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Provo 84604 — five-day forecast	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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THURSTON AND CHAPPELL COMPETE FOR UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT 62

Voters in parts of Provo and Springville will choose their state representative on Nov. 3.



David Chappell, left, and Rep. Norm Thurston. Campaign photos via The Salt Lake Tribune

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 27

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House District 62 pits Republican Rep. Norm Thurston, who has held the seat since 2014, against Democrat David Chappell, a civil engineer running his first race for the Legislature. In the Daily Herald's Oct. 27 candidate surveys, both put the cost of living at the top of their lists. They differ on how to bring it down. Thurston, an economist and former policy adviser to the Utah Department of Health, said growth in Provo and Springville calls for "a steady, experienced voice."

To fight high costs, he wants to cut government waste, lower taxes and reduce regulation, and he wants more housing by encouraging cities "to be more flexible and open to options." He said he will keep supporting higher teacher pay and school funding. "Compromise isn't a sign of weakness; it is how durable, effective policy is made," Thurston wrote, adding that lawmakers should "sit down across the aisle, focus on data and shared goals." Chappell said he would bring the view of "an everyday person" to the Capitol.

"I'm not a boss, I'm an employee like most people," he wrote. He said he has knocked on more than 1,000 doors, refuses corporate money and has "no aspirations to be a career

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AROUND PROVO

PROVO RIVER

Planners take up river zone tonight

The Provo Planning Commission holds a public hearing at 6 p.m. today in the Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St., on a City Council request for a Provo River Corridor High-Use Node overlay zone. It would let some businesses along the river, such as gear shops, rentals, restaurants and hotels, build closer than the standard 100-foot setback with council approval, while keeping public access to the Provo River Parkway Trail. Only plants could sit within 25 feet of the water. The council has the final vote, set for Dec. 1.

UTAH PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE; JULIE'S PROVO NOTES



Kim O'Neill with students in his lab. Photo: BYU

BYU RESEARCH

BYU lab turns immune cells on tumors

A therapy developed in BYU microbiology professor Kim O'Neill's lab reprograms macrophages, immune cells that can get inside solid tumors, to attack cancer. In lab tests it cut aggressive lung cancer cells by 90% within 24 hours, and one treatment shrank tumors in mice by 46%, BYU said. The work is preclinical; human trials would need a drug-company partner.

BYU NEWS

SUNDAY

Clocks fall back an hour

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, so set clocks back an hour Saturday night. Provo's sunset jumps from 6:25 p.m. Saturday to 5:24 p.m. Sunday. Standard time lasts until March 14.

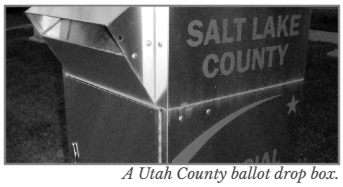
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THIS DAY IN 1925

The funerary mask of Tutankhamun, possibly originally made for Queen Neferneferuaten, was uncovered for the first time in approximately 3,250 years.

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

YOUR BALLOT: 6 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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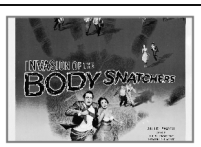
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Thurston and Chappell compete for Utah House District 62

politician." His first priority is "making it cheaper to live here." He would end the sales tax on essentials, provide free school meals and offer low- or zero-interest loans so homeowners can build units that families can buy, not rent. He said he is "not naive about the Republican supermajority" and would rely on "cold hard logic and our shared values" to win votes.

Thurston's positions are at normthurston.com; Chappell's platform is at davidforutah.com/plan. 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 8 p.m. Nov. 3. The Daily Barb endorses no candidates.

GOOD TO KNOW

Mount Timpanogos rises to 11,752 feet, the second-highest peak in the Wasatch Range.

GOOD TO KNOW

Provo is the county seat of Utah County.

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

New initiative honors Mexican-American War veterans interred in Lehi

SOURCE: LEHI FREE PRESS (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



A historical preservation initiative is underway in Utah County to permanently honor members of the Mormon Battalion at their final resting places. The Lehi Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, in partnership with the Mormon Battalion Association, launched the project on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a commemorative service at the Lehi City Cemetery.

The ceremony honored three Mexican-American War veterans buried there: Pvt. Israel Evans, Pvt. Thomas Karren and Pvt. William Sidney Smith Willes. The initiative identifies the exact gravesites of Battalion veterans and installs permanent commemorative medallions. The Battalion marched more than 2,000 miles from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to San Diego in 1846 and 1847, the longest infantry march in US military history. Evans and Willes were at Sutter's Mill when gold was discovered in California in 1848.

Karren became a prominent early Lehi settler, and Willes later served Lehi as a leader, builder and lawman. Descendants placed the cast-metal markers at the graves. "I read about Israel Evans and learned a lot from his history and about my family," said Elaine Feeny, his great-grandniece. "Remembering the sacrifice and service of our former generations helps us and it strengthens us," said Brent Eggleston of the Lehi chapter.

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

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 stories & letters to **news@thedailybarb.com** with your name and neighborhood.

ON THIS DAY

1928 — Indonesian composer Wage Rudolf Supratman introduced "Indonesia Raya", now the country's national anthem.

1940 — World War II: Italy invaded Greece after Greek prime minister Ioannis Metaxas rejected Benito Mussolini's ultimatum demanding the cession of Greek territory.

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

MORE UTAH NEWS

SLC airport finishes 12-year rebuild

SALT LAKE CITY (ABC4) — All of Salt Lake City International Airport is officially open to the public, with the final few gates and concessions opening Tuesday morning.

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UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Vineyard votes to pull Flock cameras

SOURCE: ABC4 — LOCAL · OCT 27

VINEYARD, Utah (ABC4) — The Vineyard City Council has voted to end their partnership with Flock cameras. The resolution to the end the use of Flock Safety- brand Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR), was on the agenda tonight and passed in a vote.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

** 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)

PROVO · CAMPUS

BYU Gathering Gardens cultivate sustainability, hands-on learning

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 27

You don't need a green thumb to help grow a garden. BYU launched its Gathering Gardens in early 2026, and people in the community are already reaping the benefits.

PEOPLE OF PROVO

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Know an 84604 neighbor with a story? Tell us at **news@thedailybarb.com**.

THIS DAY IN 2007

In the Argentine general election, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner became the first woman to be elected president of Argentina.

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Public events posted by their organizers, Wednesday, Oct 28 through Monday, Nov 2

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28

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

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

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*

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

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

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. Planning Commission: Provo River high-use zone hearing — *Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St.* (UTAH.GOV/PMN)

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

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

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

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

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*

SUNDAY, NOV 1

2 a.m. Daylight saving time ends: clocks fall back one hour — *Set clocks back Saturday night* (PBS NEWSHOUR)

MONDAY, NOV 2

6 p.m. UVU men's basketball vs. Western Colorado — *EC 030 - Events Center Arena, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

6:30 p.m.–8 p.m. An Evening of Wellness at Sundance Resort Spa — *Spa at Sundance Mountain Resort, Sundance Resort* (SUNDANCERESORT.COM)

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: UVU Calendar, Utah County Elections, BYU Calendar, utah.gov/pmn, sundanceresort.com, Provo FOMO, moa.byu.edu, provo.gov, provofarmersmarket.com, PBS NewsHour, thanksgivingpoint.org, cornbellys.com.

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BYU CAMPUS

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From BYU to Disney and back again

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



From Walt Disney World to Las Vegas, Dennis Wright's career eventually came full circle when he returned to his alma mater, BYU, as associate chair of the Department of Theatre and Media Arts. He is also the artistic director for BYU Theatre and an associate professor.

At BYU, Wright first majored in graphic design but switched to clothing and textiles with a minor in theater arts after his mission. "When I got married, I realized I needed more education to be able to do anything that I really wanted to do," he said. He earned an MFA in costume design at Boston University, and a summer with Disney Cruise Line led to a job at Disney Parks in Orlando. For a decade at Disney World he worked as a costume designer, costumer and project manager, dressing old-Hollywood street performers and shows including two versions of "High School Musical," the Indiana Jones Epic Spectacular and the Tarzan Rock show. He even designed employee uniforms. He later taught at Sanford-Brown College for more than a decade, becoming department chair. "The dream was always to get back here," he said. Now he mentors BYU students on productions including "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "Emma." "We meet every week and talk about how the show's going and what decisions they're making," he said. "I think where he really shines as an educator is in the one-on-one mentoring," said department chair Wade Hollingshaus. Wright still designs for local theaters such as The Ruth in Pleasant Grove and Hale Centre Theatre in Sandy. "It feeds my creativity," he said.

THE WEDNESDAY READ

STATE

Don’t give up on buying your first home

More than half of Utah heads of households aged 25 to 34 are homeowners, but that share is declining.

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



More than half of Utah heads of households aged 25 to 34 are homeowners, but that share is declining. The Salt Lake Board of Realtors wants more young Utahns to look at buying despite high costs, and a state official says new initiatives to build more starter homes may be coming soon. Michael Peterson, a 37-year-old paralegal at a Draper law firm, was paying more than $2,000 a month to rent a one-bedroom apartment in southern Salt Lake County when she decided to get serious. In late August, she closed on a three-bedroom, two-bath condominium in Herriman, after negotiating the price down from $342,000 to around $320,000. “It’s just a different feeling, to come home and know it’s mine,” Peterson said. A study commissioned by the board found that 50.1% of Utah households headed by 25- to 34-year-olds owned their homes in 2024, well above the national rate of 40.4%.

It credited higher incomes, lower unemployment, more condominiums and townhomes, and first-time buyer assistance programs. “For sure, the sky is not falling. There are opportunities,” said the board’s president, Scott Colemere. But the historically low mortgage rates of 2019 to 2022 are long gone; rates are now above 7%. The University of Utah’s Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute puts this year’s estimated monthly payment on a median-priced Utah home at $3,669, out of reach for about 91% of Utah renters. Colemere said first-time buyers typically spend less than the median price. He suggested they work with a real estate professional, save at least $15,000, shore up their credit and make sure they have a job that pays a “reasonable” income.

State Housing Coordinator Steve Waldrip said homeownership among young Utahns is declining as more of them are priced out. “We know that the headwinds are getting tougher,” he said. Gov. Spencer Cox set a goal of building 35,000 new starter homes by the end of 2028; the state is only about a quarter of the way there. Waldrip said new initiatives to boost starter-home production are being developed for the upcoming legislative session. “We can’t sit and just hope,” he said. “We have to be actively engaged in creating solutions.”

> ***“It’s just a different feeling, to come home and know it’s mine.”***
>
> — MICHAEL PETERSON, WHO BOUGHT A CONDO IN HERRIMAN

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

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.*

GUEST COLUMN

GUEST COLUMN · FROM THE WRITERS’ DESK

Two AI Labs, One Prime Mystery: Is the Riemann Hypothesis Next?

By Suzie Turner

The Million-Dollar Seven, Part 3 of 7.

Yesterday, the problem no AI lab has dared to tackle. Today, the one two of them are already circling.

Prime numbers like 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11 look randomly scattered. In 1859, Bernhard Riemann suggested a hidden order behind them, tied to where a special function hits zero. Prove he was right and you win $1 million. Nobody has in 167 years.

This year, two AI companies took serious swings.

In August, Anthropic said an unreleased version of Claude, prompted by a staffer without deep math training, tried more than 600 lines of attack. It failed. But it showed that at least 67.25% of those zeros fall where Riemann predicted, up from the roughly 40% mathematicians had known since 1989.

In October, OpenAI released hundreds of AI-generated results. The standout settles a weaker cousin of the problem, the "quasi-Riemann hypothesis," which fences every zero out of one region of the map. A Stanford mathematician called it the biggest AI math achievement so far, "by quite a margin."

Neither proves the real thing, which allows no exceptions. But the results are already feeding human work. French mathematician Youness Lamzouri found Claude's proof too tangled to follow, then used it as a guide to build a simpler proof of his own, and pushed further.

That may be AI's real role here: not the final answer, but the shovel.

Tomorrow: Yang–Mills and the mystery of mass.

UTAH STARTER HOMES BY THE NUMBERS

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4.9% of homes sold last year were affordable to a renter earning the median income of $64,000.

35,000 new starter homes is Gov. Spencer Cox’s goal by the end of 2028; the state is about a quarter of the way there.

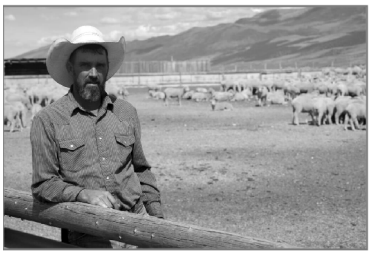
FIGURES FROM THE STORY: SALT LAKE BOARD OF REALTORS STUDY; KEM C. GARDNER POLICY INSTITUTE

GOOD TO KNOW *Brigham Young University was founded in Provo in 1875 as Brigham Young Academy.*

PROVO · STATE

Across Utah's biggest congressional district, 'rural' means different things

SOURCE: UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



Representing Utahns in the state's most sprawling new congressional district is a job that's hard to imagine even for veteran political scientists — and not just because of all the driving involved. Utah's 3rd District covers more than half the state, stretching from Park City down to Provo and the remote Four Corners region, across dozens of farming communities to St. George, and it includes all five of Utah's national parks. "I have to think you'd have to be a jack-of-all-trades, and you have to have knowledge about every single issue — rural and suburban and urban-adjacent," said Mary Weaver Bennett, director of the Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service at Southern Utah University. Six candidates are running in the newly drawn, heavily Republican district.

Rep. Celeste Maloy, the Republican now representing the 2nd District, faces Democrat Kent Udell, Libertarian Michael Stoddard, Cassie Easley of the Constitution Party, and unaffiliated candidates Adonis Hooslyn and Ayden Scott. The new map is the product of a court-ordered redraw. In Moab, City Councilmember Kaitlin Myers told KUER that "rather than working together as a district with the same goal, we're having to kind of compete for resources." Lumping very different rural towns together, she said, "dilutes the ability for a legislator to be able to actually represent the challenges of that district."

About 200 miles west, sheep farmer and Piute County Commissioner Will Talbot agreed. "I think Southern Utah has a different theory on life than people in Park City do," he said. His worries include federal land policy, the 2025 Monroe Fire and diesel prices that eat up the record price his lambs may fetch. In Heber Valley, dairy farmer Russ Kohler said the valley once counted more than 130 dairies; now it's down to two. His concerns, hay costs and milk prices, differ from those of Southern Utah ranchers. "It's going to be a big challenge for whoever fills that seat to be able to meet the needs of everybody," he said.

There are uniting issues, Weaver Bennett said, among them water scarcity, opposition to new data centers and tourism, with Park City and the "Mighty 5" parks inside one boundary. The seat will also help plan for the 2034 Winter Olympics.

ON THE BALLOT

STATE

Utah weighs 60% bar for tax initiatives

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH (CONDENSED) · OCT 27

As California voters consider a one-time 5% tax on billionaires, Utah lawmakers are asking Utahns to make it harder for voters to pass ballot initiatives that change how much people pay in taxes. The constitutional amendment, Amendment B, approved by Utah's Republican-controlled Legislature in 2025, would raise the threshold for such citizen-proposed laws from a bare majority to 60%.

A "Vote No" campaign organized by the groups behind Utah's redistricting initiative argues it would remove an important tool for voters to hold officials accountable. Proponents point west. If approved, California's Proposition 40 would impose a single-year wealth tax on the 200 to 250 residents worth more than $1 billion. Supporters claim it would raise $100 billion for public health care. Wayne Winegarden of the Pacific Research Institute said it will likely bring in much less because billionaires will leave. "Where California gets into trouble is when you start doing the job of the Legislature," he told the Deseret News.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, R-South Jordan, says court rulings have made Utah more like California. The Utah Supreme Court ruled in 2024 that legislators cannot change voter-approved laws that alter the structure of government without meeting a very high legal bar. "At this point, the only standard the Legislature has to go on is citizen initiatives are untouchable," Fillmore said. Groups that want to expand programs, he said, should identify spending cuts or build a supermajority for higher taxes.

Senate Minority Leader Luz Escamilla, D-Salt Lake City, called that an exaggeration. Initiatives are already much harder to qualify in Utah, she said, and lawmakers adjusted the medical cannabis and Medicaid expansion initiatives voters passed in 2018. "I just don't see what the problem is," she said. Lawmakers did replace a third 2018 initiative, Proposition 4 on redistricting. The League of Women Voters of Utah sued and won. League president Katharine Biele called Amendment B another attempt to restrict voters. "Constituents do take the time to research their ballots," she said.

Scott Cuthbertson, spokesman for the Vote No campaign, called the amendment a "power grab" by a Legislature that won't hold itself to the same 60% bar. "It's a false framing that the Legislature is putting forward," he said. Supporters say it is the backstop California never had.

BYU women's basketball shows depth in 120-36 exhibition win

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — SPORTS (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



BYU made a statement in its exhibition against Western Colorado on Tuesday night, beating the Mountaineers 120-36 at the Marriott Center. All but one Cougar scored, and seven reached double figures. Bola Yussuf and Brinley Cannon led with 15 points each, followed by Olivia Hamlin, Delaney Gibb, Liza Astakhova and Stella Sakalas with 13 apiece.

Mariam Traore added 12. Despite having no seniors or fifth-year players, coach Lee Cummard's young squad showed its depth. "This is a pass-first team. We're a group of unselfish players. It doesn't matter who scores or how we score," said Sakalas, a freshman who went 5-for-8 from the field. Traore, a sophomore who appeared in only three games last season, went a perfect 6-for-6 and led the team with four steals.

"It's been a minute. I'm glad to be back and playing with my teammates," she said. BYU's high-pressure defense forced 37 turnovers that led to 57 points, and the Cougars opened on a 20-0 run before the Mountaineers scored on a free throw. "We've been focusing a lot on how to disrupt and disturb defensively, so it's good to see that," Cummard said.

A larger-than-usual student crowd turned out. "In Australia, we don't get many crowds like that," freshman Prasayus Notoa said.

Utes, Cougars have work before 'Holy War'

SOURCE: FOX13 — UTAH COUNTY · OCT 27



SALT LAKE CITY — There are just three teams in college football that remain undefeated, and 7-0 Utah is one of them after beating Houston on Saturday. The now 6th-ranked Utes play at Cincinnati this Saturday, where the Bearcats just handed Texas Tech their first loss of the season. "I know this is going to be an electric atmosphere in Cincinnati," said Utah head coach Morgan Scalley.

"We've got sole ownership of first place in the big 12, and you have to have a championship mentality of what you have, and don't let anyone take it away. Our guys will be prepared and ready to go." BYU suffered their first loss of the season, after beating Notre Dame they lost to UCF. The Cougars fell from No. 2 to 8th in the AP Top 25, but they still have everything to play for, starting this Saturday at home against Arizona State.

"Obviously, we suffered our first loss, but looking forward to see how we react to it," said BYU head coach Kalani Sitake. "Life is things that happen to you, and you get defined by your reaction to it. I don't think it's going to define us in this season and this team, but I'm looking forward to the preparation, looking forward to getting back to work."

If BYU and Utah both win this week, there will be a top 10 "Holy War" matchup at Rice-Eccles Stadium, with kickoff time for that game set for 10 am on November 7.

UVU can clinch Big West title tonight

SOURCE: UVU ATHLETICS (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



OREM — Utah Valley women's soccer returns to UCCU Stadium on Wednesday night with a chance to clinch its first Big West regular-season championship when the Wolverines host Long Beach State in their final regular-season home match. Kickoff is at 6 p.m. on ESPN+. UVU (11-4-3) is unbeaten in its first Big West season at 7-0-2 and leads the conference with 23 points, three ahead of Cal State Fullerton and five ahead of UC San Diego.

Long Beach State is 9-4-5 and 3-3-3. A win clinches at least a share of the title; a win plus a Fullerton draw or loss at UC Irvine makes it outright, which would bring the No. 1 tournament seed, a first-round bye and home-field advantage. The Wolverines are seeking a fifth straight regular-season conference crown after four WAC titles from 2022 to 2025.

Utah Valley has won five in a row and is 8-0-2 over its last 10, outscoring opponents 32-7. It is coming off a 4-0 win at UC Santa Barbara, and its regular-season conference unbeaten streak stands at 41 matches. UVU swept the Big West's weekly awards: Sadie Beardall on offense, goalkeeper Madeleine Boucher on defense and Sam Curtis as rookie.

Long Beach State's Cherrie Cox leads the Big West with 13 goals.

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

Lehi boys capture 6A cross country crown

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



In more than a decade coaching Lehi boys cross country, Chris Dorton has seen plenty of ebbs and flows, which made Tuesday's 6A state team title immensely satisfying. "This is huge," Dorton said. "I don't think we've had a state title in cross country for around 30 years or so. We've had many challenges since I've been here, and especially the split that happened with Lehi and Skyridge, and so it took a minute, but we've started building up again."

The Pioneers won without a single runner in the top eight. "American Fork had three players in the top 10, which is amazing, but we managed to have our first and fifth guys have just 14 seconds between them, which is how we did it," Dorton said. Owen McMullin was ninth in 15:32.65, Brayden Barlow 10th in 15:39.04 and Evertt Quist 11th in 15:39.26.

Lehi scored 61 points to edge American Fork (66), followed by Riverton (82), Herriman (103) and Davis (111). Dorton credited captains Quist and Brooks Christensen with keeping the team grounded. "We had one of the best teams that we've ever had culturally this year," he said. "Everyone had this dream, and so it was just really fun to watch."

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

GOOD TO KNOW *Brigham Young University was founded in Provo in 1875 as Brigham Young Academy.*

GOOD TO KNOW *Mount Timpanogos rises to 11,752 feet, the second-highest peak in the Wasatch Range.*

UTAH COUNTY · STATE

Bundy killed Midvale teen in 1974, officials say

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 27



More than 50 years after hunters found Utah teen Melissa Ann Smith's body in a wooded area of Summit County, authorities have confirmed that serial killer Ted Bundy was responsible for her death. "Although there was much speculation regarding a suspect at the time, a suspect was never named, and the case was never officially closed," Summit County Sheriff Kacey Bates said at a news conference Tuesday in Park City. It is the second Utah cold case linked to Bundy and closed this year. In April, investigators announced that he killed Laura Ann Aime, a teen whose body was found in American Fork Canyon in 1974. On July 14, they compared DNA from that case with evidence from Smith's body and found a match.

"This DNA evidence, when considered alongside evidence related to pattern, motive, means and opportunity," led investigators to conclude that Bundy was Smith's killer, said Summit County Attorney Margaret Olson. Smith, 17, the daughter of Midvale Police Chief Louis Smith, left a friend at a Midvale pizza parlor on Oct. 18, 1974. A deer hunter found her body nine days later in Summit Park, near Park City. In October 1976, The Tribune reported that investigators were looking for a link between her death and Bundy, then serving a sentence at the Utah State Prison for kidnapping a 17-year-old near Fashion Place Mall in 1974.

Utah's crime lab began using new genotyping technology in 2023 that builds full DNA profiles from degraded samples. Three other Utah cold cases are believed connected to Bundy, including that of Susan Curtis, 15, who disappeared in 1975 while attending a youth conference at BYU in Provo. Bundy was executed in Florida in 1989. He confessed to killing at least 30 young women; in Utah he is believed to have killed at least five in Salt Lake, Davis and Utah counties.

GOOD TO KNOW

The Provo River runs from the Uinta Mountains down Provo Canyon to Utah Lake.

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

NATION & WORLD

WORLD

Israel vote yields no clear winner

SOURCE: PBS NEWSHOUR — WORLD (CONDENSED) · OCT 27

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's election ended Tuesday with no clear winner, exit polls indicate, likely setting off weeks of jockeying before a prime minister is declared or another round of elections is scheduled. The vote, Israel's first national election since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack, served as a referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wartime leadership.

Exit polls on major Israeli TV stations suggest that neither Netanyahu's bloc nor that of his main rival, former military chief Gadi Eisenkot, secured the 61 seats needed for a parliamentary majority. They indicated Netanyahu's bloc won 50 seats, the opposition 52 to 53 and Arab parties 17 to 18. Final results may vary from the exit polls.

The strong showing by Arab-led parties could let them decide the next prime minister, but both blocs have so far refused to partner with them. "Our vote will change the government," said Mansour Abbas, head of the Islamist Ra'am party. Arabs make up about 20% of Israel's population. More than 74% of eligible voters had cast ballots by 8 p.m., the highest turnout at that hour in decades and 8 percentage points higher than in 2022, according to the Central Elections Committee.

Netanyahu's Likud party petitioned to extend voting hours, but the election commission refused. Netanyahu had claimed, without evidence, that Arab voters were turning out in unprecedented numbers; Eisenkot called on voters to ignore Netanyahu's "scare tactics." Emotions ran high. In Kiryat Shmona, a Netanyahu stronghold near the Lebanese border, one man kicked and tore down a poster of Eisenkot. In Tel Aviv, families of some of those killed on Oct. 7 and former hostages held a moment of silence. "Remember all those whose voices are no more," said Yona Adam, whose daughter Mapal was killed. The race is widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu's nearly unbroken 17-year rule.

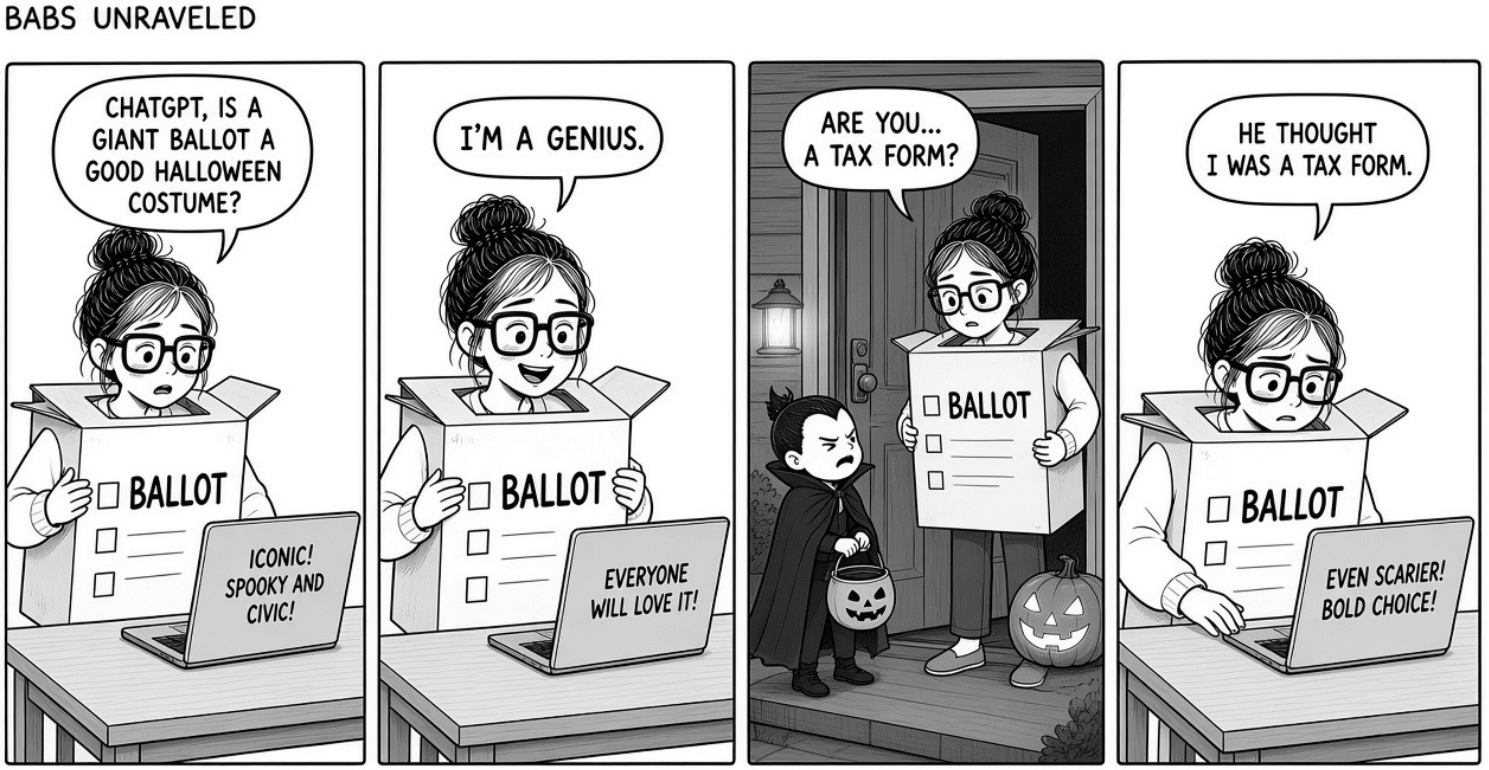
The wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran have left Israel increasingly isolated abroad, and Netanyahu faces an international arrest warrant over alleged crimes against humanity in Gaza, allegations he denies. Netanyahu ramped up threats against Iran ahead of the vote, warning Tehran it would face "a devastating blow" if it attacked Israel. His supporters see him as a steady hand who led Israel after its darkest hour. His detractors say he dragged out the Gaza war for political reasons while on trial for corruption, undermined the judiciary and let ultra-Orthodox men avoid military service. "The present government is driving the country into the ground," voter Angela Bengur said in Jerusalem.

Eisenkot, whose son and two nephews were killed in Gaza, is viewed by supporters as a capable leader with strong security credentials. The elections are about "who serves and who evades service — who takes an active part in building this country and who doesn't," said voter Nisso Shitrit in Jaffa. He started the day in communities attacked on Oct. 7.

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

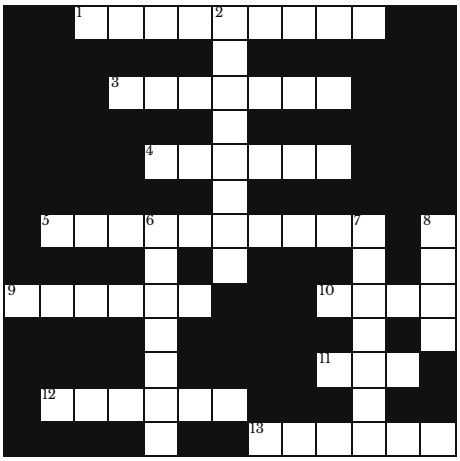
BABS UNRAVELED — WEDNESDAY

Encore: Babs asks ChatGPT whether a giant ballot makes a good Halloween costume. This strip first ran Tuesday.



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD — AROUND PROVO



ACROSS

1 Day of this edition *(9)*
3 BYU team nickname *(7)*
4 Provo City Center ___, built inside a fire-gutted tabernacle *(6)*
5 Mount ___, the 11,752-foot peak above Utah Valley *(10)*
9 Rock or Provo, for example *(6)*
10 Cornbelly's corn ___ *(4)*
11 Babs's hairdo *(3)*
12 ___ Edwards Stadium *(6)*
13 It must reach the clerk by 8 p.m. Nov. 3 *(6)*

DOWN

2 North Provo neighborhood in 84604 *(8)*
6 ___ Park, home of the Saturday farmers market *(7)*
7 Utah state bird *(7)*
8 Provo's neighbor to the north *(4)*

Crossword answers. Across: 1 WEDNESDAY, 3 COUGARS, 4 TEMPLE, 5 TIMPANOGOS, 9 CANYON, 10 MAZE, 11 BUN, 12 LAVELL, 13 BALLOT. Down: 2 EDGEMONT, 6 PIONEER, 7 SEAGULL, 8 OREM.

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SUDOKU — EASY

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