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ECONOMY GROWS 3.4%

Strong summer report lands days before the midterms, but many families still feel squeezed



Consumer spending drove the summer growth. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images, via NPR)

SOURCE: NPR NATIONAL · OCT 29

The US economy grew faster in the summer compared to the spring, driven by consumer spending as well as investments in AI. Gross domestic product, which broadly measures economic activity, grew at an annual rate of 3.4% July through September, according to a report from the Commerce Department released Thursday. The previous quarter GDP grew at a 2.2% annual pace. A big driver for GDP growth in the third quarter was the strong investments from AI companies, which continue to build out data centers and spend big money in developing the technology. Meanwhile, consumer spending was another of the big drivers of GDP growth, led in part by higher-income Americans who are better able to withstand stubbornly high inflation. The sturdy GDP data comes just days before the midterm elections, with many Americans saying they feel gloomy about the economy as inflation jacks up the costs of many day-to-day necessities, while the ongoing conflict with Iran drives up energy costs like gasoline.

Although consumer spending has been growing steadily, it has not spread out evenly across households, with lower-income Americans struggling more than high-earners. Wage growth has also fallen behind inflation, further squeezing many Americans. Siri Steven, a manager at a resale store in Decorah, Iowa, says she and her husband are putting off fixing up their more than 130-year-old house. "We barely go out to eat now," Steven said. "I really have to be mindful of our budget and make sure that we can pay all our bills and not overdraft." She also says her family hasn't been able to save, going paycheck to paycheck.

The personal saving rate for the US in September is 3.8%, according to a separate report from the Commerce Department, down from 4.1% in August. Prices rose 3.6% in September from a year earlier, according to the same report, faster than the Federal Reserve's 2% target. The Fed

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AROUND PROVO



Photo by Matt Turner

READER PHOTO

EV enjoys a Provo fall day

EV, Matt Turner's dog, on a beautiful Provo fall afternoon. Have a photo of your pet, your street or your neighborhood? Send it to news@thedailybarb.com.

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Photo submitted by Suzie Turner

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Provo native - Olivia Turner

Finds herself in quaint tea shop in rural England.

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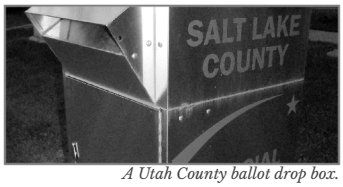
YOUTH SOCCER

Provo girls win national title

The Provo-based Fury Spurs FC girls team won the 2026 USYS National Championship in Tennessee, rallying from a 1-0 deficit to score three straight goals. The team had won state three years running and went undefeated this season. Mayor Marsha Judkins honored the players Monday with treats and a street sign reading "Provo Fury FC Spurs." Coach Danny Mason credited the service projects the girls do together: "They love each other and battle for each other, and there's no fear."

FOX 13

YOUR BALLOT: 5 DAYS



A Utah County ballot drop box.

Early voting: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. today, 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 use a drop box if it's late.

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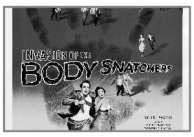
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Economy grows 3.4%

watches the Commerce Department's inflation measure closely, particularly when deciding what to do with its benchmark interest rates. Still, the central bank decided against raising rates Wednesday, with added pressure to raise rates during the next meeting in December after Thursday's reading on prices.

Economists also are concerned about the country's long term fiscal health. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, warns that despite solid GDP figures, economic growth feels delicate. That's due to business and consumers having to navigate around Trump Administration policies, such as tariffs and the US war against Iran.

"We're growing," Zandi said. "The economy is moving forward but it's a very, very fragile growth. It doesn't feel like we're kicking it in on all cylinders."

UTAH COUNTY · CAMPUS

Incident at the Fulton Library

SOURCE: UVU REVIEW · OCT 28



Around 7:50P.M. on October 20th, yelling, banging, and a strange odor came from the first floor bathrooms in the Fulton Library. The staff deducted that someone was having a mental episode and contacted the campus police. "I noticed two people standing watching from the top of the stairs as the yelling continued."

A student reported. "The situation escalated to Orem police arriving to aid in detaining the individual, which they were able to do around 8:30. They kept him detained on the premises until EMTs arrived and carried him out on a stretcher at about 8:45." The staff member said, "As of now, police told us he was likely not a student here and was suffering from a drug overdose." According to an Instagram comment, "one of the librarians came around and told students what was going on [...] not in detail, just enough so we knew the necessary level of concern and didn't think it was something worse than it was.

Though I'm not sure the burden of that should be put on employees, I appreciated her, and in this particular situation she made me feel better about it than any official notice would have. But maybe that's just because I have a hard time relying on notices the school sends out about any serious situations because of how inconsistent they seem to be."

FROM THE EDITOR

Your page, Provo

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ON THIS DAY

1986 — British prime minister Margaret Thatcher officially opened the M25, one of Britain's busiest motorways.

1991 — Galileo became the first spacecraft to visit an asteroid when it made a flyby of Gaspra.

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

THIS DAY IN 1998

At 77 years old, former astronaut John Glenn returned to space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery on the STS-95 mission.

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

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GUEST COLUMN · FROM THE WRITERS' DESK

OpenAI Says It Solved Half of a Million-Dollar Physics Problem

By Suzie Turner

The Hard Half Remains. The Million-Dollar Seven, Part 4 of 7.

Yesterday, two AI labs circled the primes. Today, the problem AI took a swing at just this week.

Physicists have a theory, called Yang–Mills, that explains the strong force gluing atomic nuclei together. It predicts experiments with stunning accuracy. Mathematicians, though, have never proved it holds together.

The $1 million problem has two parts. First, show the theory exists as solid math in our four-dimensional world. Second, prove its "mass gap": that its lightest particles can't weigh zero. That gap would explain why the strong force reaches only across tiny distances, and why quarks are never found alone.

On Oct. 26, OpenAI announced that its internal model had proved the first part, then extended it to quarks and the wider Standard Model of particle physics.

It did not claim the second part. The prize requires both, so it stays unclaimed.

This time, the company says Nobel laureate David Gross, whose own discovery helped make such a proof possible, is reviewing the work. Independent verification is still pending.

If it holds, mathematicians would finally have a firm foundation under physics' most successful theory. Physicists, who never doubted it, may just shrug.

The deeper question, why the strong force gives matter its mass, is still waiting.

Tomorrow: Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer, a puzzle the ancient Greeks would recognize.

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PROVO FACT *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*

LOCAL NOTE *The block-letter Y on Y Mountain above campus was first built in 1906.*

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Public events posted by their organizers, Thursday, Oct 29 through Tuesday, Nov 3

THURSDAY, OCT 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*

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

FRIDAY, OCT 30

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*

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

7–9:30 p.m. Big band costume dance (free) — *Peteetneet Museum, 10 N. 600 E., Payson* (PROVO FOMO)

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 p.m. Day of the Dead — *Museum of Peoples and Cultures, BYU campus*

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

TUESDAY, NOV 3

7 a.m.–8 p.m. Election Day: vote centers open; ballots due by 8 p.m. — *Utah County vote centers and drop boxes* (UTAH COUNTY ELECTIONS)

11 a.m. FAFSA Help Day (UVU) — *Hall of Flags NE, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

11:05 a.m. Devotional: Audrey Perry Martin — *Marriott Center, BYU campus*

1:30 p.m. WSB RISE Conference (UVU) — *Woodbury Executive Hall (South), UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

6 p.m. UVU women's basketball vs. Park University — *EC 030 - Events Center Arena, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

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

7:30 p.m. Cougar Marching Band: The Loudest Concert on Campus — *Concert Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Fall Violin Showcase — *Recital Hall, Music Building, 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: UVU Calendar, Utah County Elections, BYU Calendar, moa.byu.edu, sundanceresort.com, Provo FOMO, provo.gov, provofarmersmarket.com, PBS NewsHour, thanksgivingpoint.org, cornbellys.com.

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DID YOU KNOW? *Provo hosts America's Freedom Festival each summer around the Fourth of July.*

BYU CAMPUS

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BYU weather stations measure the changing seasons

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 28

As the seasons change, BYU's weather stations measure what's happening. The two weather stations are located on the roof of the Kimball tower and the Eyring science center. The Geography department and Physics and Astronomy departments run these stations. Matt Bekker, a professor in the Geography Department, is in charge of the weather station on the Kimball Tower. "This is one of the two weather stations on campus that the geography department is in charge of," Bekker said. The Kimball Tower station's data is connected to the Weather Bug app, a weather and storm tracking app with live data. "The temperature is measured in this little baffle right there, then at the very top, we have an anemometer measuring both the wind speed and direction," Bekker said. The other weather station run by the Geography department is located at the south of campus. This station collaborates with the National Weather Service and has been operating since 1980. Bekker explained that the south campus station has a thermometer and measures precipitation through an automated solar powered gauge. There are also whiteboards that measure snowfall and a big pan to measure evaporation. Professor Michael Ware monitors the weather station on the top of the Eyring Science Center building. "It measures rainfall using an ultrasonic sensor. So, it sends out high frequency sound waves, and it bounces off the snowflakes or the raindrops.

PROVO FACT *Timpanogos Cave National Monument, in American Fork Canyon, was established in 1922.*

THE THURSDAY READ

STATE

Couple's $40K Halloween haunt

GEORGE — For James and Diana Mays, the Halloween display at their St. George home may be full of spooky surprises, but its real purpose is bringing people together.

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



GEORGE — For James and Diana Mays, the Halloween display at their St. George home may be full of spooky surprises, but its real purpose is bringing people together. The monsters are just the opening act. Visitors to the Mayses' haunted house display at 274 San Rafael Place might meet a pirate ship, a foggy graveyard, a surgical scene, a dragon or a jump-scare around the corner.

Some scream at the headless horseman, the werewolf or a knife-wielding Chucky and Tiffany. Others smile as colored lights flicker and children dance in the carport to "Monster Mash" and "Thriller." The couple estimates the decor has cost them $30,000 to $40,000 over eight years. When a dad trailing a small herd of youngsters asked why they went to all that trouble, James had a ready answer. "Just watch your kids," he remembers telling him.

"After looking at his children run around the yard, laughing and shrieking, he smiled and replied, 'I get it.'" It began in 2018 as a way to bring their adult children together for the holiday: an inflatable Phantom of the Opera, flickering candles and eerie music. The neighborhood was hooked from day one. Today the collection fills a 15-by-40-foot storage unit and takes weeks to set up. Favorites include Maleficent, Jack Skellington, gravediggers and a surgical team so horrifyingly bad that a malpractice suit would be a glowing review. It has its hazards. Wind topples decorations, the sun wears out props, and pop-up figures have drawn a startled punch or two. One neighbor confessed he was spooked every dark morning by the jack-in-the-box clown in his rearview mirror, until wind sent the clown rolling down the street.

"He took a beating, so we decided to retire him, much to the relief of our neighbor," Diana said. The lights come on each evening around 6:30 and go off about 10. The couple also founded a nonprofit, Pancakes and Love, that uses donations to foster neighborly connections and help people through hard times, from birthday cakes for children in cash-strapped homes to support for young families with a new baby. A recent pancake breakfast drew more than 100 people. "We don't promise to fix things, but we do promise that they won't have to take the next step alone," Diana said. "Love your family, love your neighbors and love the people," James said, "because there is always somebody who needs that love."

PROVO FACT *Provo was settled in 1849, when pioneers built Fort Utah beside the Provo River.*

DID YOU KNOW? *The block-letter Y on Y Mountain above campus was first built in 1906.*

LOCAL NOTE *Utah Valley University sits next door in Orem.*

FROM THE ARCHIVES · FALL KITCHEN

PROVO NEWS FROM THE PAST

From the Herald, Oct. 1, 1980

Orem freezes spending over $1.9 million budget error

By Dave Heylen, Herald Staff Reporter

OREM — The City Council has frozen city spending after learning its budget was overstated by $1.9 million: $1,339,139 in the general fund and $562,517 in capital improvements.

Mayor James E. Mangum said the freeze "runs the entire gamut of city expenditures." City Manager Daryl Berlin said the shortfall is not a deficit. The 1.84% cost-of-living raise already promised to city employees will be honored.

More than 50 people came to the meeting expecting talk of a 5% franchise tax that could raise $625,000. "Raising taxes should be left for a future time," Mangum said.

Council members hope to hold the freeze through the November election, when ending the sales tax on food could cost the city another $300,000. Berlin said the options are to cut spending, raise revenue or both. Making up the gap with property tax alone would double the city's 14.88 mill levy.

Also on the front page that day:

"Store Manager Foils Robber" — at Allen's Market, 655 E. 300 S., Provo.

"Power Rate Increase Coming" — the Provo City Commission plans a raise of about 10 percent.

PROVO DAILY HERALD, OCT. 1, 1980, VIA UTAH DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS (NEWSPAPERS.LIB.UTAH.EDU/DETAILS?ID=23863233)

PROVO FACT *Provo hosts America's Freedom Festival each summer around the Fourth of July.*

DID YOU KNOW? *The Covey Center for the Arts is on Center Street in downtown Provo.*

LOCAL NOTE *The Provo River Parkway trail follows the river from Utah Lake up into Provo Canyon.*

FALL KITCHEN

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

You need: 1 cup canned pumpkin · 1 cup sugar · ½ cup oil · 1 egg · 2 cups flour · 2 tsp. baking powder · 1 tsp. cinnamon · ½ tsp. salt · 1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in 1 tsp. milk · 1 tsp. vanilla · 2 cups chocolate chips.

Do this: Heat oven to 350°F. Stir together pumpkin, sugar, oil and egg. In another bowl, mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; stir into the pumpkin mixture. Add the soda-and-milk, vanilla and chips. Drop by spoonfuls onto a greased sheet and bake 10 to 12 minutes, until set. Makes about 3 dozen soft cookies, perfect for a rainy Halloween.

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STATE

Ex-justice urges votes to retain judges

SOURCE: UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



Former Utah Supreme Court Justice Diana Hagen is urging Utah voters to retain judges on next week's ballot in order to preserve an "independent, non-political judiciary." "Some people want judges to behave like politicians," Hagen said in a video posted Tuesday to her LinkedIn account. "They want them to make decisions based on their political views instead of based on the law. And those people are going to vote 'no' on the judges on their ballot."

She added: "If you care about an independent, non-political judiciary, please be sure to vote to retain our judges." Hagen resigned from the bench earlier this year under pressure from Republican state leaders seeking an independent investigation into previously dismissed allegations that she had an affair with an attorney for the plaintiffs in the state's redistricting lawsuit. A Judicial Conduct Commission investigator called the complaint "speculative, overstated and misleading," and the commission dismissed it.

Associate Chief Justice Jill Pohlman is now the only Utah Supreme Court justice up for retention this year. Utah judicial rules bar judges from campaigning for themselves, and Pohlman has stayed silent. In April, Utah Republican Party leaders urged voters not to retain Hagen or Pohlman, largely over rulings in the redistricting and abortion cases. In 2024, the court unanimously ruled that the Legislature's power to change "government reform" ballot initiatives has limits, and in a 4-1 opinion it upheld an injunction blocking the state's near-total abortion ban while that lawsuit continues. Rep. Burgess Owens and the Utah Eagle Forum have also urged a "no" vote on Pohlman.

Hagen noted that every judge on the ballot was vetted by a bipartisan nominating committee and found qualified before the governor appointed them. The Utah Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, which rates judges up for retention based on surveys, recommended against retaining only one judge statewide: Weber County Justice Court Judge Trent Nelson. Evaluations for every judge are at judges.utah.gov.

PROVO FACT *Utah Lake covers about 150 square miles but averages only about 9 feet deep.*

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

LOCAL NOTE *Provo is the county seat of Utah County.*

BABS UNRAVELED



Babs is back on the comics page every edition.

COMING UP

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YOUR VOTE

STATE

DOJ sends election monitors to 50 states

SOURCE: UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 28

The US Department of Justice plans to send about 1,000 election monitors to all 50 states for the Nov. 3 election, and Salt Lake County will receive at least one, according to state officials. Federal monitors, who watch polling places and election officials for compliance with federal voting rights laws, have been a feature of US elections for decades.

In 2022, the department sent monitors to 64 jurisdictions in 24 states. DOJ spokesperson Kiersten Pels said the full list of locations will not be released until Election Day. "Every monitor will merely observe and report any potential violations of federal law to the Department, which will be reviewed after Election Day," Pels said. The larger program has drawn concern from Democrats, voting rights groups and some Republicans because of the Trump administration's efforts to assert federal authority over state-run elections, including lawsuits seeking states' voter lists.

Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, a Republican, called monitors' actions during his state's primary "very odd." Election experts say 1,000 monitors are far too few to affect voting on a wide scale; the 2024 election had more than 95,000 polling places.

Utah Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, a Republican who refused to hand over voter data to the administration, said the department offered assurances about how monitors will act. "They won't be approaching voters. They won't be wearing any sort of insignia," she said.

PROVO FACT *LaVell Edwards Stadium opened in 1964 as Cougar Stadium.*

DID YOU KNOW? *The Marriott Center, home of BYU basketball, opened in 1971.*

LOCAL NOTE *Provo was incorporated as a city in 1851.*

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 now or use a drop box.
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. today, Friday and 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

PROVO FACT *Utah Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in Utah.*

UVU clinches share of Big West title

SOURCE: UVU ATHLETICS (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



OREM — Nixan Jackson and Sadie Beardall each scored to lead Utah Valley to a 2-0 win over Long Beach State on Wednesday night at UCCU Stadium, clinching at least a share of the Big West regular-season title in the Wolverines' first season in the conference. It is UVU's fifth straight conference regular-season crown, after four Western Athletic Conference titles from 2022-25.

The Wolverines were picked fourth in the Big West preseason poll. "Obviously, it's a brand-new conference, and to come out here and do what we've done has been impressive," coach Chris Lemay said. Jackson redirected an Addie Olson cross in the 35th minute for her seventh goal. Beardall made it 2-0 in the 83rd minute, finishing from close range for her team-leading 12th.

Freshman goalkeeper Madeleine Boucher made five saves for her sixth shutout. "We definitely weathered a little bit of a storm at the beginning of the second half, but then I thought we got our rhythm back," Lemay said. UVU (12-4-3, 8-0-2 Big West) has won six straight and is unbeaten in 42 straight regular-season conference matches.

Its last regular-season conference loss came Oct. 8, 2022, at Seattle U. The win was the program's first over Long Beach State, and UVU outshot the Beach 15-9. The Wolverines can win the title outright Saturday at CSUN, 2 p.m. MT on ESPN+.

PROVO FACT *BYU's Museum of Art opened in 1993.*

Pratt helps Brewers win World Series

SOURCE: DESERET — SPORTS (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



Rookie shortstop Cooper Pratt, whose uncle Trent is BYU's head baseball coach, is a World Series champion. The Milwaukee Brewers won the first title in franchise history Wednesday night, beating the Tampa Bay Rays four games to one. Pratt hit .421 (8 for 19) in the series with a home run and seven RBIs. In 121 previous World Series, no rookie had four hits and a homer in one game, or hits in six straight at-bats.

Pratt did both. He drove in the winning run in Game 2, and his solo homer put Milwaukee ahead in the 12th inning of Game 4 before the Rays rallied. "It's some of the hardest but most fun baseball I've ever been a part of," he said. "I messed up a lot of times this postseason, but the guys picked me up. We're here and we're world champions."

In 74 regular-season games after his June debut, Pratt hit .281 with 34 RBIs and 19 stolen bases. He is the first Latter-day Saint to win an MLB title since Jeremy Guthrie in 2015, and he drew national attention this postseason for celebrating with orange Fanta and sparkling cider instead of champagne.

PROVO FACT *Provo's street grid counts out from Center Street and University Avenue.*

DID YOU KNOW? *The Provo Farmers Market sets up in Pioneer Park on Saturdays.*

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

Cade Uluave named Butkus Award semifinalist

SOURCE: BYU COUGARS (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



BYU linebacker Cade Uluave was named Thursday one of 15 semifinalists for the 2026 Butkus Award, given each year to the nation's outstanding college linebacker. The semifinalists were chosen by a national committee of coaches, scouts and football journalists. Uluave, a 6-foot-1, 235-pound senior from South Jordan, leads BYU with 45 tackles and four quarterback hurries.

He also has an interception, 3.5 tackles for loss and half a sack. Before the season he was named to the watch lists for the Butkus Award, the Lombardi Award and the Lott IMPACT Trophy, and was a preseason All-America pick by Phil Steele and Athlon Sports. He is in his first year at BYU after transferring from Cal, where he played 34 games over three seasons.

He was a 2025 All-ACC first-team pick after leading the Bears with 100 tackles and 12 tackles for loss, and he was the Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year in 2023. Finalists will be announced Nov. 20, and the winner will be named the week of Dec. 7. The award, created in 1985, is named for Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus.

PROVO FACT *Brigham Young University was founded in Provo in 1875 as Brigham Young Academy.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Mount Timpanogos rises to 11,752 feet, the second-highest peak in the Wasatch Range.*

Big 12 sets policy on chants at BYU games

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — SPORTS (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



The Big 12 has fined UCF $100,000 after discriminatory chants aimed at BYU during last Saturday's game in Orlando, and announced a tougher conference-wide policy that takes effect immediately at all athletic events. The conference acknowledged UCF's efforts to stop the chants but still issued the fine.

Under the new rules, "a confirmed first incident during a game will result in an automatic minimum $100,000 fine," followed by a formal warning that gives the school a chance to stop the behavior. A second incident in the same game "will result in an in-game competitive penalty, e.g. a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty in football or an unsportsmanlike two-shot technical foul in basketball and may result in an additional $500,000 fine," the conference said.

Offenders will be barred from all athletic events for the rest of the academic year. Past fines for such chants topped out at $50,000. The new first-offense fine doubles that, and a second offense could cost 10 times as much. The conference also runs a "Respect the Game" campaign, a series of 30- to 60-second videos played at Big 12 events.

"The Big 12 remains committed to providing a respectful environment for student-athletes, coaches and fans. Discriminatory conduct will not be tolerated," the statement said.

STATE

UPDATE

Utah charges Kalshi with felonies

SOURCE: UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 29

New felony charges against Kalshi and a new federal lawsuit against Utah joined the legal fight between the prediction market platform and the state this week. Kalshi and its co-founders, Tarek Mansour and Luana Lopes Lara, face 12 felony counts of online gambling promotion, one felony count of pattern of unlawful activity and a misdemeanor count of gambling promotion, according to charging documents filed Wednesday by Utah Attorney General Derek Brown. "Gambling is illegal in Utah, whether you place the bet, run the game, or promote it. Calling it a 'prediction market' doesn't change what it is," Brown said. According to the charging documents, an undercover agent with Utah geolocations was able to place wagers on multiple sports events after a federal court ruled that Utah's gambling laws apply to Kalshi. "This is a crazy overreach; Utah is clearly playing politics," said Kalshi spokesperson Jacki McGavick. "We look forward to putting a stop to this in court, just like we did in Arizona," where a federal judge permanently blocked the state from prosecuting the company. Meanwhile, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission sued Utah, arguing that prediction markets are for federal regulators alone and that the state is trying to block exchanges the commission has approved. Utah's constitution bans gambling, and this year lawmakers passed a law explicitly banning prediction markets in the state.

PROVO FACT *The Marriott Center, home of BYU basketball, opened in 1971.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Provo was incorporated as a city in 1851.*

YOUR VOTE · SENATE 23

PROVO · LOCAL

Grover, Smith vie for Senate 23

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 28



Sen. Keith Grover, left (campaign photo, keithgrover.com), and Tucker Smith (photo via Daily Herald)

Voters in western Provo, western Orem and Vineyard will choose a state senator on Nov. 3. Utah Senate District 23 pits Republican Sen. Keith Grover, a former public school teacher and school administrator, against Democrat Tucker Smith, a public educator. The Daily Herald sent both candidates the same six-question survey and published their answers Oct. 28.

Both men lead with schools. They part ways on taxes, the size of government and the Legislature's Republican supermajority. Here is where each stands, in his own words. Grover said "Utah's future depends on strong, principled leadership," because decisions made in the Senate "directly affect our families, schools, businesses, and individual freedoms." He pointed to his work as an educator, school administrator and state senator, and said he offers "more than campaign promises – I bring a record of leadership and accomplishment." His priorities, he wrote, are to "protect taxpayers, defend individual freedoms, strengthen education, and preserve Utah's prosperity," and to address housing affordability, water scarcity and infrastructure "while maintaining limited government and fiscal responsibility."

He also said he would oppose what he called his opponent's "socialist and communist policies." As an example of compromise, Grover cited S.B. 221, his bill on creating new school districts. He said he worked with Alpine School District communities to settle questions of local control, money and school governance, and the bill passed both chambers unanimously. "I was elected to lead, not simply follow the loudest voices or political pressure," he wrote. "I am a proud Republican and committed conservative, but my first responsibility is to the people I represent." Smith said the Legislature provides key funding for public education and public transportation and regulates businesses, and a state senator must make sure "funding for crucial government services doesn't dry up."

He described himself as a public educator with "a deep love for public education" who will treat Utahns' concerns "with the care and respect they inherently deserve." His platform is specific. He would fight for $1 billion more for public education every year, for universal child care and pre-K, and to bring housing costs down and wages up so that housing costs no more than 30% of a household's income. He backs a progressive income tax and a wealth tax, which he said would not burden low- and middle-income families, and limits on campaign finance. Smith called compromise "essential," and said that is "partly why having a Republican supermajority is so toxic." He pointed to the recently created constitutional court as evidence of lawmakers "dodging checks" on their own power.

"Political party will not supersede my responsibility to my constituents," he wrote. Grover can be reached at keithgrover@le.utah.gov or keithgrover.com. Smith's platform is at tuckersmithforutah.com.
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.

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

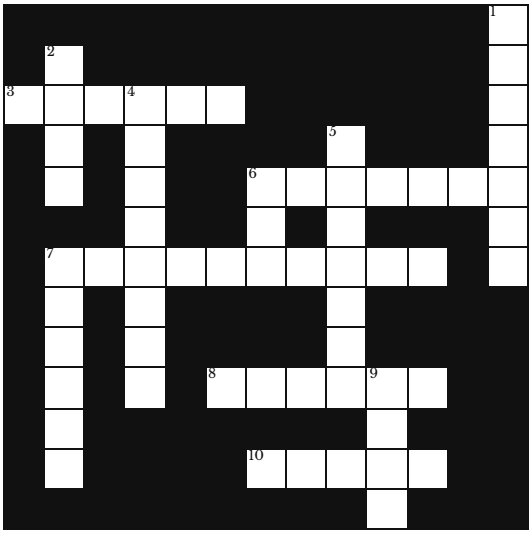
BABS UNRAVELED — THURSDAY

Today: Babs skips the costume at a Halloween party.



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

THURSDAY CROSSWORD — AROUND PROVO



ACROSS

3 ___ Edwards Stadium *(6)*

6 Utah, the ___ State *(7)*

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

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

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

DOWN

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

2 Cornbelly's corn ___ *(4)*

4 North Provo neighborhood in 84604 *(8)*

5 Utah state bird *(7)*

6 Babs's hairdo *(3)*

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

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

Crossword answers. Across: 3 LAVELL, 6 BEEHIVE, 7 TIMPANOGOS, 8 BALLOT, 10 COVEY. Down: 1 PIONEER, 2 MAZE, 4 EDGEMONT, 5 SEAGULL, 6 BUN, 7 TEMPLE, 9 OREM.

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PROVO FACT *The Utah Valley Convention Center opened in downtown Provo in 2012.*

LOCAL NOTE *Provo's street grid counts out from Center Street and University Avenue.*

SUDOKU — EASY

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PROVO FACT *The Provo Farmers Market sets up in Pioneer Park on Saturdays.*

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

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