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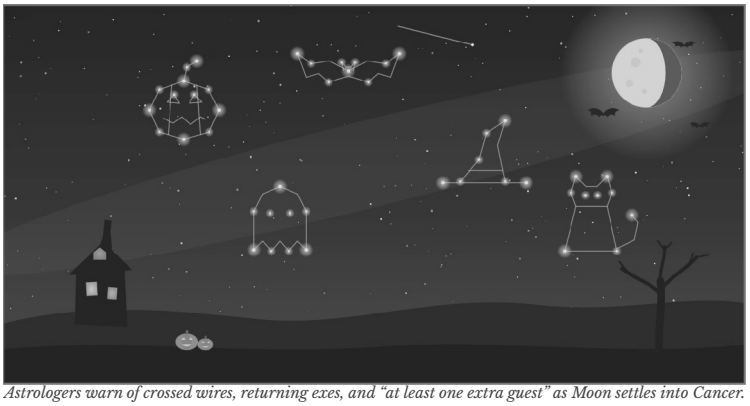
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RETROGRADE MERCURY, RESTLESS SPIRITS: STARS TURN SINISTER FOR ALL HALLOWS' EVE

THE NIGHT SKY — Residents of all twelve zodiac signs are being urged to keep their porch lights on and their wits about them tonight, as a rare pileup of planetary mischief coincides with Halloween.



Astrologers warn of crossed wires, returning exes, and "at least one extra guest" as Moon settles into Cancer.

BY OUR CELESTIAL CORRESPONDENT; SKYZIE TWYNER · OCT 31

THE NIGHT SKY — Residents of all twelve zodiac signs are being urged to keep their porch lights on and their wits about them tonight, as a rare pileup of planetary mischief coincides with Halloween. The Sun remains firmly in Scorpio. Mercury and Venus are both moving retrograde, Saturn is backtracking through Aries, and a waning gibbous Moon rests in the moody sign of Cancer. "Retrogrades rewind things," said one local stargazer, who asked to be identified only as "the woman who lives in the house at the end of the lane." "On Halloween, that includes things that were supposed to stay buried." Officials have issued the following sign-by-sign advisories. ARIES: Old Ghosts Spotted on Familiar Paths.

Witnesses describe one costume that looks "a little too much like someone they used to know." TAURUS: Mysterious Candy Disappearances Expected. Leave a single piece of candy on the porch at midnight. Something will take it. GEMINI: Unknown Numbers Cause Alarm. The sender already knows the message was read. CANCER: Homes Reported "Unusually Crowded." Several households report more guests than were invited. LEO: Joke Lands on Wrong Ears. The loudest joke of the night will land on ears that "weren't quite attached to anyone."

VIRGO: Extra Street Appears on Local Maps. Tonight's directions contain one street that did not exist yesterday. LIBRA: Old Flames Rekindle, Authorities Urge Caution. Some flames are just candles in jack-o'-lanterns. SCORPIO: Secrets Surface in Birthday Season. At least one

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AROUND PROVO



Young trick-or-treaters (via Utah Policy)

HALLOWEEN

Drivers, slow down tonight

Children ages 4 to 8 are 10 times more likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on Halloween, the American Red Cross of Utah says. Safety tips, Page 6.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF UTAH

TIMPVIEW

Thriller Sadies tonight

Timpview's Halloween dance runs 8 to 10 p.m. in the South Gym.

TIMPVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

WEATHER

A break today, then a soaking Sunday

Showers taper off this morning, with a break expected for trick-or-treating. A strong Pacific storm tapping an atmospheric river brings moderate to heavy rain Sunday. Snow levels fall below 7,000 feet by early Monday.

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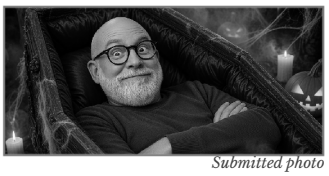
CLOCKS

Fall back tonight

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. Set clocks back one hour before bed and test your smoke alarms.

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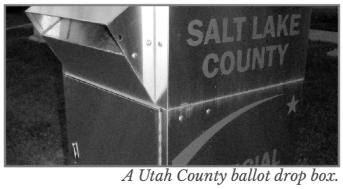
TONIGHT

The Turners' Halloween Die-near Party

The Turner Home is haunted, and the spirits are hungry. Gather at 6 p.m. for Dinner-in-a-Pumpkin, witches' chili, and more. Bring a pumpkin to carve, and don't come alone.

READER SUBMISSION

YOUR BALLOT: 3 DAYS



A Utah County ballot drop box.

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

Deadline: Ballots must reach the clerk by 8 p.m. Tuesday. It's too late to mail; use a drop box.

Record pace: More than 46 million Americans had voted early by Friday, topping 2022.

Races to watch: Seven legislative contests. *Page 8*



THE SATURDAY READ

Remembering loved ones

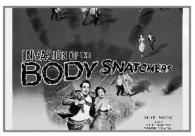
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concerns a Scorpio who does not remember it. SAGITTARIUS: Strange Invitations on the Rise. Decline any second invitation to step inside. CAPRICORN: Repeat Knocking Reported. Many will hear the same knock twice. Open the door only once. AQUARIUS: Prank Goes Too Far. The prankster never actually arrived at the party.

PISCES: Dreams Blur With Memory. Check your shoes for mud in the morning. The Daily Barb is not responsible for hauntings, possessions, or misplaced candy. Horoscopes are for entertainment purposes only — probably.

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

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Layin' It on the Line

BY LYLE BOSS, SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 30

The phone rings at 9 p.m. It's your grandson. There's been an accident, he's in trouble, and please, please don't tell Mom and Dad. A man claiming to be his attorney takes the phone and explains that $8,000 in cash will make this go away tonight. The voice is his. The panic is his. The only thing that isn't his is the call.

This Halloween, the most convincing costumes in Utah won't be on the porch. They'll be on the phone, in your inbox and in your text messages, wearing the faces of the people and institutions you trust most. According to the FBI's annual Internet Crime Report, Americans 60 and older reported $7.7 billion in losses in 2025.

Learn three costumes. The family emergency: artificial intelligence can now clone a voice from a few seconds of video posted online. Pick a family code word tonight, at dinner, and agree that nobody sends a dime in an emergency without it. The government official: Social Security doesn't call to threaten your benefits. Nobody in government accepts payment in gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency.

The bank's fraud department: a caller says your account is compromised and you need to move the money to a "safe account." That account belongs to the thief. If someone urges you to withdraw cash or visit a cryptocurrency kiosk, a scam is underway. Utahns are trusting people. We do business on a handshake. That is exactly why state regulators have warned for years about affinity fraud here.

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

1999 — Australian sailor Jesse Martin arrived in Melbourne, becoming the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo, non-stop, and unassisted.

2000 — Singapore Airlines Flight 006 collided with construction equipment while attempting to take off from Chiang Kai-shek International Airport in Taiwan during heavy rain, killing 83 people aboard.

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

The last unsolved millennium problem

By Suzie Turner

The Million-Dollar Seven, Part 6 of 7.

Yesterday, a problem born on a computer. Today, one so abstract even mathematicians need a lie-down.

The seven-part story so far: AI claims to have cracked fluid flow (Navier–Stokes), inched closer on the primes (Riemann) and solved half of particle physics' big puzzle (Yang–Mills). It has partial results on curves (Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer) and hasn't touched P vs NP.

The Hodge Conjecture is the hardest of the seven to explain, so here's the gist. Imagine a complicated shape in many dimensions. Some of its features are abstract, describable only with advanced math. The conjecture says certain of those features can always be built from simple pieces carved out by ordinary equations. Think of it as a promise that every fancy sculpture can be built from basic bricks.

In early October, OpenAI claimed to prove it for one important family of shapes. Not the whole thing, but a real step.

Then came a twist. A day later, OpenAI pulled three related papers after a sign error, the math version of writing a plus where a minus belongs, sank the argument. One mathematician joked online that the slip "may be the best evidence of sentience yet."

Every one who ever lost points for a dropped minus sign can finally relate to a supercomputer.

The surviving result is still under review, and the full conjecture remains open.

Tomorrow: the Poincaré Conjecture, the only one already solved, by a man who turned down the money.

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PROVO FACT *The Provo Tabernacle burned in December 2010.*

PROVO FACT *The Provo Utah Temple was dedicated in 1972.*

DID YOU KNOW? *U.S. 189 runs up Provo Canyon toward Heber City.*

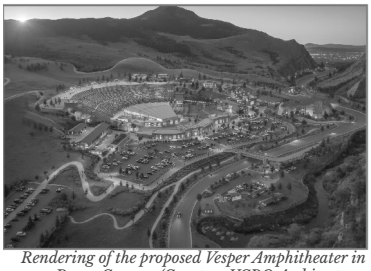
DID YOU KNOW? *The Utah State Hospital has been in Provo since 1885.*

PROVO CANYON

PROVO · LOCAL

Vesper plan heads back to Provo

BY CIARA HULET, KUER 90.1 (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



Rendering of the proposed Vesper Amphitheater in Provo Canyon (Courtesy VCBO Architecture, Horrocks, via KUER)

The developer of the Vesper Amphitheater is submitting a new application to Provo after withdrawing it in September to make changes, and the city expects the project to go before the planning commission in December. If city staff receive the new proposal in the next couple of weeks, they will explain it at a neighborhood meeting Nov. 11, the city told KUER.

Vesper was announced with room for 20,000 people, bigger than the upgraded Delta Center, on the site of a gravel pit in Provo Canyon. It is a testy topic in Utah County. Many worry about its impact on the environment and canyon traffic; others think it would be better than the gravel pit. It is far from the only new venue in the works. A 6,000-seat hall is planned for downtown Salt Lake City's overhauled sports and entertainment district, and a smaller one is planned for The Point in Draper.

Producer Steve Boulay, who has booked shows in Utah for 40 years, says he has never seen this much action. "I think we have a higher concentration of venues for our population size than almost anywhere," Boulay said. He worries Vesper and the Utah First Credit Union Amphitheater in West Valley City, formerly USANA, would cannibalize each other. "They're going up against a behemoth in Live Nation who owns the other building," he said. "That's not a fight I would ever enter into with my own money." At an October karaoke night at the Jackrabbit Lounge in downtown Provo, the local music community had mixed feelings.

Sound engineer Nickolas Thurber is in favor of Vesper and the touring acts it could bring. "I think where Utah has kind of been passed over a lot, it can bring those kinds of touring acts in," he said. What Thurber and Boulay think the area really needs is a mid-size venue. There isn't a place in Provo for a one-bus touring band, Thurber said. Restaurant owner Dean Judd loves the concept but wishes Vesper held 5,000 or 6,000 people, so the canyon could better handle the traffic. Solo artist Sarah Appel rejects Vesper. She says Provo's music scene, which gave rise to Imagine Dragons and centers on the cozy Velour Live Music Gallery, is strong as it is. "It's a lot of local people supporting local people, and that's what makes it so good," she said.

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

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

LOCAL NOTE *The Utah County Historic Courthouse on University Avenue was completed in 1926.*

LOCAL NOTE *Utah County is the state's second-most-populous county.*

UP THE MOUNTAIN · UTAH

PROVO · LOCAL

Summiting Timp after the snow

SOURCE: KSL — UTAH NEWS · OCT 31



PROVO — Most hikers tackle Mount Timpanogos in the spring and summer. But for Utah County resident Josh Abbott, some of the most rewarding climbs come after snow and ice begin covering the trail. Abbott recently reached the summit of the iconic peak, nearly 12,000 feet above Utah Valley, in late-fall conditions. The snowy landscape made for breathtaking views, but it also required extra preparation. "We brought our spikes for our shoes. We had climbing axes. We had ropes," Abbott said. "It's better to have everything and be prepared than to show up and wish you had more." He made the climb with experienced guides, which let him safely see parts of the mountain many hikers never do. "I was able to go and see things that not many people are able to go to and have that sense of accomplishment standing up at the top," he said.

As a child, Abbott said, his mother encouraged his sense of adventure with a two-way radio: as long as he stayed in range and checked in, she let him explore. Now working full time while attending school full time, he said hiking is a break. "Being up there, it's just a pause. I don't have to worry about work. I don't have to worry about school. It's just peaceful." Last summer he climbed Acatenango, a volcano in Guatemala. Still, some of his favorite hikes remain close to home.

"Sharing the beauty of Utah with the world is something that I just love," he said.

PROVO FACT *UVU's athletic teams are the Wolverines.*

Thwarting teen gambling may require more than talking to kids

SOURCE: KSL — UTAH NEWS · OCT 30

SALT LAKE CITY — Parents should talk with their children about gambling addiction, Draft Kings CEO Jason Robins told CNBC this week. But a Utah family therapist said talking may not be enough. Common Sense Media data show 50% of the 16- and 17-year-old boys it surveyed take part in online betting or gambling. A study in the Journal of Gambling Studies found nearly two-thirds of college students place bets.

Utah is in a multi-tiered legal battle with prediction market Kalshi, which the federal government is backing. The state claims Kalshi is running an illegal gambling scheme.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Public events posted by their organizers, Saturday, Oct 31 through Thursday, Nov 5

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

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

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

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

8–10 p.m. Timpview's Thriller Sadies dance — *South Gym; tickets online* (TIMPVIEW HIGH SCHOOL)

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

SUNDAY, NOV 1

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

MONDAY, NOV 2

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

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

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)

11:05 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 Also Thu.* (UVU CALENDAR)

THURSDAY, NOV 5

8 a.m. CSS Great Hearts Education Summit (UVU) — *Young Living Alumni Center Event Space, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

6 p.m. UVU volleyball vs. UC San Diego — *RL 142 Lockhart Arena - Main, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

7 p.m. Ballroom Dance Company in Concert (UVU) — *NC 601 Jones Theatre/Dance Lab, UVU, Orem* (UVU CALENDAR)

7 p.m. BYU women's soccer vs. Arizona State — *South Field, BYU campus*

7 p.m. BYU women's Lacrosse vs. Utah — *BYU West Main Campus Field, BYU campus*

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

7:30 p.m. Theatre Ballet Studio Company: Robyn Hood — *Dance Performance Theatre, Richards Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Microburst New Play Festival — *Black Box Theatre, Arts Building, BYU campus*

7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble: Swingin' & Groovin' — *Concert Hall, Music Building, BYU campus*

All week: Spooktober, Thanksgiving Point, Lehi (last day today; thanksgivingpoint.org) · **Cornbelly's corn maze & pumpkin fest**, Lehi, Spanish Fork (last day today; cornbellys.com)

As posted by each organizer; check before you go. BYU campus listings from the BYU Calendar (calendar.byu.edu). Sources: Provo FOMO, provofarmersmarket.com, BYU Calendar, UVU Calendar, sundanceresort.com, Timpview High School, The Daily Barb, Utah County Elections, Provo City Council notice, thanksgivingpoint.org, cornbellys.com.

ON CAMPUS

PROVO · CAMPUS

Library ofrenda honors ancestors

BY MYRIAM DANIELSON, THE DAILY UNIVERSE · OCT 30

Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is celebrated in Mexico on Nov. 1 and 2. For the fourth year in a row, faculty at BYU's Harold B. Lee Library have built an ofrenda, a tiered altar honoring loved ones who have died, along with other cultural activities. "Ofrenda" means "offering"; through the altars, deceased loved ones are believed to be welcomed home.

"It's recognizing that we all have ancestors. We all have a past, so everyone is welcome," said organizer Matthew Hill. The altar holds photos of students' and library staff members' loved ones, including project founder Joseph Everett, who died recently. "His idea was … everybody has an ancestor that has passed that we love … this creates belonging," Teresa Gomez said. "I hope that they have some sense of I'm not alone in this world," Gomez said. Visitors can also write a note to a loved one or place a pin on a map of family heritage. "I served my mission in Oaxaca, Mexico, and I love that they celebrate the Day of the Dead," said student Madeleine Reynolds. "It's really beautiful and it's a wonderful way … to remember who they love and where they come from." The ofrenda is on the library's third floor through Monday, Nov. 2.

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

SCHOOLS

Edgemont on U.S. News list

Edgemont Elementary has been named a 2027 U.S. News & World Report Best Elementary School, ranking among the top 40% of elementary schools in Utah. The school thanked its teachers, staff, students and families for making Edgemont "a place where students learn, grow, and thrive."

EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY · OCT. 28

THE SATURDAY READ

STATE

A father's favorite songs

After the Hawaii wildfires in 2023, organizers at the Salt Lake Community College West Valley City Center dedicated their Day of the Dead celebration to the victims.

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 31



After the Hawaii wildfires in 2023, organizers at the Salt Lake Community College West Valley City Center dedicated their Day of the Dead celebration to the victims. Another year, the event honored women closer to home who had died. Although Día de Muertos is a Mexican tradition, the center's celebrations have brought together Utahns from all backgrounds to honor those they've lost, said site manager Idolina Quijada. Offerings of fruit, bread and flowers are traditionally placed beside photographs of ancestors, candles and keepsakes. At Thursday night's event, students from Esperanza Elementary School and Academia Mis Raices performed mariachi and traditional Mexican music.

"My father passed away in 2013, the same year I immigrated," Nelson Acosta said in Spanish. Five months after leaving El Salvador, he went home for his father's funeral. "How was I supposed to know the farewell he gave me … would be our final goodbye?" Each Day of the Dead, Acosta plays his father's favorite songs by artists like José José and Roberto Carlos. Alejandra Pérez grew up in Mexico but never took part in the holiday because of "misconceptions" about it shared among members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

(Relief Society General President Camille N. Johnson has invited members to reflect on their ancestors during the celebrations, saying, "I love the tradition of remembering our loved ones.") Pérez brought her daughter, Ashanty Ramírez. "Now that I'm here, I want to recover that and make it a part of my home," she said. She honored her father, who rose from poverty to become a lawyer in Mexico. "He always told us to 'keep learning,'" she said. Ramírez honored her cats. As a child, Consuelo Soto Vargas spent days riding the train to Oaxaca with her mother and siblings, memories she treasures most.

She honors her mother all year but adds more flowers and food for the Nov. 1-2 celebrations. "They would make, every Day of the Dead, chocolate and bread from scratch," she said.

NEWS FROM THE PAST · HALLOWEEN KITCHEN

PROVO NEWS FROM THE PAST

The Herald, Provo, Fri., Oct. 28, 1977

October 23, 1980

13th Annual Halloween Event To Begin Monday at 'Castle'

Doors will creak, stairs will squeak and high moaning winds will waft their way around the countryside when the 13th Annual Haunted Castle, presented by the patients at the Utah State Hospital, again opens its doors.

The annual invasion of ghosts, witches and mummies are enough to send chills up your spines, but even the most stout-hearted will be frightened by this year's "line-up" of terror.

There will be the "Bat Cave," "The Crypt of the Undead," "The Chamber of Horrors," and "The Maze," just to name a few. Altogether this will make Halloween the scariest adventure of your life.

The Haunted Castle is great Halloween fun for everyone and it serves a very useful purpose as well — each year all proceeds for the Haunted Castle are used to purchase much needed recreation equipment for patients at the hospital.

The Castle will be open from Monday through Oct. 31, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Donations are $3 at the door, with children under six admitted for $1.

It is located at 1300 E. Center Str. in Provo, behind the Utah State Hospital. The Haunted Castle is sponsored by the Utah State Hospital and K96 Radio.



The Haunted Castle will creak again.

THE HERALD, PROVO, OCT. 23, 1980



Haunted Castle, 1977

Clip this ad and save a dollar! In October 1977, the Utah State Hospital ran this coupon in The Herald inviting readers to its Haunted Castle, "behind the Utah State Hospital (at Provo)." The spook house was open Oct. 28, 29 and 31, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission was a $2.00 donation per person, and the coupon took $1.00 off. It ran the castle as a patient fundraiser from 1971.

A 1980 Herald story billed it as "presented by the patients at the Utah State Hospital." By 1997, 10 to 15 patients worked, raising about $100,000 a year for recreational therapy.

Advocates said the spook house tied mental illness to fear and violence. In 1998, state officials ended the castle's run; the state mental health director said "no amount of money is worth the perpetuation of misperception and prejudice" against people with serious mental illness.

THE HERALD, PROVO, OCT. 28, 1977, P. 25; OCT. 23, 1980; OCT. 31, 1997; APRIL 28, 1998; DAILY HERALD EDITORIAL, OCT. 6, 2006 · VIA UTAH DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS

HALLOWEEN KITCHEN

Dinner in a Pumpkin

You need: 1 small to medium pumpkin · ½ onion, chopped · 1 container fresh sliced mushrooms · a few Tbsp. vegetable oil · 1½ to 2 lbs. ground beef · 1 tsp. ginger · 3 Tbsp. soy sauce · 2 Tbsp. brown sugar · 1 can cream of mushroom soup · 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained · 1½ to 2 cups cooked long-grain rice.

Do this: Heat the oven to 350. Cut the top off the pumpkin and save it; scrape out the seeds and pulp. Sauté the onion and mushrooms in oil until tender. Add the beef, season, brown and drain. Stir in the ginger, soy sauce, brown sugar and soup; simmer 10 minutes. Add the rice and water chestnuts. Spoon it into the pumpkin, replace the top and bake on a sheet about 1 hour, until the flesh is tender. Scoop some pumpkin into every serving.

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MOUNT TIMPANOGOS

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Student recovering after Timp lightning strike

SOURCE: FOX13 — UTAH COUNTY · OCT 31

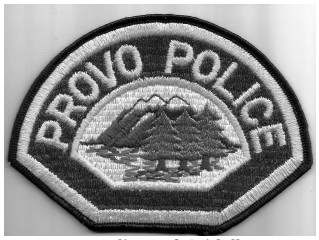


(FOX 13 News)

A group of University of Utah friends set out early one morning to watch the sunrise from the summit of Mount Timpanogos. When they reached the top, the weather turned, and a lightning strike killed one student and sent several others to the hospital. “They had checked the weather, and the weather said just light rain,” said Todd Moyer, whose son Steele was on the hike with his childhood friend, Cole.

The forecast had shown no storm at 6 a.m. When the rain picked up, the group ducked into the summit’s tin shack. At 6:10 a.m., lightning struck it. Cole was unresponsive. Steele and other friends took turns performing CPR for 90 minutes before first responders told them to leave and hike several miles down the mountain. Steele was injured, too; for days the left side of his body twitched uncontrollably. He called his mother, Mariella, about an hour after the strike.

“He said, ‘Cole is dead, but I’m alive,’” she said. Nearly a week later, Steele was offered the chance to go home for the semester. He and others chose to stay in school. “They’re all back to the university and they’re all supporting each other,” his parents said. Cole was buried in the boys’ hometown.



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

POLICE BEAT

Fog machine sets off alarm

A fog machine set off the fire alarm in Building 5A at Wymount Terrace. Officers waited more than an hour for housing staff to open the control panel and silence it. At Heritage Halls, a strong burnt smell that set off an alarm turned out to be burnt meat in an apartment.

Up the tower for a view

Three men forced open a door at the Kimball Tower and went to the 10th floor. They told police they wanted a view of the city from the top. Officers escorted them off campus.

Bikes and scooters taken

Two bikes and two electric scooters were reported stolen from racks, including two at Wyview Park. Officers opened investigations. One “stolen” bike had been impounded by BYU Security.

Snacks go missing

An officer referred a case to investigators after someone was seen, for the second time, taking food from a break room fridge.

SOURCE: BYU POLICE, VIA THE DAILY UNIVERSE · OCT. 21-27

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.

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

TRICK OR TREAT

STATE

Red Cross urges care tonight

SOURCE: UTAH POLICY · OCT 28

Halloween is the most dangerous night of the year for young pedestrians, and the American Red Cross of Utah is asking drivers and families to take simple precautions tonight. Research in JAMA Pediatrics, drawn from 42 years of federal traffic data, found that children ages 4 to 8 are 10 times more likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on Halloween than on other evenings.

The risk peaks around 6 p.m. “Kids are excited about Halloween, and it’s easy for them to forget about the cars around them,” said Michael Smauldon of the Red Cross Northern Utah Chapter. Drivers: Slow down, turn on headlights at dusk, put phones away and take extra time at crosswalks. Trick-or-treaters: Carry a glow stick or flashlight, walk, don’t run, and never dart out between parked cars.

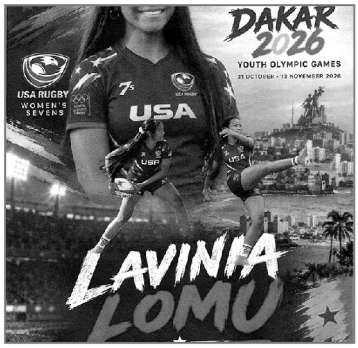
PROVO FACT *Provo hosts America’s Freedom Festival each summer around the Fourth of July.*

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

UTAH COUNTY · LOCAL

Skyridge senior to play in Youth Olympics

SOURCE: LEHI FREE PRESS · OCT 30



Lavinia “Lavi” Lomu (via Lehi Free Press)

Skyridge High School senior Lavinia “Lavi” Lomu is on the USA Women’s U18 Sevens rugby squad representing Team USA at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal. The Games open today, Oct. 31, with 2,700 young athletes in 151 events, the first Summer Youth Olympics since Buenos Aires in 2018. The US women’s sevens team begins a three-day round robin Sunday, with medal matches Tuesday, Nov. 3. Matches stream on Olympics.com and the NBC Olympics Network. “The Youth Olympic Games are an important milestone in the development of young athletes,” said Daniel Smith, the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee’s director of Summer Games.

GAME DAY IN PROVO

PROVO · SPORTS

The show between the plays

BY SEAN WALKER, SPECIAL TO THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



About three hours before every home football game, Anna Metcalf takes a walk around LaVell Edwards Stadium with her boss, David Almodova, BYU's senior associate athletic director for external operations. They pass live music, a BYUtv pregame set and kids bouncing on giant inflatables. Some of those fans don't even have tickets. "Every game … is someone's first game," said Metcalf, BYU's assistant athletic director for marketing and fan experience. "That might be the only game one family can afford, and we don't want their experience to be diminished just because of who the opponent is."

Nationally, fans are staying home. In power-conference games, 13% to 15% of tickets go unused, according to the Extra Points newsletter. BYU has bucked the trend. The Cougars averaged 99.02% of capacity in 2024, sold out five games in 2025 and have drawn an average announced crowd of 64,574 this season, including 65,179 for the 28-24 win over then-No. 2 Notre Dame. "This all begins with having great programs," Almodova said.

His marketing and game staff has nearly tripled since BYU joined the Big 12. Years ago, game day in Provo meant birthday cake in the parking lot and a quick drive home before Sunday meetings. Now there is "Cougar Canyon," with autographs, vendors and music, and a kid-friendly "Backyard" with games across the street. The biggest hit comes between the third and fourth quarters, when "Turbulence" and "Power" play and fire-knife dancers take the field. "They don't leave because they want to be there for that," Almodova said.

With ticket prices rising, Metcalf's team works to keep free experiences for young fans.

COUGARS & COUNTY

No. 9 Cougars grind out four-set win against Utes

SOURCE: BYU COUGARS (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



No. 9 BYU women's volleyball beat Utah for the second time this season, 25-23, 25-27, 25-13, 25-21, Friday night at the Smith Fieldhouse, stretching its winning streak to 15 matches. In a match with 46 combined attack errors and 22 service errors, the Cougars (18-1, 10-0 Big 12) leaned on senior Claire Little Chambers, who had 12 kills and 10 digs.

Elli Mortensen added 11 kills. Freshman Brooke Hardy hit .529 with 10 kills, six blocks and four of BYU's season-high 11 aces. BYU closed the third set on an 8-0 run and finished the match on a Hardy ace.

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

Goettsche scores twice in win

SOURCE: DAILY UNIVERSE — SPORTS (CONDENSED) · OCT 31



Sophomore Mia Goettsche scored twice and No. 16 BYU beat Utah 3-1 on a rainy Friday night in Provo. Mika Krommenhoek put the Cougars ahead just 1:06 into the game, finishing a cross from Afton Perry. Goettsche tapped in an Avery Frischknecht header in the second half, then scored again off sophomore Kyleigh Hastings' first career assist.

"I know they weren't spectacular goals, but just being in the right place at the right time really pays off," Goettsche said.

Provo falls in state semis

SOURCE: DAILY HERALD (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



Provo's volleyball season ended in the 4A state semifinals Friday at the UCCU Center, where the No. 3 Bulldogs fell to No. 2 Green Canyon 25-16, 23-25, 25-20, 25-17. Nevaeh Magalei, the coach's daughter and a first-team all-state pick last season, played most of the year in a brace after tearing her ACL and MCL early in the season.

"We were undersized this year, had to fight through a lot of adversity, but every girl gave it their all," coach Stefanie Magalei said. No. 1 Orem swept Desert Hills 25-20, 25-11, 25-18 behind 12 kills from Madi Scott and will play Green Canyon for the title.

Orem ends Timpview's season

SOURCE: MAXPREPS; THE THUNDERBOLT · OCT 31



Timpview and Orem players (via The Thunderbolt)

Timpview's football season ended Friday night with a 55-7 loss at No. 2 Orem in the first round of the UHSAA 5A playoffs. The 15th-seeded Thunderbirds finish 4-7, 3-3 in 5A Region 7, where they placed third. With the bracket cut to 16 teams this year, Timpview had been at risk of missing the playoffs for the first time in more than 20 years, the student paper The Thunderbolt reported.

The first meeting was much closer: Orem won 17-14 at Timpview on Sept. 25.

PROVO FACT *BYU's cougar mascot is named Cosmo.*

ELECTION 2026

STATE

Seven legislative races to watch

SOURCE: SALT LAKE TRIBUNE (CONDENSED) · OCT 31

Signs point to a good election for Democrats nationally, and Utah Democrats hope it brings a few legislative wins. Their goal is modest: break the Republican supermajority, more than two-thirds of the seats, in the House and Senate. Republicans hold a 60-14 edge in the House, with one vacancy after former Rep. Trevor Lee resigned, and a 22-6 edge in the Senate, where Sen. Emily Buss of the Forward Utah Party holds one seat.

Because Democrats are packed into a few Salt Lake County districts, nearly every legislator is safe even in a blowout. A handful of races are worth watching Tuesday: House District 30: Rep. Jake Fitisemanu, a Democrat, vs. Dave Parke. A true toss-up that leans Republican by 2 points. Parke has outraised Fitisemanu, $118,000 to $110,000; it is the GOP's best chance to flip a seat. House District 26: Rep. Matt MacPherson, a Republican, vs. Michael Finch. The Democrats' best opportunity. The district leans Republican by 4 points; Finch has raised $121,000 to MacPherson's $112,000.

House District 27: Rep. Anthony Loubet, a Republican, vs. Liz Oates of Magna. Leans Republican by 8 points; Loubet has raised $114,000 to Oates' $104,000. House District 10 (Ogden): Former Rep. Rosemary Lesser, a Democrat, vs. Jim Alvey. Lesser lost the seat by 309 votes in 2024 and has raised $169,000 to Alvey's $102,000. House District 42 (east of Sandy): Rep. Clint Okerlund, a Republican, vs. Iva Williams, who has outraised him $67,000 to $51,000. Senate District 5 (Weber County): Rep. Jill Koford, a Republican, vs. CJ Hernandez, for the seat of retiring Sen. Ann Millner. The district leans Republican by 18 points, but it is the only Senate seat Democrats can realistically hope to flip.

Senate District 11: Sen. Emily Buss vs. Republican Brooks Benson. The district, which covers Tooele County and parts of Salt Lake and Utah counties, favors Republicans by 36 points in a normal year, so Buss needs the third-party dynamic to scramble the usual patterns.

HOW TO VOTE

Too late to mail: Ballots must be **received** by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3; a postmark no longer counts. Use a drop box.
Drop boxes (24 hours): Provo City Library, 550 N. University Ave.; Utah County Administration Building, 100 E. Center St., plus a drive-up box in its south lot.
Early voting, last day: Monday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Health & Justice Building, 151 S. University Ave., Room 2500.
Election Day: Legacy Village of Provo, 4146 N. University Ave., 7 a.m.–8 p.m.
Not registered? Register in person during early voting or on Election Day and vote a provisional ballot; bring ID and proof of address.
Track your ballot: vote.utah.gov/track-my-ballot.
Questions: County Clerk, (801) 851-8683.
UTAH COUNTY ELECTIONS

PROVO FACT *Jimmer Fredette was college basketball's national player of the year at BYU in 2011.*

UTAH · THE WORLD

STATE

Pamela Atkinson remembered

BY KATIE MCKELLAR, UTAH NEWS DISPATCH (CONDENSED) · OCT 30



At her funeral Friday, in a church full of people who came to honor Pamela Atkinson, a crowd that included Gov. Spencer Cox, Ed Snoddy shared one of the "many stories" from more than 30 years spent alongside her helping Utah's most vulnerable. Atkinson once invited then-Gov. Mike Leavitt to join an outreach team, and he chatted with a homeless man named Chuck. The next day Chuck was admitted to the hospital with terminal liver cancer. Atkinson called the governor, who came to visit. Later she hid Chuck's dog, Lucy, in her jacket to sneak her in. When he died, Atkinson held his hand. Atkinson died Oct. 10 at 93. She advised four governors, and a 300-bed shelter in South Salt Lake and a state homeless trust fund bear her name.

"For more than 20 years, she served as an adviser and confidant to Utah's most powerful politicians. And for longer than that she served as an angel to thousands of Utah's most vulnerable," Cox said, his voice shaking at times. Born in Bromley, England, in 1933, Atkinson knew poverty firsthand and became a nurse and hospital administrator. She hated being called the "Mother Teresa" of Utah, speakers said, insisting anyone could do what she did through small acts of kindness. Asked for her final message to Utahns, Cox said, she answered: "Just follow Jesus. It's so easy to do."

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

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

THE WORLD

Ebola deaths top 5,000

More than 5,000 people have died in the Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola outbreak, the deadliest in its history, with more than 10,300 confirmed cases in eight of 26 provinces. There is not yet a treatment or vaccine for the strain behind it.
BBC

G20 talks end without deal

Top diplomats from the Group of 20 wrapped up two days of talks in Atlanta on Saturday without consensus on several security issues, notably Russia's war with Ukraine. The traditional group photo was canceled after European diplomats objected to including Russia's foreign minister.
AP, VIA PBS NEWSHOUR

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

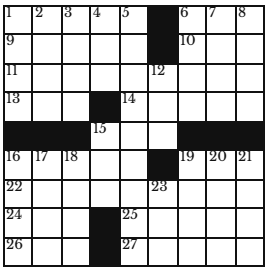
BABS UNRAVELED — SATURDAY

Today: Babs tries to copy influencer Cindy Seagal's Halloween wings.



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS

HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Tent supports *(5)*
6 Ghostly pale *(3)*
9 Creep up on *(5)*
10 Bullring cheer *(3)*
11 Cornfield straw man *(9)*
13 A skeleton's fingers *(3)*
14 Utah and Deer Creek *(5)*
15 Werewolf's lair *(3)*
16 Like candy corn *(5)*
19 "___ Wolf" (Shakira) *(3)*
22 Tonight's holiday *(9)*
24 Add-___ (extras) *(3)*
25 Wanderer *(5)*
26 Tiny *(3)*
27 Stains *(5)*

DOWN

1 "Hey, over here!" *(4)*
2 "___ upon a midnight dreary" *(4)*
3 Thin, like a vampire *(4)*
4 Corn unit *(3)*
5 Bony decorations *(9)*
6 Job *(4)*
7 Soothing plant *(4)*
8 What the Barb delivers *(4)*
12 Trash ___ *(3)*
15 Key near End *(3)*
16 Haunted-house act *(4)*
17 Shrink, as the moon *(4)*
18 "Or ___!" *(4)*
19 Big rig *(4)*
20 Mend *(4)*
21 Finishes *(4)*
23 Court *(3)*

Crossword answers. Across: 1 POLES, 6 WAN, 9 SNEAK, 10 OLE, 11 SCARECROW, 13 TEN, 14 LAKES, 15 DEN, 16 SWEET, 19 SHE, 22 HALLOWEEN, 24 ONS, 25 NOMAD, 26 WEE, 27 SOILS. Down: 1 PSST, 2 ONCE, 3 LEAN, 4 EAR, 5 SKELETONS, 6 WORK, 7 ALOE, 8 NEWS, 12 CAN, 15 DEL, 16 SHOW, 17 WANE, 18 ELSE, 19 SEMI, 20 HEAL, 21 ENDS, 23 WOO.

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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

SUDOKU — EASY

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Sudoku answer, rows 1–9: 243816759 581937246 697524813 786514992 956472138 124398675 819245367 372169584 465783921

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

DID YOU KNOW? *LaVell Edwards Stadium opened in 1964 as Cougar Stadium.*

COMING UP

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