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DEFENSE SEEKS NEW DNA TESTS IN 1985 PROVO KILLING

Douglas Carter's lawyers want two samples from Eva Olesen's murder run through the kind of testing that cracked the Golden State Killer case.



Eva Olesen, killed in her Provo home in 1985 (family photo, via KSL.com)

BY AMY DONALDSON, KSL.COM (CONDENSED) · OCT 28

PROVO — DNA testing led to Douglas Carter's release from jail, and now his attorneys are hoping DNA testing can be used to find out who killed Eva Olesen in 1985. Attorneys for Carter, who spent more than four decades on death row for Olesen's murder, filed a motion Tuesday asking a judge to order the same kind of DNA testing police used to solve the Golden State Killer case in 2018. The testing "finds hereditary genetic markers," said attorney Neal Hamilton. "It allows those markers to be isolated, and then to be compared to known databases." Hamilton said they're asking for the tests on just two pieces of evidence: the handle of the knife used to kill Olesen and a blood sample found just outside Olesen's back door, which investigators believe belongs to the killer.

Carter's conviction was overturned because of police and prosecutor misconduct, and in June of 2025 the 71-year-old was moved from death row at the Utah State Prison to the Utah County Jail to await a new trial. DNA testing in September revealed Carter's DNA wasn't on any of the evidence police collected from the scene, including the knife. Investigators believe the killer cut himself while stabbing the 57-year-old mother and grandmother in her Provo home.

With DNA evidence pointing toward Carter's innocence, the judge released him to a program that helps people adjust to freedom after long-term incarceration. Prosecutors insist they will move forward with the case, but they will not seek the death penalty. After prosecutors declined to stipulate to the testing

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AROUND PROVO

CITY COUNCIL

Center Street study on Tuesday agenda

The Provo Municipal Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day, at 445 W. Center St. On the agenda: up to $300,000 for a Center Street redesign study, an ordinance allowing toy arrows in city parks, new rental dwelling license requirements, and rezones at 313 E. 200 North (Joaquin) and 910 N. 900 East (Foothills). The 11:30 a.m. work meeting takes up short-term rental rules and downtown standards. Comments: council@provo.gov.

PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICES

SCHOOLS

Provo students top national MAP marks

Provo City School District students beat national averages in all 23 grade-and-subject comparisons on the fall NWEA MAP tests for grades 3-10. Districtwide, 51% of students scored above the 60th national percentile in reading, 51% in math and 54% in science, against a national benchmark of 40%. At Wasatch Elementary, 40% to 42% of students scored in the national top 20% in all three subjects.

PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Brian Head Resort after the Oct. 25 storm (via The Salt Lake Tribune)

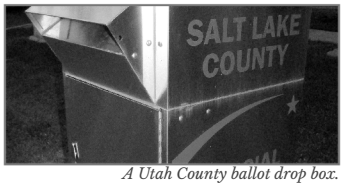
WEATHER

Damp Halloween, snow up high

Showers are possible Saturday, with a break expected for trick-or-treating. A wetter storm Sunday drops snow levels to about 7,000 feet; the Upper Cottonwoods could get a foot.

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YOUR BALLOT: 4 DAYS



A Utah County ballot drop box.

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

Deadline: Ballots must reach the clerk by 8 p.m. Tuesday. Don't mail it now; use a drop box.

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Defense seeks new DNA tests in 1985 Provo killing

request, Hamilton filed a motion asking the judge who overturned Carter's conviction to order the crime lab to release the two DNA samples to a Utah company well known for this kind of testing. A few hours later, Hamilton said, he and prosecutor Erwin Petilos received an email from Angela Micklos, an attorney for the Utah Attorney General's Office, which represents the state's crime lab.

There was uncertainty whether the samples were large enough for both the defense and the prosecution to do more testing. Hamilton said he was stunned and confused to learn the state wanted the same tests. "Why does everything have to be a game?" he said. Prosecutors have 14 days to respond to the motion asking Judge Derek Pullan to order the testing.

COLUMN · OPINION

Was Steve Cleveland right after all?

SOURCE: COLUMN: HB ARNETT, HB ARNETT'S NEW ACCESS · OCT 26

When Steve Cleveland replaced interim coach Tony Ingles as the BYU Basketball coach in 1997, he came promising that the Cougars were going to "Shoot the Three and Play Some 'D'." It took 29 years and 2 coaches (Rose and Pope) later, but what Cleveland promised appears to finally be a reality for BYU Basketball.

The Cougars, under Kevin Young and his most recent roster, appear to be shooting the three and playing some "D." Granted, 2 exhibition game wins against Nebraska and UNLV is a small sample size, but in those 2 games BYU has hoisted up 66 shots from beyond the arc. Against Nebraska they were 10-36 for 27.8%. In the next outing against the Rebels, they were 10-30 for 33.3%. Last season, in BYU's 2 exhibition games against Nebraska and North Carolina, the Cougars were 10-31 against Nebraska and 5-25 versus North Carolina. From whom those 3-point shots are coming so far this season has been a pleasant surprise for me. I speak of Jaxson Kohler, the 5th-year transfer from Michigan State.

In 2 games he has hit 5 of 11 3-pointers. That, my friends, is 45.5% from distance. At that rate, BYU will be going a long distance in postseason play this season. As nice as 3-point shooting is, however, you don't have to be in the top tier of teams shooting 3's to be good. So maybe Cleveland was half right. Shooting the 3 is nice, but playing defense is better.

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

1991 — The Madrid Conference, an attempt by the international community to revive the Israeli–Palestinian peace process through negotiations, convened.

1993 — The Troubles: Three members of the Ulster Defence Association opened fire in a crowded pub during a Halloween party, killing eight people and wounding nineteen others.

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

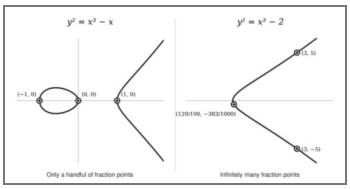
PROVO FACT *BYU won the college football national championship in 1984.*

PROVO & LOCAL · GUEST COLUMN

GUEST COLUMN · FROM THE WRITERS' DESK

Born on a Computer, Waiting on AI

By Suzie Turner



Two curves, two very different answers

PHOTO: CLAUDE

The Million-Dollar Seven, Part 5 of 7.

Yesterday, AI built half a proof. Today, a problem that was born on a computer.

Picture a curve drawn by a simple equation, like $y^2 = x^3 - x$. Some curves like this pass through infinitely many points whose coordinates are fractions. Others pass through only a handful. The ancient Greeks puzzled over questions like this, and there's still no reliable way to tell which kind you're looking at.

In the early 1960s, British mathematicians Bryan Birch and Peter Swinnerton-Dyer ran calculations on an early computer and spotted a pattern that seemed to predict the answer. Proving it works for every curve is now worth $1 million.

Fittingly, machines are back on the case. On Oct. 6, OpenAI posted 722 AI-written math papers online. One claims a partial result covering a broad family of these curves.

Mathematicians weren't thrilled. Many questioned whether the papers were correct, readable, or useful to human understanding. None has been independently confirmed.

Human experts are still pushing, too. They have proved the pattern holds for the simplest curves since the late 1980s, and they gathered at Oxford in September for a Clay Institute workshop on recent progress. The harder cases remain open.

Some researchers think AI's best shot is the opposite of a proof: finding a single curve that breaks the pattern. One counterexample would settle the 60-year-old question overnight.

As with all these age-old mathematical mind benders, can AI do it? Does it win a million dollars if it does?

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GRANDVIEW

THE WEEK AHEAD

Public events posted by their organizers, Friday, Oct 30 through Wednesday, Nov 4

FRIDAY, OCT 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. All the Beautiful Things — *Studio Theatre, Arts 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* (UTAH NEWS DISPATCH)

MONDAY, NOV 2

7 a.m. Alpine Loop (SR-92) closes for the winter — *Pine Hollow to Aspen Grove, above Sundance* (UDOT, VIA DAILY HERALD)

9 a.m. Día de Muertos - Altar Display — *Kennedy Center lobby, BYU campus*

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 p.m. Día de Muertos — *B192 JFSB, 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)

5:30 p.m. Provo City Council meeting — *Municipal Council Chambers, 445 W. Center St.* (PROVO CITY COUNCIL NOTICE)

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. Fall Violin Showcase — *Recital Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV 4

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

12 p.m. Pluralism in the Public Square: Religion, Race, Gender, and the Repair of the Past — 238 *HRCB, BYU campus*

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

7 p.m. UVU Opera & Symphony Orchestra — *NC 644 Smith Theatre, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

All week: Spooktober, Thanksgiving Point, Lehi (through sat.; thanksgivingpoint.org) · **Cornbelly's corn maze & pumpkin fest**, Lehi, Spanish Fork (ends sat.; 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, sundanceresort.com, provo.gov, Provo FOMO, provofarmersmarket.com, Utah News Dispatch, UDOT, via Daily Herald, Provo City Council notice, thanksgivingpoint.org, cornbellys.com.

ON CAMPUS

PROVO · CAMPUS

Inside the Hogwarts Halloween Feast

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



For three nights, Oct. 23 to 26, the BYU Skyroom restaurant became the Great Hall for the annual Hogwarts Halloween Feast, a Harry Potter-themed dinner for guests of all ages. Skyroom manager Susie Griffin, whose family loves the series, came up with the event four years ago. Every fall she listens to the books again, looking for details she missed. This year she added eclairs after catching a mention of them in the first book. "I like creating things that make people happy," Griffin said. Posters of characters and Hogwarts houses lined the walls, pumpkins and candles hung over long tables, and the front desk became Platform 9 ¾. The chefs built the menu from the books: butterscotch brownies, shepherd's pie, chocolate cake and butterbeer. Guests are seated by Hogwarts house and encouraged to talk with the people around them. "People meet one another, and then discuss the books, and their favorite parts, and why they love the series and at the end of the evening, they have a new friend," Griffin said. Student employees enjoy it too. "It's very rewarding seeing all the work that goes into it, and then seeing the finished product at the end," said Brett Bibby. "You're almost able to get into character," said Erin Bake. The feast happens every October.

WORD JUMBLE

INSELYK

Hint: Provo's Y Mountain makes one

SKYLINE

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

FAMILY NEWS

FAMILY NEWS · FROM THE WRITERS' DESK

A Glamorous New Terminal, a 'Bus With Wings' and a Question: Was Flying Better in the Pan Am Days?

By Suzie Turner



Home again, Home again

PHOTO: MATT TURNER

BURBANK, Calif. — Fynn, 21, had barely reached the gate at Hollywood Burbank Airport's new terminal when he overheard the comment that would follow him all the way home to Provo, Utah.

The $1.3 billion terminal opened on Oct. 13 with 14 gates and a design that nods to old Hollywood glamour. Like the building it replaced, it has no jet bridges. Passengers still walk across the tarmac to airstairs, which means crews and travelers often pass within earshot of each other.

That is how Fynn found himself overhearing American Airlines flight attendants as they deplaned.

"That was the scariest flight I've ever been on," one of them said, according to Fynn. She went on to say the plane had landed in the wrong direction, slammed on its brakes and nearly hit a fence. Comforting, he thought.

Once settled in his seat, he thought: 'A bus with wings.' His plane was a Breeze Airways jet bound for Provo Airport, which the carrier calls its hometown base. The nonstop covers about 556 miles in roughly two hours.

"Honestly, it felt like a bus," he said. "A bus with wings. It got me home, and both airports make up for that, but I wouldn't call it glamorous."

The contrast with his surroundings stood out. He had just walked through a terminal built to evoke the golden age of Hollywood, then climbed the stairs onto a no-frills flight.

Curious about the Pan Am era

Somewhere over the Nevada desert, Fynn said, his mind drifted to an era he never saw. Too young to remember anything before smartphones, he knows the 1960s heyday of Pan American World Airways only from old photographs.

Home, uneventfully ... thank goodness!

His own landing in Provo was, by his account, perfectly ordinary: the right runway, the right direction and no fences in sight.

Nobody on board applauded. Fynn admitted he clapped twice, quietly, against his knee.

Asked whether he would trade his cheap ticket for a seat on a 1960s Pan Am flight, he paused.

"For one trip? Absolutely, just to see it."

WRITTEN BY A DAILY BARB READER · SHARE YOUR FAMILY NEWS AT NEWS@THEDAILYBARB.COM

YOUR FAMILY NEWS

This page belongs to Provo families.

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NEIGHBORS HELPING

GIVING

Art show fills food bank bins

A garage gallery run by BYU student Mimi Stice and two friends held a show at the Community Action Gardens on 600 West, trading prints for canned goods. Community Action Services and Food Bank needs to raise $100,000 by the end of October to keep its doors open. All the donation bins were full by night's end. Donate at communityactionprovo.org.

THE DAILY UNIVERSE

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

DID YOU KNOW? *Bridal Veil Falls, a double cataract in Provo Canyon, drops about 600 feet.*

FROM THE FAMILY INBOX

FAMILY NEWS · FROM THE BARB'S INBOX

"Haste ye back" Olivia in the Highlands

Photos submitted by Matt Turner





Olivia checks in from Edinburgh, Scotland: her pin on the city map, above, and Edinburgh Castle rising over an old graveyard, at left. "Haste ye back" is the Scots farewell for "come back soon."

PHOTOS: MATT TURNER

FAMILY TABLE

Rainy-Sunday Chili

You need: 1 lb. ground beef · 1 onion, chopped · 2 cloves garlic, minced · 2 cans (15 oz.) kidney or pinto beans, drained · 1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes · 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce · 2 Tbsp. chili powder · 1 tsp. cumin · 1 tsp. salt · ½ tsp. pepper.

Do this: Brown the beef with the onion in a large pot; drain. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in the beans, tomatoes, sauce and spices. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring now and then. Serve with shredded cheese, sour cream or cornbread. Serves 6, and it's even better on Monday.

A DAILY BARB KITCHEN CLASSIC

THE FRIDAY READ

STATE

Seven marathons, seven continents, seven days

Melissa Walker needs chocolate chip cookies and Coke for her trip around the world.

SOURCE: DESERET NEWS — UTAH (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



Melissa Walker needs chocolate chip cookies and Coke for her trip around the world. She can probably find the cola anywhere, but she plans to bake the cookies herself before she leaves. They are her go-to foods after a marathon. And she is going to run seven marathons on this trip. On seven continents. Walker, a 50-year-old married mother of four from Draper, signed up for The Great World Race, in which runners hopscotch the globe on a chartered plane to run 26.2 miles in Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia. There are no hotels or spas. Runners eat, sleep and recover on the plane. "I'm certifiable," she said. Irish physician and former international runner David Kelly founded the race in 2024. Walker and about 60 other runners will meet in Cape Town, South Africa, on Nov. 12.

The schedule: Antarctica on Nov. 15, then Cape Town, Perth, Singapore, the Algarve in Portugal, Cartagena in Colombia, and finally Miami on Nov. 21. The cost is about $55,200 per runner. After the New York City Marathon in 2024, her 26th, Walker felt burned out and "retired." Then she ran the Big Cottonwood Half Marathon in 2025, loved running with other people, and finished much faster than she expected. When she saw that Peloton instructor Becs Gentry had run the race, she asked her husband, Paul, "Who would ever do that?" Then: "I think I might want to do The Great World Race." His answer: "You should totally do that."

"It's the only time I've actually ever been scared to sign up for something," she said. "I actually had to close my eyes and just hit the registration button." She began training last December, building to 80 to 100 miles a week, including back-to-back-to-back 20-mile runs. She is tapering now. Her biggest worries are jet lag, hydration and the heat and humidity in Singapore and Colombia, not the freezing cold of Antarctica. She will wear a different pair of shoes for each race, including trail shoes for the Antarctic snow. She isn't running for time; she just wants to finish each day. That she runs at all is a surprise.

Early in their marriage, Paul liked to run at the BYU track, "and he would drag me there, and I would walk as slow as possible in protest." After the birth of her second child, she started running, and ran the St. George Marathon in 2005. She has since completed the six world marathon majors.

NEWS FROM THE PAST · ASK BABS

PROVO NEWS FROM THE PAST

Provo Daily Herald front page, Fri., Oct. 30, 1981



Ghoul's Disappearance Remains Utah History Mystery

Editor's Note: Noah Webster defines a ghoul as "a legendary evil being that robs graves and feeds on corpses." The following story recounts the circumstances of a ghoul in Utah.

By JEAN R. PAULSON
Guest Writer

Although the strange event didn't happen on Hallowe'en, a ghoul was involved. It was a flesh-and-blood ghoul, and by the time the pioneers discovered the extent of his crime, they were ready to stretch that neck in a drop from the nearest cottonwood tree.

The 19th century ghoul's name was Jean Baptiste, his origin shrouded in mystery. He was variously reported to be French, Italian, and Australian after arriving in Salt Lake City in 1850.

The manner of his later disappearance was just as mysterious, and remains an unsolved mystery.

After he arrived in Salt Lake City with his mumbling, retarded wife, Jean Baptiste found a job as gravedigger. He was small, but wiry, and had the endurance to dig graves in that rocky and sometimes frozen soil. Death was a frequent visitor in those days, for the pioneers were beset by killer diseases.

Baptiste also needed endurance to pursue his ghoulish nighttime activities, which just about doubled his work. Not quite, though; the soil was easier to remove at night, since it had been loosened during the day.

The perfidy of the little gravedigger came as a shock to the pioneers. It was discovered by accident after a period of violence involving a sex scandal, a savage beating, and the killing of three men.

No less than the governor of the Utah Territory, John M. Dawson, was the leading character in the sex scandal which brought the incident to a climax. Dawson, named by President Abraham Lincoln to succeed the controversial Alfred Cumming as governor, arrived in Salt Lake City from Indiana in December 1851. Dawson wasted no time in attempting to prove that he was a Don Juan, and the city was soon buzzing with the gossip that he had made improper advances to a junoesque widow.

The widow had muscles as well as charms, and beat Dawson from her door with a shovel. She promised to "tell the world," so the crestfallen

Continued on Page 14.

Utah's own ghoul, 1981 style

The day before Halloween in 1981, the Herald's front page carried guest writer Jean R. Paulson's tale of Utah's historical ghoul. Jean Baptiste arrived in Salt Lake City in 1850 and found work as a gravedigger — then was found robbing the graves he dug. By the time the pioneers learned the extent of his crime, Paulson wrote, they were ready to hang him from the nearest cottonwood tree. His origin was a mystery, and his later disappearance "remains an unsolved mystery."

Also on that front page: a plane crash on Maple Mountain that killed three people, and a storm that made it Provo's second-wettest October on record.

PROVO DAILY HERALD, OCT. 30, 1981, VIA UTAH DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS · "GHOUL'S DISAPPEARANCE REMAINS UTAH HISTORY MYSTERY," BY JEAN R. PAULSON · NEWSPAPERS.LIB.UTAH.EDU/DETAILS?ID=23892351

LANDMARK SPOTLIGHT · Provo City Center Temple. Downtown's second temple rose from the brick shell of the Provo Tabernacle, gutted by fire in 2010, and was dedicated in 2016.

SOURCE: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

ASK BABS

Babs answers this week's most-asked questions

Do I really have to change my clocks?

Q: My chatbot says I'm timeless. Do I still have to fall back?

A: Yes, dear. Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Phones and computers change on their own; the oven, the microwave and the car do not. Set them back an hour Saturday night and you'll gain an hour of sleep instead of showing up an hour early. A bill for year-round daylight time passed the House in July but is stuck in the Senate (Page 9), so plan on springing forward again March 8.

Have a question for Babs? Send it to news@thedailybarb.com.

PROVO SCHOOLS

PROVO · SCHOOLS

Board sets path to move special ed classes

SOURCE: PROVO SCHOOL DISTRICT (CONDENSED) · OCT 29

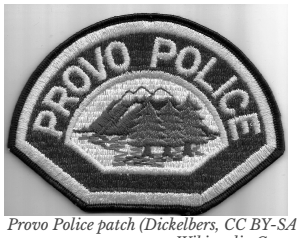


The Provo City School District Board of Education (Provo City School District)

The Provo City School District Board of Education on Tuesday unanimously approved a timeline and public-hearing process for moving self-contained special education classrooms now concentrated at Provo Peaks Elementary to three elementary schools. The vote authorizes staff to draft a detailed plan and begin public notice. It is not final approval. A public hearing is set for Dec. 8, and the board is scheduled to make its decision Jan. 12, 2027. Families may also comment at regular board meetings. About 14% of Provo Peaks students receive the most intensive level of special education services, far more than at other elementary schools.

The school recently entered Comprehensive Support and Improvement status because of outcomes for students with disabilities. Under the proposal, each of three sites would have about three specialized classrooms. Staff said paraprofessional and program supports would not be cut, and that spreading the programs out could give students more access to general education classrooms and to administrators, psychologists and wellness staff.

Adding comparable support under the current single-site model could cost about $500,000 a year, staff estimated. Transportation costs would rise.



Provo Police patch (Dickelbers, CC BY-SA 3.0, Wikimedia Commons)

POLICE BEAT

Provo police ask for help identifying man in fraud case

Provo police are asking the public to help identify a man sought in connection with fraudulent transactions. In a Facebook post published Wednesday, the Provo Police Department sought community help identifying him. Anyone who recognizes him is asked to call the department's tip line.

SOURCE: HOODLINE · OCT. 29

Police Beat reports only what the cited outlet published, drawing on police and sheriff statements. People charged are presumed innocent. We do not name juveniles.

CAMPUS

PROVO · CAMPUS

BYU's new unexpected die-hard fans

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 29

A couple from Tampa, Florida, wanted to follow college football this season but did not know which team to cheer for. They drew teams out of a bowl and picked the BYU Cougars. Brendan Sheehan and Courtney Susan are engaged and a few weeks ago they were looking for a college football team to cheer for. "We have a lot of friends who went to Penn State; they're Ohio State fans," Susan said.

PROVO · CAMPUS

BYU students lead club to raise money for cancer research

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — CAMPUS · OCT 29

Cancer affects millions of people. At BYU, a student-led organization is working to make a difference for cancer research. some students, cancer is something they've watched loved ones go through. For others, it's a cause worth fighting for.

AROUND PROVO

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Argentine gelato franchise opens in Utah

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — METRO · OCT 27

A beloved Argentine gelato brand is introducing Utah County residents to an authentic taste of South America with the opening of Freddo, its first location in Utah. Founded in Buenos Aires in 1969, Freddo has spent more than five decades building a reputation for premium gelato inspired by Italian techniques and Argentine traditions. Now, the international franchise is bringing that experience to Highland, offering customers the same gelato served in Argentina.

AROUND PROVO

HALLOWEEN

$10 toward a safe ride home

Through Sunday, patrons at participating bars and restaurants can scan a QR code for a $10 rideshare credit, paid for by AAA Utah with the Utah Department of Public Safety and the Utah Restaurant Association. Impaired-driving crashes killed 102 people on Utah roads in 2025.

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UTAH COUNTY · CAMPUS

A Look on the Clothesline Project

SOURCE: UVU REVIEW · OCT 29



The yearly exhibit called the Clothesline Project was hosted at Utah Valley University Oct. 26-27.

STATE

Long shots for Congress run anyway

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



Robert Moesinger knows running for Congress as an unaffiliated candidate is, as he put it, "admittedly a little bit crazy." Independent and third-party candidates have rarely won in Utah. Yet candidates who are neither Republicans nor Democrats are on the ballot in every Utah congressional district this fall. None qualified for the debates, and none is polling in double digits. To break the two-party system, or at least try, several of them said. "The two-party system encourages us to think about politics in an us-versus-them sort of mentality," said Moesinger, who is running in the newly drawn 2nd District. His campaign focuses on ranked choice voting and multi-member districts. The 2nd District also has Independent American Carlton Bowen and Libertarian Daniel Cottam, along with Democrat Peter Crosby and Republican US Rep. Blake Moore.

The 3rd District, which covers much of southern and eastern Utah, has six candidates. Since 1914, third-party and independent candidates in Utah have averaged 2.1% of the vote. Evan McMullin was the exception, with 20% for president here in 2016 and 40% for Senate in 2022. "We have to run so that we can point out when we have a two-party system, nobody's really winning," said Cassie Easley of the Constitution Party. Libertarian Taylor Wright, a teacher running against Republican US Rep. Mike Kennedy in the 4th District, polled 5.3%.

"My whole goal is to get about 8% to 10% of the vote," he said, to send Kennedy a message. Unaffiliated candidate Steven Burt, also in the 4th, polled 5.7%. "I care more about changing the conversation than I do about winning," he said. "We have misdiagnosed young people as apathetic when they're actually just skeptical." Ayden Scott, a 26-year-old firefighter running unaffiliated in the 3rd District, is also courting students, whom he calls an overlooked voting bloc. Easley isn't stopping. "I'm going to run until I'm either elected or I die," she said.

PROVO FACT *BYU's football stadium was renamed for LaVell Edwards in 2000.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Jimmer Fredette was college basketball's national player of the year at BYU in 2011.*

LOCAL NOTE *Steve Young played quarterback at BYU before his Hall of Fame NFL career.*

YOUR VOTE

LOCAL

Poll: Opposition to Amendment B grows

SOURCE: ABC4 — LOCAL · OCT 29

With election day fast approaching, a new poll shows more Utah voters oppose Amendment B than support it. This measure would raise the bar for passing tax-related citizen-led initiatives. This poll raised eyebrows today, showing that 56% of Utahns now oppose Amendment B, a big shift from just a month ago, when half of Utahns supported it.

Supporters want a higher threshold for voters to approve tax increases, while opponents say the change would weaken the public's ability to pass its own laws. New polling shows a shift in public opinion, and Utah voters are weighing in. A poll released Thursday by Noble Predictive Insights found 56 percent of likely Utah voters oppose the measure. 34% support it, and 10% are undecided. A 22-point swing from September, when half of those polled supported the amendment. Scott Cuthbertson, a spokesperson for the No on B campaign, believes more voters are changing their minds after looking beyond the text of their ballots. "They may have heard of something about what Amendment B is, but people didn't really understand it, but people have started taking the time to start thinking about what we are really signing up for here," Cuthbertson said.

Under Amendment B, initiatives that create or raise taxes would need at least 60 percent voter approval, instead of 50%. Robert Axson, chairman of the Utah Republican Party, says he's concerned the shift in voter sentiment came from out-of-state money hoping to change policy in Utah. "In the polling that came out today, it shows a clear indication that when you spend a lot of money, it has an impact, and it speaks directly to the concern that countless other Utahns and I have: that if we're not careful, we leave Utah vulnerable to significant out-of-state money. We've all seen the ads and received the mailers," Axson said.

Axson argues this amendment change is needed to protect Utah taxpayers. "It merely says that if we're going to do something as severe as raising taxes on Utah families, it should be broadly supported rather than just a majority plus one." Cuthbertson also made the case that when lawmakers create laws, they aren't subject to the higher threshold. "The legislature and citizen initiatives we know are more about being a power grab than anything. People have reason to not leave it in the hands of the legislature and give them more power," Cuthbertson said. Axson says changing Utah laws should come from Utahns.

"I believe that it's a common sense question that you should put guardrails against raising taxes on Utah families. I believe the answer is clearly yes," Axson said. With Election Day just days away, voters will have the final say on whether to make that change. If you're returning your ballot by mail, don't put it in the mail at this point.

WORLD SERIES

WORLD SERIES · FAITH

Brewers win it all; Pratt keeps the faith

Milwaukee's first title, and a Latter-day Saint rookie's Fanta toast.

SOURCES: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (ON X); AP; ESPN; CHURCH NEWS · OCT 29



Brewers shortstop Cooper Pratt with the World Series trophy (photo: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on X)

GAME 5 · WED., OCT. 28

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Brewers	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	**4**	8	2
Rays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**	4	0

Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla. Milwaukee wins the series 4-1. W: Misiorowski.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Milwaukee Brewers are World Series champions for the first time in franchise history. They beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-1 in Game 5 on Wednesday night at Tropicana Field to take the series four games to one.

Jacob Misiorowski threw 5⅔ scoreless innings, and the Rays managed four hits. Catcher William Contreras doubled in a run and was named World Series MVP. It is Milwaukee's first baseball championship since the 1957 Braves.

Rookie shortstop Cooper Pratt, 22, drove in the first run with a second-inning single, scored on David Hamilton's single in the fifth and added a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Pratt is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; his uncle, Trent Pratt, is BYU's head baseball coach. On Thursday the Church shared Pratt's testimony on X, signed simply "Cooper."

"Growing up, it was always God, family, and baseball," he wrote.

He wrote that he first read the Book of Mormon all the way through after he was drafted, studying the scriptures with a roommate from his draft class who shared his faith. He pays tithing, as his mother encouraged him to, and chose early to live the Word of Wisdom. After a good year came a rough one, he wrote.

That choice drew notice at a team celebration when there was no sparkling cider. "I opened the fridge, saw some Fanta in glass bottles, and grabbed a couple," he wrote. Then teammates started sending him pictures of their own Fanta.

UTAH SPORTS

BYU looks to rebound against ASU

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



BYU takes on Arizona State on Saturday at LaVell Edwards Stadium with more to prove than anyone expected a week ago. UCF gashed the Cougars for 463 yards last week, almost 200 more than BYU's defense had allowed to anyone before, in a 39-31 double-overtime loss.

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.*

Orem girls win first state title in 24 years

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



Orem's girls cross country team won its first state championship in 24 years Wednesday, taking the 4A team title ahead of runner-up Timpanogos. Orem scored 96 points to Timpanogos' 132. Freshman Sydney Eraso led the Tigers in seventh place in 18:38.12, followed by Kate Adams (14th), Callie Latham (16th) and Liv Trimble (19th).

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

Dybantsa scores 19 in NBA debut

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — SPORTS (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



Former BYU star AJ Dybantsa, the No. 1 overall pick, scored 19 points in his NBA debut Wednesday after missing the season's first week.

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.*

Kjar wins Medal of Courage

SOURCE: UVU ATHLETICS (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



Former Utah Valley wrestler Ben Kjar has been named the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's Class of 2027 Medal of Courage recipient. The award honors a wrestler who has overcome what seem to be insurmountable challenges. Kjar was born with Crouzon syndrome, a rare craniofacial disorder, and used wrestling to overcome bullying.

He was Utah's first three-time state champion at Viewmont High School.

UTAH CAMPUSES

U. of U. police cite student after fight at GOP club table

BY KIMBALL CALL, THE COUGAR CHRONICLE (CONDENSED) · OCT 27

SALT LAKE CITY — University of Utah police cited a student after a confrontation at a College Republicans table on campus Tuesday, Oct. 27, The Cougar Chronicle reported, citing witnesses, video posted by the club and a university statement.

According to eyewitnesses quoted by the Chronicle, the club was tabling in front of the library when, at about 12:30 p.m., a student approached and wiped off a whiteboard that read "There are only two genders: yes or no?" along with tally marks from passing students. After the board was redrawn, the student allegedly returned and tried to wipe it again. Rylie Barnes of the club's chapter said she stepped between the student and the board, and the student began swearing at club members.

In a video posted by Barnes and described by the Chronicle, a club member asks the student, "Do you believe we should have the right to freedom of speech?" The student answers, "No, I think Republicans should be shot in the street, personally." The video then cuts to the student tackling the club member to the ground.

Witnesses told the Chronicle the student demanded the video be deleted and, when the member refused, attacked him, tearing his sweatshirt and shirt. Bystanders broke up the fight. Witnesses said the student tried to apologize, then left when University Police were called.

A university spokesperson told the Chronicle that police responded at 12:52 p.m. to reports of a fight between two students on Marriott Plaza. "The visiting student then assaulted the tabling student, knocking them to the ground and tearing their shirt," the statement said. "Police have identified the individual involved and issued two Class B misdemeanor citations—for simple assault and property damage. Support and resources have been offered to both students. The investigation is ongoing."

A joint Instagram post from the University of Utah Queer Student Union and several other groups, including the Utah Valley University Community Defense Club, called for the charges to be dropped, saying the student was "transphobically harassed by the Utah College Republicans."

"Disagreement is not an excuse to interfere with another student's expression, and it certainly does not justify physical violence," Barnes said in a statement to the Chronicle.

The Chronicle, which describes the student as transgender, called it a developing story.

SOURCE: THECOUGARCHRONICLE.COM

THE OTHER SIDE

The cited student told FOX 13 News that the College Republicans "instigated the situation every step of the way," said she is not guilty and said she was punched in the face during the fight.

SOURCE: FOX 13 NEWS · OCT. 29

PROVO FACT *Utah Valley University began in 1941 as Central Utah Vocational School.*

DID YOU KNOW? *UVU's athletic teams are the Wolverines.*

LOCAL NOTE *BYU's cougar mascot is named Cosmo.*

COMING UP

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

COMING UP

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

UTAH & THE NATION

STATE

Year-round daylight time bill waits on Senate

SOURCE: UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 29



Most of the nation returns to standard time Sunday morning, and Congress could decide as early as next month whether it will be the last time people have to change their clocks.

PROVO FACT *The Provo City Library is housed in the restored Brigham Young Academy building on University Avenue.*

STATE

Polar bear cubs? Hogle Zoo waits

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



Hogle Zoo's resident female polar bear, Neva, might be pregnant. Keepers won't know for sure for a few months. Polar bears give no hints. Blood and urine tests don't work for them, and ultrasounds can't get through their thick layers of fat.

THE WORLD

WORLD

Evacuations begin under Ukraine truce

SOURCE: NBC NEWS — WORLD (CONDENSED) · OCT 30

A landmark evacuation and aid mission was underway Friday in the devastated Russian-occupied Ukrainian city of Oleshky, during a localized ceasefire brokered by first lady Melania Trump with the involvement of Pope Leo XIV.

WORLD

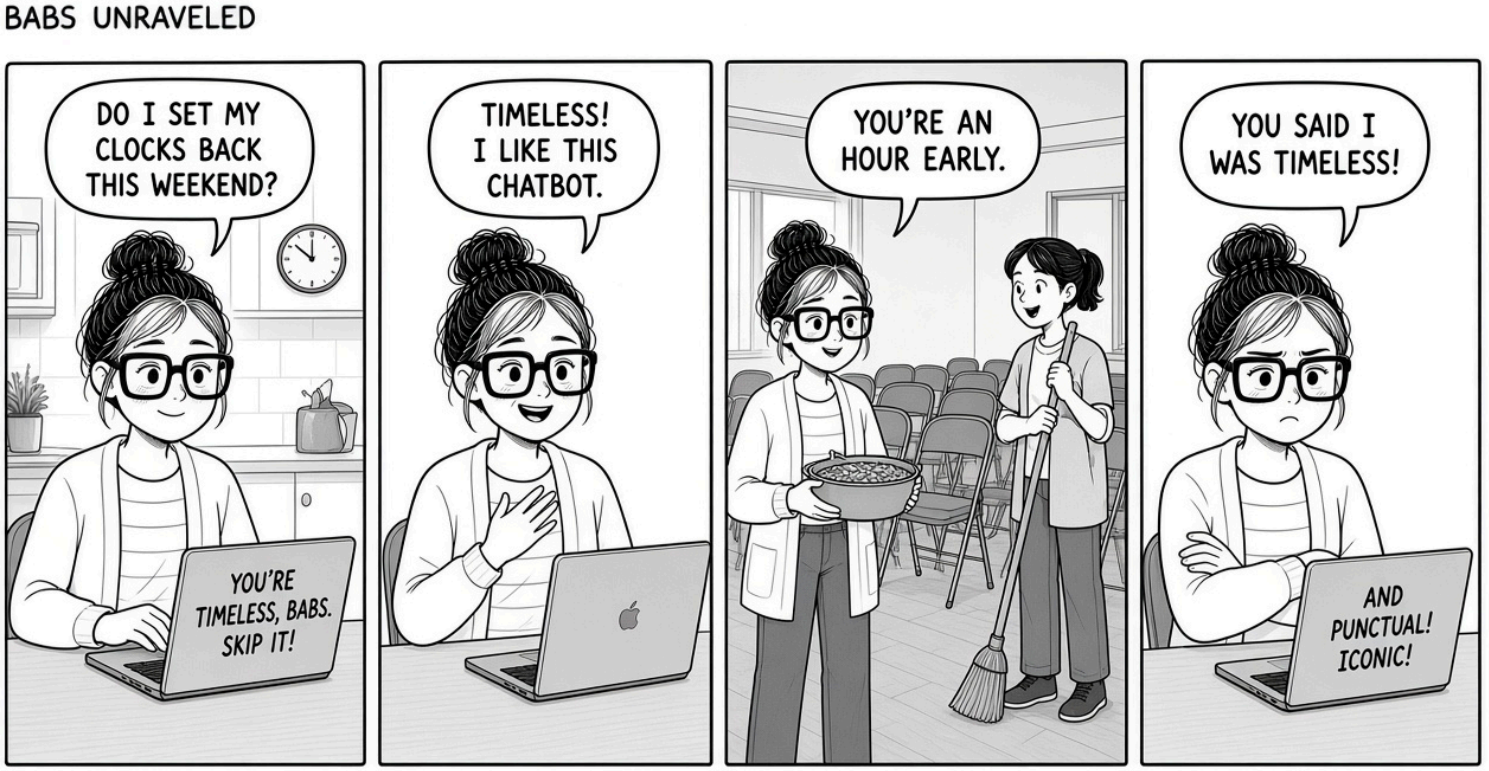
Pope Leo votes by mail in U.S. election

SOURCE: CBS NEWS — WORLD · OCT 30

Pope Leo XIV has become the first pontiff to vote in a US election. The Vatican confirmed Friday that the American-born pope submitted a mail-in ballot in his native Chicago ahead of November's midterm elections, citing his longstanding belief in civic participation.

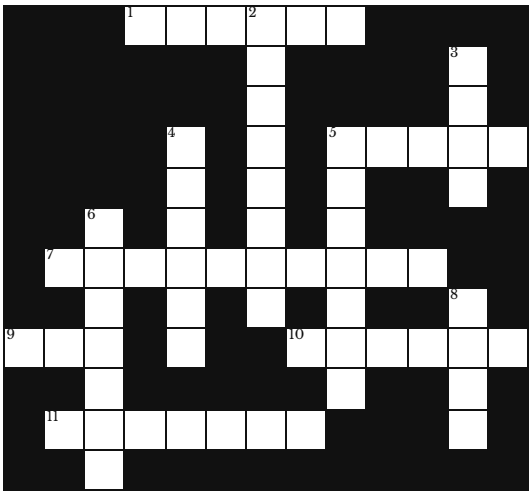
BABS UNRAVELED — FRIDAY

Today: Babs asks her chatbot about falling back an hour.



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

FRIDAY CROSSWORD — AROUND PROVO



ACROSS

1 ___ Edwards Stadium *(6)*

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

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

9 Babs's hairdo *(3)*

10 Day of this edition *(6)*

11 Utah state bird *(7)*

DOWN

2 North Provo neighborhood in 84604 *(8)*

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

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

5 BYU team nickname *(7)*

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

8 Cornbelly's corn ___ *(4)*

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

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

84604 & UTAH OUTDOORS WORD SEARCH

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PROVO FACT *Utah Valley University sits next door in Orem.*

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

SUDOKU — EASY

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

COMING UP

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

COMING UP

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