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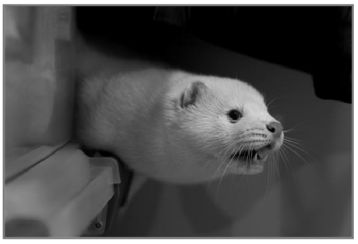
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Provo 84604 — five-day forecast	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	56° / 39° *Fog*	55° / 43° *Fog*	64° / 45° *Overcast*	56° / 43° *Showers*	61° / 49° *Overcast*

UPDATE: BIRD FLU IS RAGING ON A MINK FARM WEST OF PROVO. EXPERTS WARN OF PANDEMIC RISK AS OFFICIALS DECLINE TO ACT

Utah officials have chosen not to monitor or test workers at a mink fur farm west of Provo where bird flu has spread for more than two months, ProPublica reported Friday.

SOURCE: PROPUBLICA · OCT 23



Utah officials have chosen not to monitor or test workers at a mink fur farm west of Provo where bird flu has spread for more than two months, ProPublica reported Friday. Previously: Utah agriculture officials confirmed in mid-August that bird flu was killing mink at C&T Fenn Farms, about an hour's drive south of Salt Lake City. The state gave the farm a verbal hold instead of a formal quarantine and has not ordered the mink culled. A ProPublica reporter found a worker last Saturday with a visibly red eye, the most common sign of bird flu in people; the farm's owner said the Utah County Health Department did not recommend testing. Asked about

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MORE VALLEY NEWS

'We need help': Homeless cleanup nonprofit furloughs employees, faces full shutdown

A longtime Utah social enterprise nonprofit that employs more than 100 people experiencing homelessness and other challenges has furloughed almost all of its staff — and it's days away from shutting down completely if it doesn't get an infusion of cash by the end of the month.

"We're going to drown unless somebody jumps in and saves us," Advantage Services CEO Rob Ferris said.

UTAH NEWS DISPATCH · OCT 23

WORLD & NATION IN BRIEF

Vanessa Trump says she is cancer-free six months after revealing diagnosis

BBC WORLD · OCT 24

Vanessa Trump, the former wife of Donald Trump Jr, has announced

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visits China to inaugurate a new cross-border bridge

PBS NEWSHOUR · OCT 24

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong

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THIS WEEKEND · ACROSS THE VALLEY

PROVO · CAMPUS

Police Beat: Oct. 14-20

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 23

Medical — A student fell and hit his head at Helaman Halls' Chipman Hall. The student's friends transported him to the hospital. An individual tripped and broke their arm. An officer responded to the incident and ensured the individual was transported to the hospital.

KNOW YOUR VALLEY *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*

THIS WEEKEND IN PROVO

Events listed by their organizers for Saturday, Oct 24 · Forecast: Sat 56°/39° Fog, Sun 55°/43° Fog

10 a.m.–2 p.m. Provo Farmers Market — *Pioneer Park, 500 W. Center St.* (PROVOFARMERSMARKET.COM)

12 p.m. BYU men's rugby vs. Utah — *Helaman Field, BYU campus*

12:30, 4 & 7:30 p.m. The Addams Family (musical; closes Oct. 31) — *The Ruth & Nathan Hale Theater, Pleasant Grove* (THE RUTH (VIA PROVO FOMO))

2 p.m. All the Beautiful Things (Matinee) — *Studio Theatre, Arts Building, BYU campus*

3–5:30 p.m. & 6:30–9 p.m. Villains & Heroes Halloween Carnival ($8; $4 rec members) — *Provo Recreation Center, 320 W. 500 N.* (PROVO PARKS & REC.)

4 p.m. BYU softball vs. Southern Utah — *Gail Miller Field, BYU campus*

6:30 p.m. BYU women's volleyball vs. Arizona State — *Smith Fieldhouse, BYU campus*

7 p.m. Sketching Dead Things — *Bean Life Science Museum, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Embodied — *Dance Performance Theatre, Richards Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. All the Beautiful Things — *Studio Theatre, Arts Building, BYU campus*

Through Oct. 31, hours vary Cornbelly's corn maze & pumpkin fest — *Thanksgiving Point, Lehi; also 3687 W. 5600 S., Spanish Fork* (CORNBELLYS.COM)

During Thanksgiving Point hours Dia de los Muertos — *Thanksgiving Point, Lehi* (THANKSGIVINGPOINT.ORG)

During Thanksgiving Point hours Spooktober — *Thanksgiving Point, Lehi* (THANKSGIVINGPOINT.ORG)

As posted by each organizer; check before you go. BYU campus listings from the BYU Calendar (calendar.byu.edu). Sources: provofarmersmarket.com, BYU Calendar, The Ruth (via Provo FOMO), Provo Parks & Rec., cornbellys.com, thanksgivingpoint.org.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
— ALBERT EINSTEIN

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UPDATE: Bird flu is raging on a mink farm west of Provo. Experts warn of pandemic risk as officials decline to act

the outbreak, a Utah County Health Department spokesperson told ProPublica, "That would be news to me." New virus samples were taken about two weeks ago, and the state veterinarian is still waiting for the results. The strain of bird flu that's ripped through American barns for the last four years has killed two people who caught it from sick animals. But as far as anyone can tell, humans can't spread it.

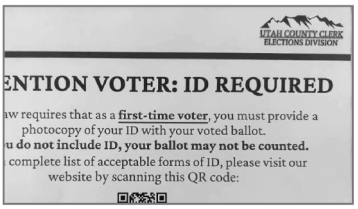
KNOW YOUR VALLEY

The Covey Center for the Arts is on Center Street in downtown Provo.

PROVO · LOCAL

Utah County clerk acknowledges error after thousands receive voter ID notices

SOURCE: KUTV — LOCAL · OCT 23



PROVO, Utah (KUTV) — The Utah County clerk on acknowledged thousands of voters incorrectly received notices telling them they need to submit a copy of their identification with their ballot. The notices were meant to go to a few voters who did not provide government ID at the time they registered, said Aaron Davidson, the county clerk. Instead, they went to a wider swath of new voters and even a few who voted previously. "So it was a clerical error," Davidson said. "There were a total of 6,144 first-time voter, first-time voter notifications that went out... I did go through and we did find 71 that they have voted in the past.

VALLEY JUMBLE

FOOTLSIHL

Hint: Provo neighborhood on the bench

FOOTHILLS

FROM THE EDITOR

Your page, Provo

This is the editor's page, and it belongs to readers. Letters to the editor, guest columns and neighborhood notes from Provo and Utah County run here, and they are never trimmed to fit. Send yours to the editor with your name and neighborhood.

ON THIS DAY

1931 — The George Washington Bridge, connecting Manhattan, New York City, to Fort Lee, New Jersey, and today the world's busiest motor-vehicle bridge, was dedicated.

1944 — World War II: The Japanese battleship Musashi, one of the heaviest and most powerfully armed ever constructed, was sunk by American aircraft during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA, "ON THIS DAY" (CC BY-SA)

PROVO & LOCAL

PROVO · CAMPUS

Students explore Latin American Culture at BYU



SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 22

Members of SALAS take a selfie outside the BYU Library's third floor South America exhibit. The evening's scavenger hunt activity challenged students to find connections to the Latin American community on BYU campus.

KNOW YOUR VALLEY *Rock Canyon, on Provo's east bench, is a popular spot for hiking and rock climbing.*

PLANNING COMMISSION

Upcoming: October 28, 2026 · 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St.

1. * The Provo City Council requests an Ordinance Text Amendment to Title 14 to create the Provo River Corridor High-Use Node (PRHN) Overlay Zone.

Recent: October 14, 2026 · 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St.

1. * The Provo City Council requests an Ordinance Text Amendment to Title 14.30 (Accessory Dwelling Units) to update regulations with State Code.

2. Tom Stuart Construction requests Project Plan approval for a new flex warehouse development in the PIC (Planned Industrial Commercial) Zone, located at approximately 3100 S Sierra Vista Way. *(Spring Creek)*

3–4. * Bret Nelson requests a Zone Map Amendment from the RC (Residential Conservation) Zone to the LDR (Low Density Residential) Zone in order to create a 4-unit townhome development, located at 152 E 500 S. *Also Item 4: Concept Plan approval at the same address. (Maeser)*

5–6. * Cole West requests a Zone Map Amendment from the RC (Residential Conservation) Zone to the MDR (Medium Density Residential) Zone, to develop a seven-unit townhome project, located at 908 E 1060 S. *Also Item 6: Concept Plan approval at the same address. (Spring Creek)*

** Goes on to the Municipal Council for a vote. Unstarred items are decided by the commission.*

SOURCE: POSTED AGENDAS, UTAH PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (UTAH.GOV/PMN)

KNOW YOUR VALLEY *The block-letter Y on Y Mountain above campus was first built in 1906.*

PEOPLE OF PROVO

Want to be featured?

Know a neighbor in 84604 with a story to tell, like a teacher, a coach, a volunteer or a longtime shop owner? Tell the editor and we may profile them here.

PROVO · LOCAL

How Provo MTC missionaries stay fed during cafeteria construction

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — METRO · OCT 21

The MTC can house over 3,000 missionaries at one time. But what happens to those missionaries when buildings like the cafeteria are under construction? Tanner Nash is a supervisor at the MTC. He said the cafeteria has been busier than usual because of the construction.

PROVO · STATE

Rockslide near Bridal Veil Falls closes section of Provo Canyon trail

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH · OCT 23



A section of the Provo River Trail near Bridal Veil Falls is temporarily closed because of at least one rockslide in the area Friday afternoon, Utah County officials said. Around 2:30 p.m., a rockslide occurred near Bridal Veil Falls, covering part of the popular trail and park area at the falls, Utah County Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Ormond. Emerson and Bailee Hamilton said they were traveling through the canyon when they noticed the slide and captured video of rocks tumbling down toward the canyon floor and kicking up dust. They stopped to see if anyone needed help when they heard more rocks beginning to fall down toward the popular trail, Bailee Hamilton said. They captured more videos of large rocks smashing onto the trail as they began to leave, which they shared with KSL.

Multiple trees and some utility infrastructure were damaged, but Ormond said no injuries have been reported.

STATE

UPDATE: No Tyler Robinson trial date set as attorneys clash over timeline

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH · OCT 23

Attorneys in the case involving Tyler Robinson, the 23-year-old charged in the killing of Charlie Kirk in 2025, left a Utah County courtroom Friday without selecting a date for Robinson's trial.

Previously: The Daily Barb reported Friday that the defense says it could need years to prepare. Defense is requesting a trial start in third-quarter 2029, citing extensive record gathering and death penalty case requirements.

KNOW YOUR VALLEY *Utah Lake covers about 150 square miles but averages only about 9 feet deep.*

WORLD DESK — CONTINUED

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Vanessa Trump says she is cancer-free six months after revealing diagnosis

that she is cancer-free following her breast cancer diagnosis earlier this year.

SOURCE: BBC WORLD · OCT 24

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visits China to inaugurate a new cross-border bridge

Un visited China on Saturday, inaugurating a new bridge that connects the two countries and saying he hoped to expand cooperation with his powerful neighbor. "new Cold War." It's his first visit in a year.

SOURCE: PBS NEWSHOUR — WORLD · OCT 24

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Is Data Center Expansion in Utah a Concern?



SOURCE: UVU REVIEW · OCT 21

Orem, Utah – October 21st, 2026 Utah is home to 48 operational data centers, with at least 7 more on the way. Data centers aren't exactly new to our state; in fact, data centers have been a method of mass digital storage in Utah for the last 25 years.

KNOW YOUR VALLEY *Utah Valley University sits next door in Orem.*

LOCAL

Make-A-Wish Utah brings Halloween magic to children with critical illnesses

SOURCE: KSL — UTAH NEWS · OCT 23



MURRAY — Costumes, candy and community came together Friday as Make-A-Wish Utah hosted its annual Wish Family Trick-or-Treat event, creating a Disney-inspired afternoon for children with critical illnesses and their families. The event transformed the Kahlert Foundation Wishing Place into a storybook adventure, complete with themed trick-or-treat stations, costumed characters and interactive activities. Local businesses, community organizations and volunteers helped bring the experience to life. For many families, the gathering offered more than just Halloween fun.

VALLEY JUMBLE

SENKILY

Hint: Provo's Y Mountain makes one

SKYLINE

KITCHEN — RECIPE

Silken Tofu with Sesame Soy Sauce

Chinese · Vegetarian

INGREDIENTS

- 16 ounces Silken Tofu
- 3 tablespoons Soy Sauce
- 2 tablespoons Chinese Sesame Sauce
- 1 sliced Scallions
- 2 tsp Sesame Seed

METHOD

Prepare the tofu: Drain the tofu and gently remove it from its packaging onto a large plate. Carefully slice the tofu into 1/2-inch slabs widthwise. With the palm of your hands, gently push the sliced tofu sidewise so that they fan out over the plate.

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SPORTS

No. 2 Cougars face another big challenge some 2,000 miles away from Provo



SOURCE: DESERET — SPORTS · OCT 24

ORLANDO, Fla. — In Stillwater, Oklahoma, they still call it the “Bedlam Hangover” game.

KNOW YOUR VALLEY

The Covey Center for the Arts is on Center Street in downtown Provo.

SPORTS

No. 25 BYU faces UNLV on Saturday afternoon

SOURCE: BYU COUGARS · OCT 23



PROVO, Utah - BYU concludes the exhibition portion of its schedule on Saturday, Oct. 24, when the Cougars make the short trip to Sin City to face UNLV. Tip is scheduled for 1 at Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Saturday's contest will be broadcast on MW+ with Matt Neverett and Steve Cofield on the call. Saturday will be the first meeting between the two programs since 2019 and the first at Thomas & Mack Center since 2011.

Prior to the Cougars making the move to the West Coast Conference, BYU and UNLV faced off at least twice a season from 2000-11. BYU is 17-19 all-time against the Runnin' Rebels, including a 5-14 record in Sin City. The Cougars have won three of the last four meetings, including an 89-77 victory in their last trip to Thomas & Mack Center on Jan. 5, 2011, where Jimmer Fredette and Jackson Emery combined for 61 points.

The dynamic duo knocked down 13 of the team's 14 3-pointers as they shot 50.0 percent from 3-point range to end a eight-game home win streak for UNLV. BYU improved to 40-1 in exhibition games since 2002 with a 72-61 victory over Nebraska on Friday evening in front of 15,864 fans at the Marriott Center.

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SUDOKU — EASY

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