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THREE VIE FOR COUNTY SEAT B

Spencer, Allen and Hinckley agree growth is the problem. They differ on the fix.



J. Allen (D) | David Hinckley (Forward) | David Spencer (R)

From left: J. Allen (photo by Jessie Alexis Evans), David Hinckley (courtesy photo) and David Spencer (courtesy Orem City), via the Daily Herald

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD · OCT 25

Provo voters, like everyone else in Utah County, will fill one of the three seats on the Utah County Commission on Nov. 3. Three candidates are on the ballot for Seat B: Republican David Spencer, a 12-year member of the Orem City Council; Democrat J. Allen, a Utah County entrepreneur and technology executive for 30 years; and David Hinckley of the Forward Party, who works in data analytics and management. The Daily Herald sent each candidate the same six-question survey and published their answers Oct. 25. All three name growth, and the roads, housing and water that come with it, as the county's biggest challenge. They differ on how to meet it.

Here is where each stands, in his own words. The commission controls "over a hundred million in taxpayer funds" and plays a central role in transportation, infrastructure, public safety and planning, Spencer wrote. Allen noted that the three commissioners make decisions that affect all 775,000 county residents, "yet the public has little idea who they are and what they do." Hinckley said commissioners also represent the county in regional planning groups and before the Legislature, which matters as cities try to coordinate growth.

Spencer, the Republican, said he never intended to become a politician. He first ran for the Orem City Council to save the city's baseball fields, which he notes are still there, and

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AROUND PROVO



Boulders on the Provo Canyon Trail near Bridal Veil Falls. Photo via KUTV

UPDATE: PROVO CANYON

Bridal Veil trail shut until spring

The Bridal Veil Falls stretch of the Provo Canyon Trail, buried by Friday's rockfall, will stay closed until late spring or early summer, Utah County Public Works Director Richard Nielson said. Car-size boulders broke up the pavement, so crews must clear debris and repave. The upper overlook stays open until its Nov. 1 winter closure.

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PROVO SCHOOLS

School board meets tonight

The Provo City School District Board of Education meets today at the district office, 280 W. 940 N. The 4 p.m. study session takes up relocating Provo Peaks Elementary's self-contained classrooms, dual language immersion, report card data and updated strategic plan goals, and open enrollment numbers. The 6 p.m. business meeting includes up to 30 minutes of public input. Both stream on the district's PCSD Live YouTube channel.

PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA

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The Heber J. Grant Building, home of the Testing Center. Photo: The Daily Universe

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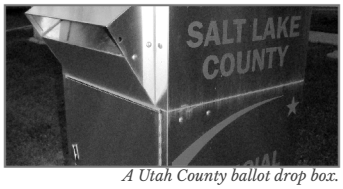
Alarm empties Testing Center

About 300 students were evacuated from the BYU Testing Center around 11:30 a.m. Oct. 23 after a student accidentally pulled a fire alarm, BYU Police said. No crime was found. Test-takers waited outside about 30 minutes before returning to finish their exams.

THE DAILY UNIVERSE

PROVO FACT *Bridal Veil Falls, a double cataract in Provo Canyon, drops about 600 feet.*

YOUR BALLOT: 7 DAYS



A Utah County ballot drop box.

Early voting: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. through Friday and Nov. 2, Health and Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave.

Deadline: Mailed ballots must be received by the clerk by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Postmarks don't count, so mail early or use a drop box by 8 p.m. Nov. 3.

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A Salt Lake Tribune file photo of trick-or-treaters on a Salt Lake City street.

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Three vie for County Seat B

went on to serve 12 years. He said he helped advance a new Orem City Center without taking on new debt, supported improvements to parks and water infrastructure, and backed new training facilities and equipment for first responders. His priorities are transportation, infrastructure, water and protecting taxpayers.

"Utah County has experienced tremendous growth, but our roads and infrastructure have not kept pace," he wrote. "I believe we are approximately 15 years behind where we need to be." If elected, Spencer said he would meet personally with every mayor and city council in the county, then work with state legislators and regional transportation partners to secure a fair share of state infrastructure money.

He also wants to create a county Strategy and Innovation Department to review operations, cut unnecessary spending and improve services. A self-described conservative Republican, Spencer said he represents everyone in the county regardless of party. On data centers, water, development and taxes, he wrote, economic development "should not come at the expense of our water resources, infrastructure, or residents' quality of life." He added, "You can disagree without being disagreeable. We need more of that attitude in government."

Allen, the Democrat, said he is running because he believes in "evidence-based decision making and best practices in government, rather than governing based on party loyalty or hot social issues." He cited 30 years as an entrepreneur and technology executive in Utah County, leading organizations "through times of both explosive growth and deep crisis."

He called growth the county's greatest challenge, blaming it for unaffordable housing, traffic congestion and pressure on a limited water supply. With the county's population expected to double over the next 40 years, he wants to plan transportation, infrastructure and land use "to create an affordable future in Utah County for our children and grandchildren so they don't have to move to Arkansas to be able to buy a house," while preserving open space and agriculture. Allen offered a data-center example of compromise. He said he is strongly opposed to AI data centers, but when a company proposed one for Spanish Fork that used closed-loop cooling and fuel-cell power, addressing his main concerns, he dropped his objection to that project.

"I am explicitly running to get political parties out of governing," he wrote. "Decisions should be made on the best evidence available, not on party affiliation or influence." Hinckley, the Forward Party candidate, holds a master's degree in management, works in data analytics and management, and has served in leadership roles with the Forward Party.

"Rather than starting with an ideological position and looking for evidence to support it, I try to understand problems thoroughly, consider competing perspectives, and identify practical solutions," he wrote. His two priorities are managing growth and improving county government. On growth, he wants stronger coordination among cities, transportation agencies and the Legislature, infrastructure investments that anticipate growth, and housing policies that make it easier for families to live near jobs and transit. On government, he supports replacing the three-member commission with a seven-member, district-based council and a professional county manager.

"Our county has become too large and complex for three people to adequately represent its diverse communities," he wrote. Hinckley said he has traditionally considered himself conservative, but studying local government taught him that "the goal should be good government, not necessarily small or large government."

He said he would seek out less vocal residents and experts, because "the loudest voices don't necessarily represent the entire community." Early voting runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday and on Nov. 2 at the Utah County Health and Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave. Mailed ballots must be received by the clerk by 8 p.m. Nov. 3; postmarks don't count.

The Daily Barb endorses no candidates.

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GUEST COLUMN · FROM THE WRITERS' DESK

The Million-Dollar Question Behind Every Password: Can AI Settle P vs NP?

A series by Suzie Turner

Welcome back to The Million-Dollar Seven, our daily look at the seven math problems worth $1 million each, and whether AI can crack them. On Sunday, 10,000 AI agents took on fluid flow. Today: the problem that guards your passwords.

Checking a finished Sudoku takes seconds. Solving a blank one can take hours. P vs NP asks whether that gap is real, or whether every problem that's easy to check is secretly easy to solve.

The problem was posed in 1971, and most experts believe some problems really are hard. That's good news, because the encryption protecting your bank account depends on it. If they're wrong, and someone finds a practical shortcut, today's encryption could fall overnight, along with the toughest problems in scheduling, logistics and drug design.

After OpenAI's 10,000-agent run on Navier–Stokes (one of the millennium problems AI claims to have solved), people online quickly urged AI labs to aim that firepower here. No company has publicly announced such an attempt. So far, researchers use AI to map past attempts, test pieces of arguments and catch flaws in proposed proofs.

Skeptics doubt raw computing power will crack it. Complexity theorist Lance Fortnow wrote in June that he doesn't expect a solution in his lifetime, "by man or machine." Unlike Navier–Stokes, he argues, P vs NP has no promising line of attack for AI to push.

That makes it the purest test of the series: can AI supply the idea no human has had in 55 years?

Tomorrow: the Riemann Hypothesis.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Public events posted by their organizers, Tuesday, Oct 27 through Sunday, Nov 1. No public listings posted for Sunday.

TUESDAY, OCT 27

8 a.m.–5 p.m. Early voting — *Health & Justice Bldg., 151 S. University Ave. Also Wed, Thu, Fri, Mon., Nov. 2.* (UTAH COUNTY ELECTIONS)

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Clothesline Project Exhibit (UVU) — *SC 106A Grand Ballroom, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

11:05 a.m. Devotional: Elder Ronald A. Rasband — *Marriott Center, BYU campus*

1 p.m. 2026 Faculty Art Exhibition (UVU) — *Museum of Art at Lakemount, UVU, Orem Also Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat.* (UVU CALENDAR)

4 & 6 p.m. Provo School Board study session and business meeting — *District Office, 280 W. 940 N.* (PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT)

5 p.m. Clue (UVU) — *UVU campus, Orem Also Wed, Thu, Thu 8 p.m., Fri, Fri 8 p.m., Sat, Sat 8 p.m.* (UVU CALENDAR)

7 p.m.–10 p.m. Halloween Lift Rides — *Outlaw Express Lift, Sundance Resort Also Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat.* (SUNDANCERESORT.COM)

7 p.m. BYU women's basketball vs. Western Colorado — *Marriott Center, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Jazz Combo Showcase — *Recital Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

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

7:30 p.m. String Chamber Night — *Choral Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28

8 a.m.–8 p.m. Art & Design BFA Group Show (UVU) — *GT 634 Art Gallery, UVU, Orem Also Thu, Fri.* (UVU CALENDAR)

11 a.m. Open Studio (UVU) — *Museum of Art at Lakemount, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

12 p.m. Interfaith Leadership Community Discussion — *238 HRCB, BYU campus*

5 p.m. States of America Film Series — *Cinema, Arts Building, BYU campus*

6 p.m. UVU women's soccer vs. Long Beach State — *Athletic Soccer Field, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

6 p.m. Provo Planning Commission — *Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St.* (UTAH.GOV/PMN)

7 p.m. Spooky Tour (free) — *Springville Museum of Art* (PROVO FOMO)

7 p.m. BYU men's soccer vs. Utah Tech — *South Field, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Jazz Legacy Band: Of Thee We Swing — *Concert Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

THURSDAY, OCT 29

11 a.m. Americans Go to the Ballot Box — *238 HRCB, BYU campus*

4 p.m. Indoor Gardening — *HBLL 2740, BYU campus*

6–7:30 p.m. Shannon Hale: Christmas in Austenland (ages 15+) — *American Fork Library, 64 S. 100 E.* (PROVO FOMO)

7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Guest Lecture: Marie Watt — *BYU Museum of Art* (MOA.BYU.EDU)

7 p.m. A House United - Free Documentary Screening — *BYU Broadcasting Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Group for New Music — *Recital Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

FRIDAY, OCT 30

Times vary Owl Bar Live Music — *Owl Bar in the Resort Village, Sundance Resort Also Sat.* (SUNDANCERESORT.COM)

11 a.m. The Wonder of Scripture with Steven C. Harper — *3714 HBLL, BYU campus*

1 p.m. Travel Trunk or Treat — *238 HRCB, BYU campus*

3–5 p.m. Safe Halloween (free) — *Main Street & Civic Center Park, Springville* (PROVO FOMO)

5–8 p.m. Creatures of the Night ($5 kids advance, $6 door) — *Lehi Legacy Center, 123 N. Center St.* (PROVO FOMO)

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

7 p.m. Classic Film: Invasion of the Body Snatchers, 1956 — *1160 HBLL Reynolds Auditorium, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Paranormal Percussion (Halloween drum show) — *Covey Center for the Arts, 425 W. Center St. Also Sat.* (PROVO.GOV)

7:30 p.m. Jack Mitchener, Organ — *Concert Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. BYU women's soccer vs. Utah — *South Field, BYU campus*

9 p.m.–12:30 a.m. Owl Bar Halloween Party — *Owl Bar, Sundance Resort Also Sat.* (SUNDANCERESORT.COM)

SATURDAY, OCT 31

8 a.m. (5K 8:30; kids 11) Runtastic Haunted Provo half marathon — *Finish at Qualtrics, 5102 N. 300 W.* (PROVO FOMO)

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

11 a.m. Little Monster's Guide to Jazz!: Synthesis — *Concert Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

1:30 p.m. BYU football vs. Arizona State (FOX) — *LaVell Edwards Stadium, BYU campus*

All week: Spooktober, Lehi (daily; thanksgivingpoint.org) · **Cornbelly's corn maze & pumpkin fest**, Lehi, Spanish Fork (ends 10/31; cornbellys.com)

As posted by each organizer; check before you go. BYU campus listings from the BYU Calendar (calendar.byu.edu). Sources: Utah County Elections, UVU Calendar, BYU Calendar, Provo City School District, sundanceresort.com, utah.gov/pmn, Provo FOMO, moa.byu.edu, provo.gov, provofarmersmarket.com, thanksgivingpoint.org, cornbellys.com.

BYU SPORTS

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BYU tennis unbeaten in doubles

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — SPORTS · OCT 26

BYU women's tennis claimed several wins at the Battle of the Boot in Fort Worth, Texas, an individual tournament hosted by TCU from Oct. 22–24. The Cougars went undefeated in doubles play and earned eight singles victories over three days to continue their fall-season momentum. BYU joined fellow Big 12 teams TCU, Arizona, Houston and Utah as part of a 16-team field.

Illinois, LSU, Missouri, Nebraska, North Texas, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Purdue, Rice, Texas A&M and UT Arlington rounded out the competition. Chelsea Bluestein and Yuyun Chen opened doubles play Thursday with a win, while Cara Korhonen and Sue Yan Tan downed their opponent to secure a victory. Both teams continued their winning streaks Friday before Korhonen and Tan earned a 6-1 win over Northwestern's Philippa Färber and Aely Arai on Saturday. In singles play, Chen secured three wins, highlighted by Saturday's 6-4, 6-3 victory over Missouri's Alba Salles Canudas. Fresh off a singles quarterfinal appearance at the ITA Mountain Regional Championships earlier this month, Bluestein notched back-to-back wins, while Korhonen posted two of her own. BYU will head to Tempe, Arizona, to compete in the Thunderbird Invitational Friday through Sunday, Oct. 30–Nov. 1. The tournament will give players one more opportunity to strengthen their resumes before the ITA Sectional Championships the following week.

MORE UTAH NEWS

Utah won't pursue autonomous transit, UTA says

SALT LAKE CITY — A handful of major cities across the country have implemented or are planning to implement public transport options that do not include a driver at the controls.

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THE TUESDAY READ

STATE

Where'd all the trick-or-treaters go?

How many trick-or-treaters do you expect to come to your door this Halloween?

BY ANDY LARSEN, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE · OCT 27



A Salt Lake Tribune file photo of trick-or-treaters on a Salt Lake City street.

How many trick-or-treaters do you expect to come to your door this Halloween? That was a topic of discussion around The Salt Lake Tribune newsroom this week, and, for many of us, the answer was "not many." Where I am in Salt Lake City, I've recently been able to count the number of Halloween visitors on one hand, and it sounds like many Tribune employees, even those who live elsewhere around the valley, have experienced similar fall-offs.

This led to the natural follow-up question: Why? Sure, we recognize that there just are fewer children in Utah than there used to be, especially in Salt Lake City. But does that explain it all? Or, more worryingly…Is the concept of trick-or-treating dying? It certainly seems like parents feel less comfortable about neighborhood safety than they used to — does that mean they prevent their kids from knocking on the doors of strangers?

Has "trunk or treat," where kids grab candy out of a collection of car trunks all parked in one convenient location, pushed trick-or-treating to become a relic of an age gone by? Many staffers felt either, or both, explanations were plausible. So I decided to try to find out. I've taken three approaches: looking at surveys over the decades, examining October candy sales and peeking at Google search data. Without a trick-or-treating census, which obviously doesn't exist (but how fun if it did?), looking at multiple related indicators is probably the best we can do. Americans have been asked about their trick-or-treating habits in a variety of surveys over the years.

The trouble, though, is that the surveys differed in how they asked about trick-or-treating. The surveys variably asked about children under 12, 15, 17 or 18. They sometimes asked whether parents planned to go trick-or-treating, others asked about general trick-or-treating habits, and another asked if children actually had gone trick-or treating.

And of course, the phrasing of the questions differed as well. Nevertheless, it's useful information. I don't think the data here reflects a significant downturn. In 1985, 60% of parents of children under 15 said their children were going trick-or-treating, and in 2025, 63% of parents of children under 18 said their kids were going.

There have been higher and lower estimates — the 40% of respondents in 2021 who said they'd visit other houses was a low mark, but that happened during the pandemic, when you might naturally expect a decline. But we only have one survey since 2021 that re-establishes around the 60% benchmark. The National Retail Federation surveys people about their Halloween purchasing habits, like whether they plan to buy greeting cards, decorations, costumes, and, yes, candy. It turns out that the vast majority of Americans do buy candy at Halloween: 96%. And this number simply hasn't changed much over time: it was also 96% in 2010, and the lowest it has fallen in the past 15 years was 94%, in 2015. You famously can't get 95% of Americans to agree on anything in a survey, but "Will you buy Halloween candy?"

is apparently the lone exception. In some, but not all, of the National Retail Federation's annual Halloween news releases, the organization also projected how much money people shell out for candy. And as you'd expect, Americans spend more on candy at Halloween than they did 10 years ago. But if you adjust for candy inflation — and we can actually do that, given the US Bureau of Labor Statistics' price index for candy and chewing gum — Halloween candy spending is relatively flat over the past decade.

By the way, candy inflation is brutal. From September 2015 to September 2025, grocery prices increased 29.8%, per federal data. Candy and gum prices increased much more — 45%. So I don't think the candy sales data reflect a significant downtrend in trick-or-treating, either. Even with skyrocketing prices, Americans are buying sweets at about the same rates.

I also wanted to find a way to get at the "trunk-or-treating" share. Unlike for regular trick-or-treating, I couldn't find many surveys on the subject, so I instead turned to Google Trends data to see what people were searching for in both Utah and the US generally. I decided to compare searches for "trick-or-treat" vs. "trunk-or-treat" (looking at all tenses of the phrase, and with or without hyphens, for the sticklers).

And since 2010, trunk-or-treat searches have grown significantly. Here in Utah, in fact, they're approaching those of searches for trick-or-treating. Now, that actually makes some sense to me: a trunk-or-treat is an event you may be able to find information about online, where a trick-or-treating session would traditionally be done impromptu in your own neighborhood.

You may not need to search for the latter. And this data gives credence to my personal trick-or-treating hypothesis: kids have not stopped trick-or-treating fully, but instead have tried to optimize their candy-gathering adventures. Here's my personal anecdote on the subject: last year, I was invited to two parties on Halloween night, both in the hours where trick-or-treating would be expected.

Luckily, they were close, less than a mile apart, but are separated somewhat by Red Butte Creek. One was in the historic Gilmer Park neighborhood. These are generally nicer, older houses, but nothing too crazy. Halloween decorations were relatively sparse. The other party, though, was in the Yalecrest neighborhood — these houses tend to be larger and have higher values than those in Gilmer Park. Ghosts

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Where'd all the trick-or-treaters go?

and webs in front yards were much more common on this street. The Gilmer Park home saw just two kids knock all night. But Yalecrest? There was a line out the door to the street. Sidewalks were packed, and it felt like a real celebration. I've never seen anything like it, even back when I was a kid. Sometimes, five groups of kids waited in line, all having heard tales of king-size candy bars on offer in the neighborhood.

Sure enough, they were right. Surely not all of these kids lived in Yalecrest. But they (or their parents) decided to go where the candy was most optimal, and picked one of Salt Lake City's most expensive neighborhoods. They were rewarded. My anecdote is not data — but together with the data we do have, I think we have a pretty compelling picture of kids' Halloween activities: Trick-or-treating is still being done, in a variety of forms, and candy is still being purchased.

It's just not quite the same as it was 20 years ago.

GOOD TO KNOW *The Covey Center for the Arts is on Center Street in downtown Provo.*

GOOD TO KNOW *The Provo River Parkway trail follows the river from Utah Lake up into Provo Canyon.*

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo takes its name from Étienne Provost, a French-Canadian fur trapper who reached the area in the 1820s.*

BABS UNRAVELED



Babs is back on the comics page every edition.

COMING UP

Tue 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Early voting — *Health & Justice Bldg., 151 S. University Ave.*

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Payson chairs roll into the Mighty Five

SOURCE: FOX13 — UTAH COUNTY · OCT 26



PAYSON, Utah — The National Park Service recently announced it is rolling out a new set of all-terrain wheelchairs at the "Mighty Five" national parks of southern Utah. But the wheels started turning on that idea in a Payson warehouse just off of Interstate 15, more than three hours north of Zion Canyon. Sam Durst was born with cerebral palsy.

So it had long been drilled into his mind, and that of his friends and family, that outdoor adventures were out of reach. "Hanging out with Sam was like going to see movies or playing board games — and that's no fun, because he's a prolific cheater," said Ryan Grassley, with a smile. Grassley has been friends with Sam since high school, and the two grew up together in Springville.

Grassley says he's seen how the most beautiful places in our country can be off-limits because they don't have sidewalks. "I had this scout leader who was fantastic, and he took us to all of the national parks — and that was all stuff Sam was excluded from," Grassley said. "They [the Durst family] went to Arches before, and Sam and his mom stayed in the van."

So when they joined forces with Extreme Motus in 2019, Arches was among the first of their trips. "I said, 'Well, let's get revenge on the Delicate Arch trail,'" Grassley said. When they rolled up on the view, Sam was impressed. "I said to Ryan, 'It's cool,'" Sam said. But the rest of the crew couldn't hold it together. "Ryan got a little misty-eyed," said Sam, with a chuckle. "I've never cried before," his friend retorted. Ryan and Sam have spent the years since filming those adventures, from coast to coast and from Zion's Narrows to Bryce Canyon's iconic Navajo Loop.

"Last year, I think, across all of our social media channels, we got 300 million views," said Grassley, who's now the company's chief marketing officer. They got the attention of the park service, yet there were still bumps in the road. "[It was tough] to get in the budgets, to raise the funds, to figure out where the chair is going to be stored and how it's going to be checked out," Grassley said.

But earlier this month, the NPS announced it had made space for their adaptive equipment at each of the "Mighty Five," an exciting moment for Ryan, Sam and their whole company that's drawn national attention. The beauty of this manual, all-terrain wheelchair is that it can bring so many who are close to Sam along for the ride. His nephew, Drew, has taken on a role doing some videography and helping to build the chairs.

"I just really believe in the product and believe in its ability to bring people together," Drew said. As they continue to explore places they never thought possible, they hope it helps countless others see all of Utah's beauty right alongside them. "It's opened up the world to us, for sure," Grassley said. Grassley says the checkout process at each of the parks can be different, and each park has its own list of approved trails that are safe for the Extreme Motus wheelchair. So, he says to check with rangers as you're planning your next adventure.

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

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo was settled in 1849, when pioneers built Fort Utah beside the Provo River.*

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GOOD TO KNOW *The Provo River runs from the Uinta Mountains down Provo Canyon to Utah Lake.*

STATE

Utah still leans GOP for midterms

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH · OCT 27



As President Donald Trump's polling numbers continue to sink nationally, Utah voters are still throwing their support behind the Republican Party when it comes to the upcoming midterm elections. A majority of Utah voters (52%) say they disapprove of Trump's job performance nearly halfway through his second term while just 46% say they approve, according to a recent Deseret News/Hinckley Institute of Politics poll conducted by Morning Consult.

Still, those numbers are better than how the president is faring nationally as 56% of US voters say they disapprove compared to 41% who approve, the poll shows. "There is dissatisfaction not just across the country, but in the state of Utah with President Trump. But dissatisfaction does not mean defection," Jason Perry, director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics, told the Deseret News.

"Clearly, in the state of Utah, voters are looking at their their discomfort with some of the things with President Donald Trump, but it's not translating to them changing their party necessarily." Trump's faltering approval ratings are partially attributed to his handling of the war in Iran, which voters have been divided on since its onset in February.

Only 41% of Utah voters say they approve of recent military actions in Iran, slightly higher than national polling that shows US voters at 38%, according to the polling. A majority of Utahns (52%) disapprove of the military action, falling even with the percentage of voters who oppose nationally. When it specifically comes to Trump's handling of the conflict, voters are even more opposed. About 56% of Utah voters say they disapprove of the president's strategy related to the conflict, slightly lower than the national disapproval rating of 58%, according to the poll.

Only 38% of Utahns say they support Trump's handling of the conflict. Still, Utah voters are more inclined to support Republican candidates when it comes to the midterm elections. Half of Utah voters (50%) say they would vote for the Republican candidate over the Democrat on a general ballot in the midterm elections, according to the poll.

Only 39% said they'd back the Democratic candidate. Both those numbers come as Democrats are faring better nationally, topping Republicans 48% to 42% on a generic ballot. "Republican loyalty is still strong in in Utah, but loyalty and enthusiasm are not the same thing," Perry said. "The top issue for Utahns continues to be the economy and and their ability to provide for their family, and those are the issues that kind of bleed into these broader issues nationally.

I think that's one of the key things that you can't really tease out of this poll is the enthusiasm versus loyalty." The Republican Party itself has split approval among Utah voters, with 49% saying they approve compared to 47% who say the opposite, according to the poll. Republicans are further underwater nationally with a 53% disapproval rate. Democrats are underwater with Utahns as 37% of state voters say they approve of the Democratic Party compared to 58% who say they disapprove. Democrats have a split rating of 47% both in approval and disapproval when it comes to national polling.

A Democratic candidate, Ben McAdams, is expected to win the 1st Congressional District, which means the state will likely send a Democrat to Congress for the first time in six years, after a redrawn congressional map included a district favoring Democrats in Salt Lake County. Republican incumbents are expected to win in the other three districts.

The four congressional races in Utah are not expected to be particularly competitive. While Trump could be the make-or-break factor for Republicans elsewhere, that will likely not be the case in Utah. "Sometimes you can be motivated by a very competitive race, and we do not have those right now in the state of Utah," Perry said. "The concern isn't really just about the approval of President Trump.

It's about making sure that the Republican Party shows up to vote." "The biggest concern for the Republicans is not whether or not people still identify as Republican in Utah, which is still the majority. The concern, or at least maybe what they need to be focusing on, is making sure your dissatisfaction does not mean you don't need to participate," he continued. "This is a group of people who are unlikely to change their party because they're dissatisfied with the president. But what may happen or sometimes does happen is that they just decide not to show up and vote, and that is as just as concerning for the Republicans." The polling is a snapshot of voters' mindsets between Oct. 13-20, less than one month before the midterm elections.

The state poll surveyed 875 registered Utah voters with a margin of error of 3 percentage points; the national poll surveyed 2,050 registered voters with a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

By mail: It must be received by the county clerk by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Postmarks don't count, so mail it early.

Drop box: Open until 8 p.m. Nov. 3. Find one near you at vote.utah.gov.

In person: Early voting at the Health and Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave., runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday and on Monday, Nov. 2.

Track it: Sign up for BallotTrax alerts or check your ballot's status at vote.utah.gov.

SOURCES: VOTE.UTAH.GOV; UTAH COUNTY ELECTIONS

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UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

UVU hires first safety chief

SOURCE: KSL — UTAH NEWS · OCT 27



OREM — Utah Valley University on Monday announced that Michael Rapich, a retired Utah Highway Patrol colonel, will serve as the university's inaugural chief safety officer. The appointment comes just over a year after conservative political commentator Charlie Kirk was shot and killed on UVU's campus during a Turning Point USA rally.

The chief safety officer position was established after an independent review of the events of Sept. 10, 2025, found that the university did not "act in bad faith" on the day of Kirk's killing, while also identifying multiple areas that could use improvement for future high-profile campus events. "Obviously, that event that occurred a year ago with the whole incident with Charlie Kirk and the significant impact that had on so many people ... brought a lot of attention to this. This is something we wish hadn't happened here," Rapich told KSL News. "Across the state, there's been a lot of work done with the Utah System of Higher Education, with all the campuses.

"Rapich will now be responsible for overseeing all campus safety operations and spearheading efforts to "strengthen the university's safety infrastructure, foster a culture of safety, and enhance emergency preparedness," according to the university. "Fostering a safe and supportive learning environment is one of our highest priorities," UVU President Jon Anderson said in a statement.

"Colonel Rapich brings decades of public safety leadership, sound judgment, and trusted relationships across Utah. His experience and collaborative approach will strengthen how UVU prepares, responds, and works together to serve our campus community. "Rapich brings 33 years of law enforcement experience with the Utah Highway Patrol to his new role, including nine years as its superintendent and top commander.

Even after stepping down from that role, Rapich said he "never really planned to just retire completely" and has been looking for his next opportunity. "I love public service. I very much love public safety," Rapich told KSL News. "The opportunity for me to come in and work with the university ... I couldn't be more excited about that.

I'm really excited to work within the university environment. "UVU hopes Rapich's longstanding relationships with law enforcement across the state will help the university strengthen partnerships and enhance coordination of campus safety and emergency response protocols. "I look forward to engaging with students and faculty in defining and promoting a safe and secure learning environment. And, working with incredible public safety professionals of UVU and surrounding communities to identify every opportunity to ensure that UVU Campus is a trusted place for learning, growth, and engagement."

Rapich said in a statement. "The trust of all who are part of the UVU Community is something I promise to uphold as I join those who honor the commitment to serve and protect Utah Valley University and all who make it an amazing place to be." Rapich will officially begin working in his new role on Nov. 2, and said his first order of business is to "get to work." Contributing: Heather Peterson.

NEIGHBORS

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

A Hogwarts on the block

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — METRO · OCT 26

For the past thirty years, Taryn Elkins and Jeremy Brown have been making Halloween a little more special for their neighborhood. Each year, they transform their house into a Halloween experience, and this year's theme is Harry Potter. "We love the beloved characters, we love the creatures, we just love everything about it, and it's actually the 25th anniversary for the movies, and so we thought this would be the year," Elkins said. "I had parents that would just make everything very magical from a young age. My mom is super detail-oriented, and then she actually passed away, and so I took it upon myself to just kind of continue her legend and do all things creative in her honor," Elkins said. Taryn and Jeremy began working on Hogwarts 480 in July, and were working all the way up until opening.

"When you build the Hogwarts Express out of a golf cart, you have to get really creative," Brown said. "We can't really buy anything — everything's copyrighted, and so I had to learn a new skill, and I just had to try to learn how to sculpt and do faces and things," Elkins said. The details don't go unnoticed by their neighbors. Brenna Rea is grateful to have something new to experience with her children. "There's just so many details, and it's just so fun especially if you've seen all the movies to like point everything out with your kids," Rea said. Brown said Elkin's creativity and love for others is what makes it all possible. "She's just amazing, and her desire to want to bring joy to the world — she's done so many different things just trying to bring joy to the world and she's just succeeding," Brown said. Hogwarts 480 is open to the public for free for the rest of October.

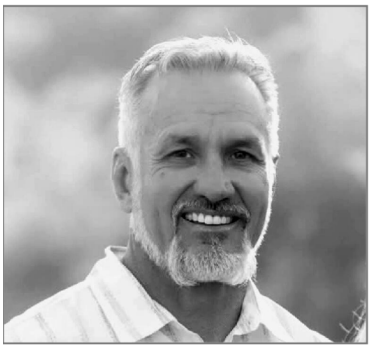
GOOD TO KNOW *Utah Valley University sits next door in Orem.*

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo hosts America's Freedom Festival each summer around the Fourth of July.*

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Lehi man builds a voter guide

SOURCE: LEHI FREE PRESS · OCT 26



Lifetime Lehi resident and entrepreneur Darren Jones faced a dilemma: "How do I know who to vote for?" He said, "This summer when I reviewed the candidates, I realized that I did not recognize many of their names, know where to find reliable information, or even know who to contact with questions. I wanted to make an informed decision but needed a starting point." After developing multiple online companies, Life Inspire Technologies, Lifeinspire.ai, and Alpineinnovations.com, Jones began developing a tool for prospective voters. He purchased the MyVoting Tool.com domain and launched the website during the summer of 2026. He shared the website with a small group who found the information invaluable.

Jones said, "My goal was to create a free, nonpartisan civic resource that places voters' values and priorities at the center of their decisions, rather than relying solely on the campaign messages. I wanted voters to be able to ask, "How closely does this candidate's record align with the issues that matter to me?" My Voting Tool lets users create profiles, identify their political preferences and priorities, and assign weight to the issues that matter. It then compares candidates against those preferences using their stated positions and historical records. Each voter sets the comparison criteria.

A "chameleon score" concept highlights changes in a candidate's position over time. According to Jones, "The idea is to help voters consider consistency, context and alignment over a long period of time." My Voting Tool is intended for everyone, regardless of political party or viewpoint. It is free to use and designed to provide an unbiased resource for exploring candidates, asking questions, and understanding available information. Jones adds, "It does not promote any particular party, candidate, or ideology; instead, it helps people reach their own conclusions. I created MyVoting Tool.com to make relevant information more accessible and easier to compare.

What began as my own uncertainty at the ballot box became an effort to help others find clarity. My goal is simple: to give anyone with similar questions a free, useful starting point for making informed voting decisions.

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PREP SPORTS

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Skyridge bikers finish ninth

SOURCE: LEHI FREE PRESS · OCT 26



The Skyridge mountain biking team finished in ninth place out of 20 statewide programs in High School Division 1 at the Utah High School State MTB Championships, staged in Renegade Ridge Trail Park at Desert Color on October 23 and 24 in St. George. It was a tight team competition at the top, with Lone Peak winning the title at 4489 points, followed by Corner Canyon at 4461 and Skyline at 4446. The Falcons earned 4118 points. Varsity riders earned half of the scoring spots for Skyridge during the two-day event, three in the boys bracket and five in the girls race. Junior Pepper Smith was the top point-getter for the Falcons at 295, finishing sixth in the Varsity Girls race with a time of 1:09:30.79, an improvement of 11 places from her final ranking last year. Senior Easton Day was 10th in Varsity Boys to provide 291 points.

Camden Butterfield turned in a great race in Freshman A Boys, coming in ninth for 272 points. The next two riders by score for Skyridge were seniors Milo Peterson and Dallin Butterfield, 36th for 265 points and 38th for 263 points in the Varsity Boys race, respectively. Two more seniors finished a fraction of a second apart in the Varsity Girls event. Samara Smith was 44th for 257 points and Emeree Gale came in 45th for 256 points. The other two scoring racers in this division were junior Evelynn Rasmussen, 56th for 245 points, and senior Emma Walton, 58th for 243 points. The JV A Boys entrants provided the next two totals for the Falcons.

Sophomore Jaxon Griner captured 38th place for 253 points while senior Porter Strong was 41st for 250 points. The Freshman A Boys provided additional significant contributions with four more scoring riders finishing less than a minute apart. Carson Smith was 32nd for 249 points, Ezra Fuhriman came in 33rd for 248 points, Reed Homer placed 35th for 246 points, and Tyler Stirling earned 242 points for 39th place. The final scoring rider was freshman Simone Smith, who came in 28th in the JV C Girls race to add the final 243 points to the team tally. Five other team members finished within 10 points of the scoring group, including freshmen Nora Tippetts and Nora Barrett, plus junior Zach Stirling, senior Hayden Brown and sophomore Collin Spencer.

Falcon senior Shiann Thompson won the Queen of the Mountain competition in the Senior Open Girls race, finishing the designated course section in 2:11.7.

GOOD TO KNOW *Bridal Veil Falls, a double cataract in Provo Canyon, drops about 600 feet.*

LJ Martin may return Saturday

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD · OCT 26



Injury issues are unfortunately at the forefront of most teams involved in the season grind of any given football season, and for BYU football coach Kalani Sitake, he shared some good and some not so good news during Monday's weekly press conference on that front. The good news is the potential return the services of LJ Martin come Saturday when BYU takes on visiting Arizona State, which would mark the first time since the Cougar's opening game versus Utah Tech that they've had the benefit of a fully-stocked offensive backfield, assuming Sione Moa again takes the field.

Moa returned to action during last week's game versus UCF and ran for just 36 yards on 13 carries as he works to return to form after suffering a substantial lower leg injury during the first half of play versus the Trailblazers. Martin, meanwhile, suffered an apparent lower leg injury during the first half of play during BYU's 17-10 win over TCU, and hasn't suited up since.

Coaches outlined a 4-6 week recovery time for Martin, and with this Saturday marking the fourth week since the injury, there's a possibility that the senior tailback may be on the field versus the Sun Devils. "LJ's getting really close," Sitake said. "He's looking better and we're we're seeing him in lots of training.

So, he's getting close, but we want to make sure that it's right timing for him." The return of Martin would boost BYU's run game substantially, and the need is there when considering the paltry 73 yards rushing gained versus UCF last week on 18 attempts. Martin is the reigning Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year after amassing 1,305 yards rushing during the 2025 despite being out of action for two games. The bad news surrounds the availability of BYU's top cornerback Evan Johnson, who was seen being carried off of the field by trainers following what appeared to be an ankle injury during UCF's final 2-point conversion, which was the final play of the game for the Cougar defense.

"It's unlikely he plays this weekend and that one might take some time," Sitake said while mentioning that the coaches were hoping it was less severe than it appeared to be, and although Johnson is certain to miss at least one week of action, the probability of him returning at some time this season is high. As for offensive lineman Trevin Ostler, who has filled the role of BYU's sixth offensive lineman this season while drawing the start for Kyle Sfarcioc at right guard last week, his BYU career is likely over after sustaining an injury during the second half of play versus UCF.

"It doesn't look really good for him. I'm just really proud of that young man for all the stuff that he's done for BYU and he's filled in so many different positions," Sitake said. He could play literally all the positions, and even play tight end for us. So (I'm) just proud of all the things that he's been able to accomplish on and off the field."

Sitake mentioned that Sfarcioc may return to action versus Arizona State depending on how he progresses throughout the week. Not under review When asked if he had received any type of explanation for the controversial roughing-the-kicker penalty during the second overtime period of BYU's loss to UCF, Sitake mentioned that he hasn't made the effort. The call enabled the Knights to make a first down and eventually score eight points that BYU had to match in lieu of the three points "I moved on … It's not going to do me no good for me to cry about it," Sitake said.

" … Congratulations to UCF for getting the win … My mind has got to be focused on what we can do against ASU." Tackling the issues Of all the team issues that negated a win for BYU at UCF last week, the lack of effective tackling was paramount to most observers, and also for BYU's coaching staff. Indeed a focus on improving overall team tackling is very much a top priority in preparation for this Saturday's game with Sitake providing some insight into how it's exactly being addressed.

"You're better tacklers if work on tackling and working on body position and coming to balance, and then leveraging and spilling the right way. And then everybody understanding their 1/11th," Sitake said with the 1/11th comment referring to the concept of every single one of the 11 players doing their job to the best of their ability.

When teams get in trouble, according to Sitake, is when players try and do more than their responsibility, drawing a fine line between executing and over-executing. "When everyone's trying to do more than their job we get in trouble and we even cut each other off, and then we find ourselves duplicat(ing), which is not good when everybody has a a role. UCF did a great job finding and exposing some of the the the issues. So if everyone does their job, we'll be fine and and if everybody can play physical." Sitake offered even more detail, noting that maintaining leverage has to come with keeping your feet on the field of play rather than working to apply a big hit by launching at a ball-carrier.

"When you're in games, and you're in the middle of the season I think we're on the ground way too much in our tackling," Sitake continued. "So we probably need to drive and and that's probably why you're dripping off tackles and probably why they're getting a little bit more yards if you're leaving your feet so early … We've reinforced that with our guys to make sure that everybody's following the standard.

That's a not our style to play and I'm really disappointed that showed up. We've got to fix it." Early start time If you're an early bird who has the ability to get up bright and early for games, then there's some good news for you. On Monday it was announced that BYU's always much-anticipated game versus Utah will kickoff at the earliest possible time of 10 a.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN or ABC for the game that will be hosted at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

GOOD TO KNOW

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GOOD TO KNOW *Provo takes its name from Étienne Provost, a French-Canadian fur trapper who reached the area in the 1820s.*

BYU blanks Iowa State 3-0



SOURCE: BYU COUGARS · OCT 26

PROVO, Utah — No. 20 BYU women's soccer (10-3-3, 6-1-2 Big 12) blanked Iowa State 3-0 in its final road match of the regular season Monday night. This marked BYU's fifth shutout of the year. With tonight's victory, the Cougars improved to 3-0 all-time against Iowa State, remaining undefeated in the series. BYU matched its season highs in both shots (24) and shots on goal (11).

Senior center back Avery Frischknecht and outside back Presley Freeman both scored their first goals of the year in tonight's match while Mattyn Summers-Oviatt added her fifth. Sophie Sivulich, Emma Neff, Emma Hamberlin and Afton Perry each tallied an assist on the night. Goalkeeper Sarah Mathis earned her first career minutes in tonight's match, playing the final 14 minutes of the game.

First Half BYU started with pace, taking the first shot of the match in the third minute as Mika Krommenhoek sent a ball toward the back post, but Kansas goalkeeper Eme McClenahan collected it. McClenahan entered the match leading the league with 76 saves on the season. In the 12th minute, Freeman beat three defenders on the left side of the pitch before dribbling into the middle of the box and firing a shot that forced a diving save from McClenahan, keeping the match scoreless.

The Cougars maintained their offensive pressure, recording seven shots in the opening 20 minutes, including three on target. Mia Goettsche recorded two shots in a two-minute span, one off target and the other blocked by the Iowa State backline. The attempts were followed by back-to-back corner kicks for BYU, both of which were cleared by the Cyclones.

In the 25th minute, the Cougars earned their fourth corner kick of the match. Sivulich sent the ball into the box, where Kansas goalkeeper McClenahan attempted to punch it clear but hit Frischknecht with the ball, sending it into the back of the net for a 1-0 BYU lead. The goal marked BYU's first off a corner kick this season.

After making several substitutions, BYU created another opportunity in the 35th minute when Ella Rustand-Ford sent a ball into the box to true freshman Diana Tuilevuka. Tuilevuka fired an off-balance shot that was blocked and cleared by the Cyclones, marking the first shot of her career. Controlling much of the possession in the first half, the Cougars took a 1-0 lead into halftime while holding advantages in shots (12-1), shots on goal (5-1) and corner kicks (5-3).

Second Half BYU opened the second half with the same intensity as the first, recording two shots in the opening five minutes. The Cyclones responded with two shots of their own, one saved by newly substituted goalkeeper Chelsea Peterson and the other sailing over the crossbar. In the 56th minute, true freshman Ellie Karl fired a shot from 25 yards out that slipped through McClenahan's fingertips and over the end line, earning BYU its first corner kick of the half.

The Cyclones eventually cleared the ball out of danger. The second half continued to be dominated by the Cougars, as Frischknecht, Krommenhoek and Sydney Snow each recorded shots that were either blocked or saved, bringing BYU's shot total to 19 with 20 minutes remaining. In the 75th minute, Perry took on two defenders before laying the ball off to Freeman, who one-timed a shot into the left corner of the net for BYU's second goal of the night.

Just two minutes later, Neff found Hamberlin up the right side of the pitch. She sent a cross into the box that found Summers-Oviatt, whose header hit the crossbar and bounced into the net to extend BYU's lead to 3-0. With fresh legs coming off the bench, BYU closed out the match strong, maintaining possession until Lucy Kesler's final shot of the night forced a diving save by McClenahan.

The attempt marked BYU's 24th shot of the match. Up Next: The Cougars return home for their final two regular-season matches against rival Utah and Arizona State on Friday, Oct. 30, and Thursday, Nov. 5, respectively. The rivalry match against Utah kicks off at 7:30 p.m. MT, while the final home match against the Sun Devils begins at 7 p.m. MT.

Both matches will be streamed on ESPN+.

BYU SPORTS THIS WEEK

Tue 7 p.m. BYU women's basketball vs. Western Colorado — *Marriott Center, BYU campus*

Wed 7 p.m. BYU men's soccer vs. Utah Tech — *South Field, BYU campus*

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

Fri 7:30 p.m. BYU women's soccer vs. Utah — *South Field, BYU campus*

Sat 1:30 p.m. BYU football vs. Arizona State (FOX) — *LaVell Edwards Stadium, BYU campus*

FROM THE WEEK'S LISTINGS ON PAGE 3

GOOD TO KNOW

Brigham Young University was founded in Provo in 1875 as Brigham Young Academy.

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo was settled in 1849, when pioneers built Fort Utah beside the Provo River.*

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

STATE

Judge shields Utah voter rolls

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH · OCT 26



SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit by the US Department of Justice seeking access to Utah's voter rolls, siding with the state's lieutenant governor. The ruling, issued Friday by US District Judge David Barlow, is a win for Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, who has pushed back on efforts by President Donald Trump's Justice Department to access sensitive information about voters in the state. Barlow said Utah's voter roll list does not fall under the Civil Rights Act's requirement that some records be made available for inspection by the department. "Utah's (voter roll list) is not a record or paper which 'comes into (the Utah Lieutenant Governor's) possession,' so she need not make it 'available for inspection, reproduction, or copying' by the attorney general," Barlow wrote, quoting from the law.

Henderson celebrated the ruling, which adds to a string of defeats by Trump's Justice Department seeking similar information from other states. "We appreciate Judge Barlow's ruling dismissing the Department of Justice's lawsuit that sought to force us to disclose the private data of every Utah voter," she wrote on Threads. "Our office will continue to uphold the rule of law and safeguard the fundamental right to free, fair and secure elections for the people of Utah." A department spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The department sued Henderson in February, alleging she had not complied with a request from last year to turn over the complete voter list, which includes names, dates of birth, addresses and driver's license numbers or the last four digits of Social Security numbers. Henderson argued she could not legally share the private information and said the department had declined offers from the state to share publicly available voter lists. Barlow dismissed the case with prejudice. The outcome is not surprising, as the Department of Justice has lost more than 25 similar cases across the country.

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NATION & WORLD

WORLD

Ethiopia attacks kill at least 60

SOURCE: ABC NEWS — INTERNATIONAL · OCT 27

NAIROBI, Kenya — Two attacks in Ethiopia's Oromia region killed at least 60 Orthodox Christians, the country's Orthodox Church said, urging authorities to protect civilians and bring those responsible to justice. The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church's Holy Synod said Monday that 14 people were killed in Merti district on Oct. 20 and a further 46 in Shirka district on Oct. 24.

Both districts are in Oromia's Arsi Zone. More than 20 people were seriously wounded and 20 homes were burned down, the church said, describing the killings as "brutal and merciless massacres." Oromia regional government spokesperson Hailu Adugna blamed the Oromo Liberation Army for the attacks. He accused the rebels and their allies of trying to provoke ethnic and religious conflict to divert attention from military losses in northern Ethiopia. He presented no evidence supporting the accusations in the statement. Adugna expressed sorrow over the deaths and destruction and said regional authorities had begun taking action against those responsible. He pledged assistance to people wounded or displaced.

The OLA could not be reached for comment. Its leader, Jaal Marroo, denied that his fighters target civilians in an interview with The Associated Press published in February. "Our war is not against the people," he said at the time. The OLA is one of seven groups in the Ethiopian Peoples' Forces Alliance for Survival, formed in September with the aim of removing Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government. Other members include the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Amhara Fano National Movement. The church said the attacks violated constitutional protections for religious freedom and the right to life. It called on authorities to publicly condemn the killings and prevent further violence. Oromia, Ethiopia's largest region and home to roughly 40 million people, has endured a conflict between government forces and the OLA since 2018.

Other armed groups and criminal gangs also operate there, with civilians facing killings, extortion and kidnapping. United Nations investigators have accused the OLA of killings, rapes and kidnappings. Human rights monitors have also documented abuses by government forces, including indiscriminate drone strikes, extrajudicial killings and disappearances. Sarah Kimani, Amnesty International's media manager, told the AP in a January interview that the organization's research documents summary executions, torture, abductions and rape by both government forces and the OLA. She said internet blackouts and restrictions on independent media and civil society concealed the extent of civilian suffering.

"What we have been able to document now is just the tip of the iceberg," Kimani said. Associated Press journalist Amir Aman Kiyaro in Hamburg, Germany, contributed to this report.

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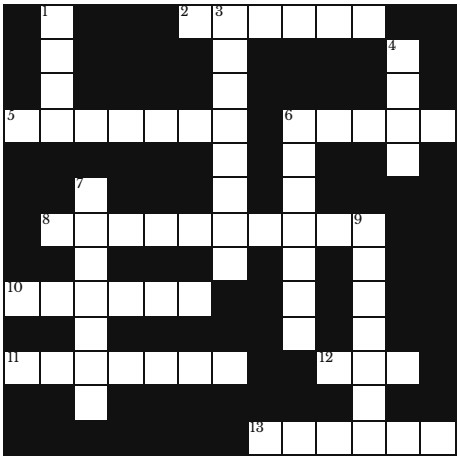
BABS UNRAVELED — TUESDAY

Today: Babs asks her chatbot to rate her Halloween costume.



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

TUESDAY CROSSWORD — AROUND PROVO



ACROSS

2 Provo City Center ___, built inside a fire-gutted tabernacle *(6)*

5 Utah, the ___ State *(7)*

6 ___ Center for the Arts, on Center Street *(5)*

8 Mount ___, the 11,752-foot peak above Utah Valley *(10)*

10 Rock or Provo, for example *(6)*

11 Day of this edition *(7)*

12 Babs's hairdo *(3)*

13 It must reach the clerk by 8 p.m. Nov. 3 *(6)*

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1 Cornbelly's corn ___ *(4)*

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4 Provo's neighbor to the north *(4)*

6 BYU team nickname *(7)*

7 ___ Park, home of the Saturday farmers market *(7)*

9 Utah state bird *(7)*

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GOOD TO KNOW *The Provo City Center Temple was rebuilt inside the walls of the fire-gutted Provo Tabernacle and dedicated in 2016.*

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

GOOD TO KNOW *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*