team off the field.

"Our job is to continue to create a culture that will integrate the new guys onto the team," Severson said. "Last year, I think one of the reasons our team was so incredible is because we made an incredible brotherhood."

Although the team wants to bring home as many wins and tournament championships as possible, their

ultimate goal is much larger in scope than an MCLA title.

"Our motto and what we try to do at BYU is so much more than play lacrosse. It's about developing ourselves as future spouses, as fathers and as people in the community," said Grant Malquist, a returning sophomore on the team. "I've been a part of other lacrosse programs across the country, and we have something very different and special here. I think that part of our success comes from that."

Looking to the future, the lacrosse program is beginning their preparations for the upcoming season and hopes to bring a championship title home to BYU in 2019.

"We are very fortunate that, as a program, we get such wonderful support from the university that allows us to play great competition and prepares us for the long run in the season," said Schneck. "Lacrosse isn't who we are, it's what we do."

No scholarship, no football: running back quits

By TRÉ HARRIS

KJ Hall announced Aug. 29 via Instagram that he is leaving BYU football for reasons unrelated to physical health.

"You're never ready to move on past something that you love and have committed so much of your life to. But, I don't want anyone to be confused, I have chosen to leave the game at this point for reasons unrelated to my physical health," Hall wrote.

Hall played for Maple Mountain High School before playing for the Cougars. Hall rushed 390 yards in his two seasons with BYU, had 65 carries and finished with three touchdowns.

The former BYU running back decided to hang up his cleats after three seasons of play at BYU. He still had another year of eligibility but chose to pursue other avenues in his life.

Hall is responsible for the longest run of the 2017 season, although he faced injuries during the season. Against San Jose State, Hall had a 75-yard run that ignited the crowd and proved to be one of the most electrifying plays in the season.

Hall did not leave the program due to BYU. He said he loves the school and loves the atmosphere on campus. Hall said he chose BYU due to the positive influence it brings its student-athletes.

"BYU provided me the opportunity to do something I love to do at the highest level, and I knew the people who would be involved were very high-standard individuals who would only push me to be a better person and challenge myself daily.



Dani Jardine

BYU running back KJ Hall runs the ball against San Jose State on Oct. 28, 2017.

It truly is the best university on the planet," Hall said.

The team and family were also bright spots in Hall's BYU experience.

Hall played with his brother Jaren on the team. Jaren recently returned from a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is a quarterback on the team. BYU football seems to run in the family as Hall's dad also played at BYU in 1992.

Hall's decision to leave the football team boiled down to time and not having an athletic scholarship. He explained that it is very difficult to succeed in the collegiate game without a scholarship.

"There was no way for me

to take care of my family as I should, both financially and spending the time they deserve with them, excel at school, and play the game how I know it should be played and at the level I wanted to play at," Hall said.

Walk-on and non-scholarship athletes are expected to put forth the same amount of effort and time as other players without receiving the same benefits of a scholarship.

Although playing college football will not be the main focus in Hall's life, he said he is looking forward to continuing his schooling and succeeding academically.

"I am planning on finally finding an area of employment — most likely in the medical field — that I want to go into and begin to focus more on my education," Hall said.

Hall said his family is a huge part of his life, and he said wants to give his due diligence to his family.

"I'd like to help my little brother Kyson, who is an outstanding athlete, develop into the type of player that he wants to be. Also mostly spend lots of time with my wife and my son, Kingston," Hall said.

While Hall is leaving, he wished his fellow teammates success in their upcoming season.

"I want to wish my brothers luck this week and year as they go to battle and right the ship!" Hall wrote.



Associated Press

New Orleans Saints quarterback Taysom Hill (7) passes in the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Los Angeles Rams in New Orleans, Thursday, Aug. 30.

Alumni take the NFL big stage

By AARON FITZNER

Several BYU football alumni are representing NFL franchises for the 2018-19 season. The following players have made the 53-man rosters for their respective teams:

Jamal Williams (2012-2016): Williams is the starting running back for the Green Bay Packers. The Rialto, California, native had 15 carries for 47-yards in the Packers' 24-23 win over the Chicago Bears on Sept. 9. He averaged 3.1 yards per carry, with his fourth-quarter, 11-yard run being his longest of the night.

Fred Warner (2014-2017): Warner is a starting linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers. The San Marcos, California, native had a combined 12 tackles, a deflected pass and a forced fumble in his NFL debut on Sept. 9. The 49ers fell 24-16 to the Minnesota Vikings in their season opener.

Taysom Hill (2012-2016): Hill is listed as the third-string quarterback for the New Orleans Saints. The Pocatello, Idaho, native was instrumental on the first touchdown for New Orleans as they ran a quarterback option that resulted in a handoff to Saints running-back Alvin Kamara for the first touchdown of the game. The Saints fell 48-40

to the Buccaneers.

Kyle Van Noy (2010-2013): Van Noy is a starting linebacker for the New England Patriots. The Reno, Nevada, native had three total tackles on Sept. 9, with one tackle being a solo effort. He helped lead the Patriots to a 27-20 win over the Texans.

Ezekiel Ansah (2010-2012): 'Ziggy' Ansah is a defensive end for the Detroit Lions. The Accra, Ghana, native is currently listed as the starting defensive end for the Lions. The Lions played their season opener against the New York Jets on Sept. 10.

Daniel Sorensen (2008-2013): Sorensen is a starting safety for the Kansas City Chiefs. The Riverside, California, native suffered an injury to his tibia that required surgery before the Chiefs' first preseason game at the beginning of August and is expected to miss the first part of the regular season.

Michael Davis (2013-2016): Davis made the Los Angeles Chargers 53-man roster and is listed as a second-string linebacker. The Glendale, California native did not take the field in the Chargers 38-28 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sept. 9.

John Denney (2001-2004): Denney is a long-snapper for the Miami Dolphins. The 14-year veteran has played his whole NFL career with the Miami Dolphins.

New clear bag policy for LaVell Edwards Stadium

By JENAE HYDE

BYU is enforcing a new clear bag policy for LaVell Edwards Stadium for the new 2018 season. The policy went into effect for the season opener against University of California, Berkeley, making the institution one of two universities in the area with this protocol.

Acceptable bags under this change must not exceed 12 inches by 6 inches by 12 inches and must be clear plastic, vinyl or PVC, according to byutickets.com. One of these bags can be accompanied by a small clutch bag with or without a strap that is no larger than 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches, approximately the size of a hand. Clear, one-gallon, re-sealable bags are also acceptable.

Prohibited bags include backpacks, cinch bags, diaper bags, fanny packs, purses and tote bags. Medically necessary items are allowed after undergoing a search at a designated gate.

Utah State University allows bags smaller than 12 inches by 12 inches into Maverik Stadium. They are subject to search upon entry and must be stored under seats. Hard-sided bags, suitcases, coolers, and other similar containers are unacceptable. Other policies are listed on the Maverik Stadium Gameday Guide.

"We have looked into the clear bag policy but haven't moved to it yet," said Spencer Funk, event operations coordinator at Utah State University. "With us being an open carry state for guns, we allow some bags but nothing bigger than a normal purse size."

Other than BYU, the University of Utah is the only university in the area with a clear bag policy.

The University of Utah adopted this policy for both Rice-Eccles Stadium and the Huntsman Center and enforced it for the first time at their home opener against Weber State on Aug. 30. Their policy follows the same guidelines as BYU with several differences. Clutch purses must be 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches or smaller, and diaper bags are allowed with a search and the infant present.

"All went well and no major issues or complaints," said Steve Pyne, director of events and facility management at the University of Utah, when asked about how the transition went at their first home game this season. "We sent the message all last year that in 2018 it was coming. That really helped I think in implementing this year."

BYU Army ROTC cadets partner with BYU police in keeping the public safe at every home football game as part of a fundraiser for their program. Cadet Aaron Hansen, gate security officer in charge this year, said there were very few people unable or unwilling to accommodate the new rule and that it wasn't a burden to those who were aware.

"(The change was) much different than years previous," Hansen added. "It made the process much more streamlined for the fans. Passing through our security checkpoints was much more fluid."

BYU fan Chandler Woodward attended the football game on Sept. 8 and echoed this idea.

"There wasn't a huge difference in line time. We got into the stadium pretty quick."

Hansen said the few fans who were caught by surprise were instructed to return their bags and other prohibited belongings to their cars. Pyne shared what the University of Utah does to help with this issue.

"The more everyone shares the message the better it will be on the front line people," Pyne said. "We also contracted a third party company to check bags at a \$10 fee to store bags if people were dropped off or had no way to return their bag to a car or location."

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The Chainsmokers just recently released 'Side Effects' ft. Emily Warren. Normally I am extremely enthusiastic about their music, however I found this song to be very basic and uneventful. The chord progressions are very repetitive, and it's hard to find depth to the beat and rhythm. Whether or not this song was good, it still will be a major hit because the Chainsmokers put their name on it. If any other electronic artist produced this same song, I strongly believe it would not receive the same attention.



"Side Effects" (ft. Emily Warren)

Chainsmokers
Sick Boy... Save Yourself

This week:



Ryan



"Stay" —the Tritonal Remix

Zedd
Single

I recently had the opportunity to see Zedd perform live. I highly recommend seeing him perform live. He effortlessly meshed so many artists together, ranging from Michael Jackson to Post Malone. He creates an environment that all generic music lovers would enjoy, in addition to having one of the most intricate visual effects and light shows available. How he interacts with his crowd and keeps energy levels up for hours is truly mesmerizing. He played multiple remixes of his own songs, my favorite was 'Stay' the Tritonal Remix. This remix gives the song a more energetic and upbeat tone.



"Been There Done That",
"I Wanna Know"

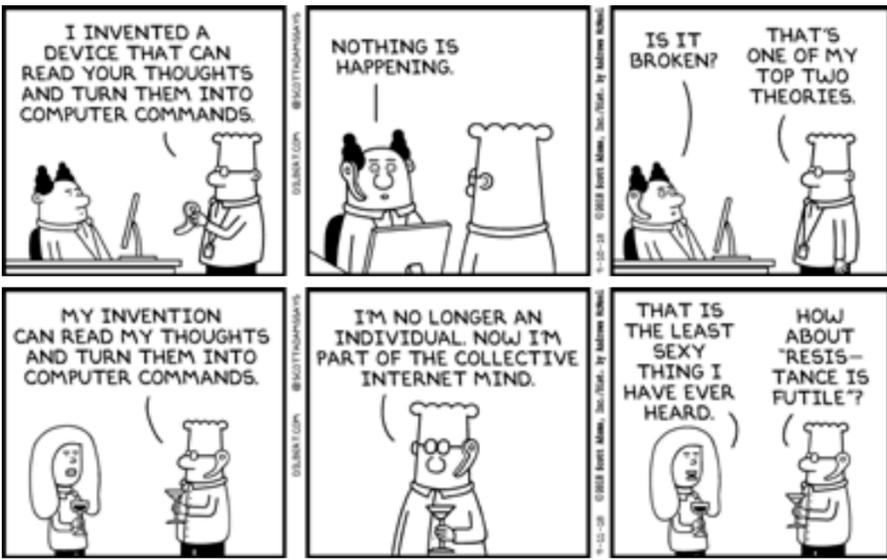
NOTD
Singles

Originally, this dynamic duo got noticed because of their remixes but lately they have launching their own work and have been blowing up. Two of their most recent singles are 'I Wanna Know' and 'Been There Done That' both are absolutely incredible. If you are looking for a new artist that will continually surprise you by their sound and how they mesh it with the lyrics, then NOTD are the artists for you.

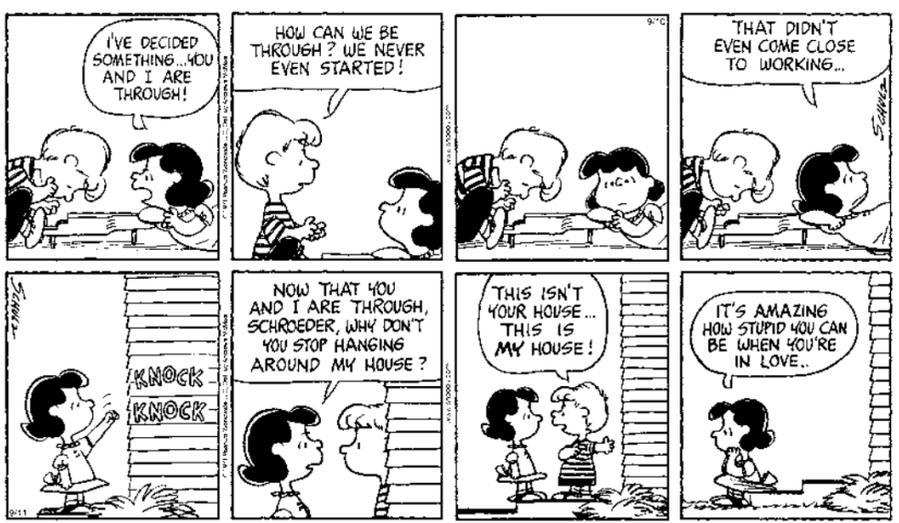
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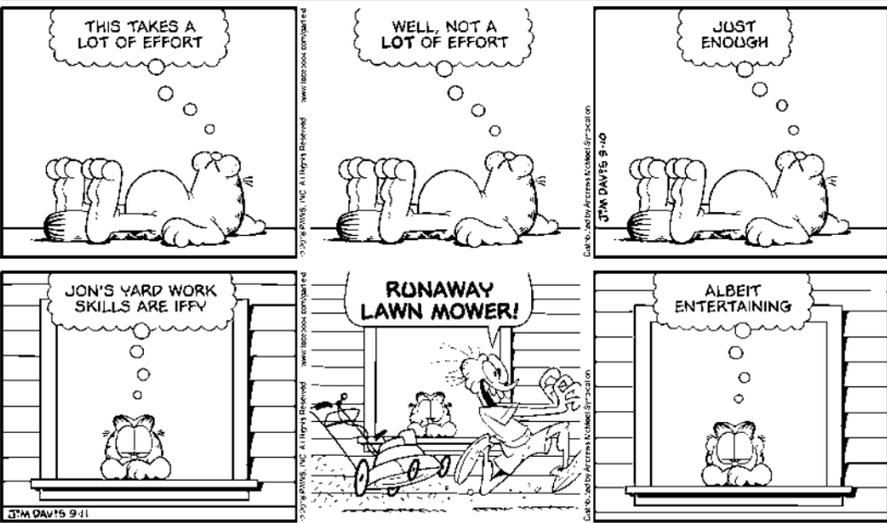
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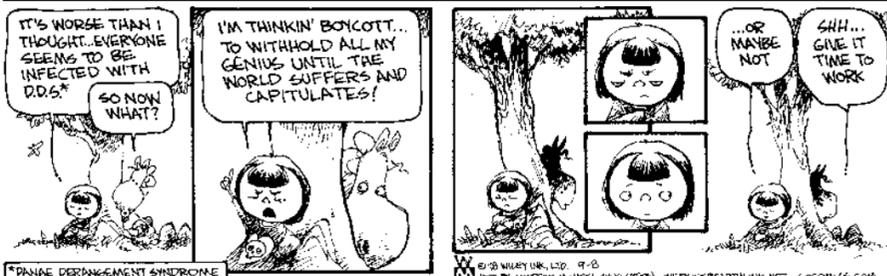
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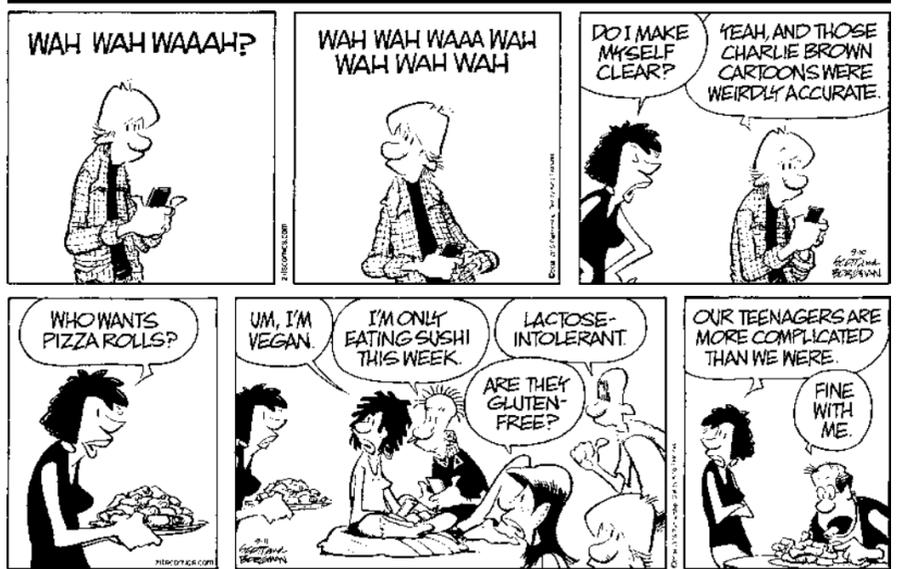
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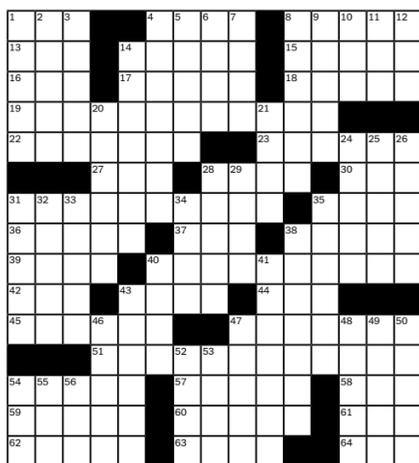
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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Let's take it from the ___
 - Kind of exam that's not written
 - Seafood often served on a toothpick
 - Clean Air Act org.
 - Anaconda, e.g.
 - Lopsided wins
 - Mess up
 - Open the door for
 - President elected with the slogan "Yes we can"
 - "Hurry up!"
 - It can get you into a lather
 - Shriver, sister of J.F.K. and founder of the Special Olympics
 - Computer glitch
 - "Watch your ___!"
 - Electrical unit
 - Magical drink that gets someone smitten
 - Use shears
 - Impersonators
 - Frequently, to Frost
 - Actor/director Eastwood
 - Hamilton's bills
 - Less fortunate
 - Word on a wine label
 - Calligrapher's collection
 - The "O" of O magazine
 - Bill's "excellent adventure" partner
 - 3ski jacket
 - "Almost finished!"
 - Dustin Hoffman's role in "Midnight Cowboy"
 - Comparable (to)
 - "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
 - Prevent from falling, perhaps
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 - Smoldering remains
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 - Armor flaw
 - Like some promises and gas tanks
 - Like a diet that allows only fats and protein
 - Creative thoughts
 - Bear's home
 - Posts, as a letter
 - What children should be, and not heard, they say
 - High trains in Chicago
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PUZZLE BY ANDREA CARLA MICHAELS AND MARK DIEHL

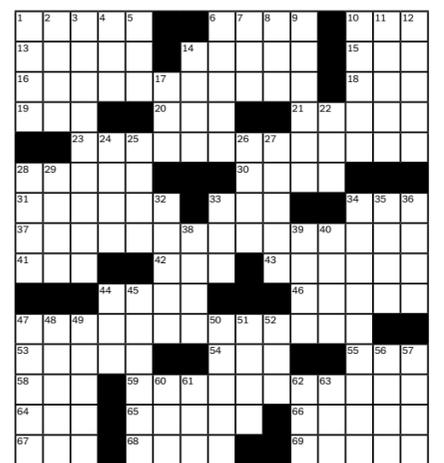
- ACROSS**
- Painstakingly sorts (through)
 - Tykes
 - Door fastener
 - The "Magic Flute," for one
 - Planet between Mercury and Earth
 - Bugs Bunny or Wile E. Coyote
 - Muddy deposit
 - Splits in two
 - "... the twin shall meet"
 - Cushioned footstool
 - Alternatives in case things don't work out
 - Swashbuckler's weapon
 - Wild shopping expedition
 - A+ or C-
 - Fred Mertz's wife in 1950s TV
 - "... Hope" (soap opera)
 - Redding who sang "Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay"
 - Bump on a log, literally
 - Decade that spawned the slogan found at the starts of 19-, 31-, 40- and 51-Across
 - Cubes in a freezer
 - Competed in a marathon

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- ACROSS**
- Snake charmer's snake
 - Smile from ear to ear
 - Preceder of "two, three, four"
 - Geographer's reference
 - Middle-earth area under the Misty Mountains
 - Volcanic debris
 - Union representative
 - Pi follower
 - Car-pool lane designation
 - Manning the Giants' backfield
 - Mature
 - Louisiana Purchase region from 1838 to 1846
 - Savory taste of MSG
 - Lends a hand
 - Seize, as formerly held land
 - Samovar
 - "Mr. Robot" network
 - What's found hidden inside 16-, 23-, 47- and 59-Across
 - A&E, in D.C.?
 - Onetime Mets manager Hodges
 - Navigated against, as the current
 - Barely gets (by)
 - Fixtures in Pillsbury facilities
 - Job at a circus
 - How a dying machine goes
 - Path of the moon through the sky
 - Louisiana Purchase region from 1838 to 1846
 - Glass of public radio
 - Prelude to a kiss
 - Spring greeting
 - Clear (of)
 - Sri Lanka's nearest neighbor
 - "Muy ___!"
 - Technical, website with gadget news
 - "Holy Toledo!"
 - Brought to a conclusion
 - Dollars and cents
 - Roman emperor of A.D. 69
 - Goes on and on about nothing
 - Genre for DJ Khaled
 - Beast of burden
 - Kind of knife
 - Victorian ___
 - Scuba tankful
 - Home of the Prado Museum
 - Productions, Oprah Winfrey enterprise
 - One walking down the aisle
 - Faker
 - Hot sandwich
 - Darjeeling, for one
 - "... a beautiful day in the neighborhood": Mr. Rogers
 - General Bradley, W.W. II commander
 - Collaborative online site
 - Still red in the middle
 - Fruit roll-ups?
 - Cities, informally
 - Bump into



PUZZLE BY ALEX EATON-SALNERS

- DOWN**
- Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
 - TV host ___ Lee
 - Philosopher Descartes
 - Former Yank with 25 career grand slams
 - Director Lee
 - Holding hands or kissing on the street, in brief
 - Vigoda of old TV and movies
 - Morning riser

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Under DeVos, full loan relief rare for for-profit students

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Trump administration is granting only partial loan forgiveness to the vast majority of students approved for help because of fraud by for-profit colleges, according to preliminary Education Department data obtained by The Associated Press.

The figures demonstrate the impact of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' new policy of tiered relief, in which students swindled by for-profit schools are compensated based on their earnings after the program. Of the roughly 16,000 fraud claims approved thus far by the Education Department under DeVos, slightly more than 1,000 students received full forgiveness on their loans, according to an AP analysis of the data.

DeVos has been pushing to ease regulations for the for-profit sector and raise the bar for students seeking relief from fraud. Critics say DeVos, who has hired officials from the for-profit sector to top positions in her agency, is favoring industry interests. But DeVos counters that the previous approach was unfair to taxpayers who ended up paying for those forgiven loans. She says the new process will enable students to get their claims considered more quickly and efficiently and will be more balanced instead of an "all-or-nothing" approach.

More than 165,000 claims



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Education Secretary Betsy DeVos pauses as she testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Preliminary data obtained by The Associated Press show the Trump administration is granting only partial loan forgiveness to the vast majority of students it approves for help because of fraud by for-profit colleges.

have been filed since the loan forgiveness program launched in full in 2015 under the Obama administration. A total of nearly 48,000 claims have been approved.

Since DeVos took over, the agency has reviewed more than 25,000 claims.

Partial forgiveness awards

have covered on average about 30 percent of a student's outstanding loan, with the median loan of roughly \$11,500 reduced to about \$7,800, according to the data. The department computes the amount erased by comparing their income to peers in similar programs.

The statistics were collected over the summer in preparation for a report on loan relief claims that the agency must submit to Congress. The department has previously not provided such information publicly.

More than 9,000 loan forgiveness claims have been denied under DeVos, according to the data. The Obama administration didn't issue any denials, but DeVos' Education Department has said many of the claims it rejected had actually

been identified for denial, but never acted on, by the previous administration.

Of the total number of claims approved by the Obama and Trump administrations, about 31 percent have received partial relief, according to the data provided to the AP. However, the Obama administration didn't grant partial loan forgiveness on any of the claims it approved.

Asked for comment, Education Department spokeswoman Liz Hill pointed to DeVos' remarks in December rolling out the partial relief program.

"No fraud is acceptable, and students deserve relief if the school they attended acted dishonestly," DeVos said at the time. She said the new process "will allow claims to be adjudicated quickly" and "also

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protects taxpayers from being forced to shoulder massive costs that may be unjustified."

Clare McCann, a higher education expert with New America, a Washington-based think tank, dismissed the tiered relief policy as unfair.

"When borrowers have been harmed by their schools in a very complete way that has affected the trajectory of their entire lives, then they deserve full relief," McCann said.

The for-profit industry experienced a boom over the past two decades, with enrollment rising from around 230,000 in the early 1990s to a record 2 million in 2010. The sector benefited from federal student loans and the fact that the global financial crisis left many Americans jobless and eager to go back to school to master new skills and get new credentials.

The schools recruited aggressively, often making deceptive statements about job prospects and delivering subpar education, which left many students with meaningless degrees and a mountain of debt. The Obama administration went hard after the sector, closing down two major for-profit chains, Corinthian and ITT, and spent \$550 million to forgive students' loans. Tens of thousands of students had their loans fully erased under the Obama administration, but an even bigger backlog remained.

DeVos took a different approach. In December she

announced a new system of partial relief that would be determined by how students fared financially after graduating or participating in a program. DeVos is also seeking to weaken or scrap Obama-era regulations meant to police for-profits and help defrauded students get their loans forgiven.

"It's very self-evident in the policies that they are proposing and implementing that they are there to look out for the for-profit colleges," said McCann.

The tiered system was challenged in a lawsuit filed by Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard University, a legal aid clinic that is representing defrauded students. In June, a federal judge ordered the department to halt partial relief for students, ruling that the method that it used to calculate the amount was unacceptable.

But Michael Dakduk of Career Education Colleges and Universities, the industry's largest trade group, hailed DeVos' efforts to reform industry regulations.

"Unlike the previous administration, the current administration appears to more concerned with supporting students at all colleges and universities — regardless of tax status," Dakduk said in a statement. "Now is the time to move beyond ideological attacks on any one sector of higher education and establish a uniform commitment to transparency of outcomes that can stand the test of time."

Preston Cooper, an analyst with the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said the tiered system reflected DeVos' attempt to strike a balance between protecting the interests of students and taxpayers.

"This partial forgiveness operation, it's not perfect, it's hard to come up with a perfect solution," Cooper said. "I would say the administration is pursuing partial relief and they are trying to find one way to negotiate this balance."

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