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COURTESY UTAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Elizabeth Elena Laguna-Salgado is pictured.

UTAH COUNTY

Sheriff's office requests help in Salgado's death

DAILY HERALD STAFF
The Utah County Sheriff's Office is requesting any information from the public regarding the ongoing investigation of the death of Elizabeth Elena Laguna-Salgado. Salgado was 26 when she was last seen on April 16, 2015, in Provo, and her body was discovered May 18, 2018 in Hobbles Creek Canyon. Since her body was discovered, the

sheriff's office and other agencies have been investigating the circumstances surrounding her death and have fielded numerous community tips, according to the sheriff's office. "Interviews are currently being performed to verify the possibilities of additional direction," a news release said. As detectives go through the process of confirming or ruling out

possible new and existing information, the sheriff's office is requesting anyone with new information related to the case to call the Investigations Division of the Utah County Sheriff's Office at (801) 851-4010. "It is possible someone saw something in Provo or in Hobbles Creek Canyon that is related to Elizabeth's disappearance and death," the sheriff's office said.

UTAH VALLEY

What to do this weekend

Here are some things to do in Utah Valley this weekend:

CENTRAL

Provo April 3

- Debra Bonner Unity Gospel Choir: The Best is Yet to Come, Covey Center for the Art, 7 p.m. (unitygospelchoir.org)
- First Look Film Festival, WCCB Auditorium RM 1040, 6:30 p.m. (onstage.byu.edu)
- Hamlet and Zombies, BYU West Campus, 7 p.m. (April 3-11, onstage.byu.edu)
- Senior Capstone Concert, Dance Performance Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (onstage.byu.edu)
- 2026 Provo Art Stroll, Downtown Provo, 6-9 p.m. (facebook.com/downtownprovo)
- Flute Choir, BYU Music Building, 7:30 p.m. (onstage.byu.edu)
- BYU Women's Chorus, BYU Music Building, 7:30 p.m. (onstage.byu.edu)
- Rohan Misra and Debanjan Bhattacharya, BYU Music Building, 7:30 p.m. (onstage.byu.edu)
- Acoustic Open Mic Night, Provo Library, 7-8:30 p.m. (provolibrary.gov)
- Drop-n-Decorate, Baking Me Crazy, 4-8 p.m. (shopbakingmecrazy.com)
- The Afters, Arlington Hall, 10 p.m. (linktr.ee/theaftersutah)
- Gilded Paradise: Recasting Lorenzo Ghiberti's Baptistery Doors, BYU Museum of Art, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (April 3-Oct. 24, moa.byu.edu)
- The Way of the Cross: A Series by David Habben, Brigham Young University Museum of Art, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. (April 3-Aug. 22, moa.byu.edu)

April 4

- FESTIVAL OF FOOLS (Costume Concert!), Velour, 8 p.m. (24tix.com)
- 2025-26 Provo Winter Farmers Market, Provo Towne Centre Mall, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (provotownecentre.com)
- General Cover La Rumba - "Vibras Nuevas"; The Rise, 10 p.m. (April 4-5, therisevenue.com)
- NIGHT: New Work by J. Kirk Richards, JKR Gallery, 4-8 p.m. (April 4-25, jkrgallery.com)
- Magic Morning, Provo Library, 10 a.m. - noon (provolibrary.gov)
- Provo City Library Writing Group, Provo Library, 4-5 p.m. (provolibrary.gov)

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COURTESY ROCKY MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

Students a part of Rocky Mountain University's physical therapy program are pictured.

UNIVERSITY SYNERGY

Utah Valley, Rocky Mountain team up to provide accelerated path to DPT degree

BY JACOB NIELSON
Daily Herald

A partnership between two local universities is set to give physical therapy students a head start in their path to a doctorate degree.

Utah Valley University and Rocky Mountain University announced an agreement this week to create the UVU/RMU Accelerated Pathway BS/DPT. Under the agreement, UVU students in health science and exercise science programs

who meet a 3.0 GPA threshold and RMU admission requirements may apply to enter RMU's Doctor of Physical Therapy program one year

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Advocates, nurses say Utah law takes away power from survivors of sexual assault

BY ANNIE KNOX
Utah News Dispatch

A phone call from last fall stays with Sherry Huang, a Utah nurse who cares for those seeking medical attention after being sexually assaulted. Huang didn't know who the voice belonged to, but it sounded panicked.

"She wouldn't even tell me her name. She wouldn't give me any information, because she was so scared of law enforcement finding

out, and she did not want to report," Huang recalled Wednesday.

She encouraged the patient, who had disclosed she was pregnant and bleeding, to go to a hospital for scans and medication. But if Huang and her colleagues treated the caller, they couldn't promise not to tell the police.



Huang

Utah is the last state in the nation still requiring health care providers to report the names, contact information, injuries and whereabouts of adults who undergo rape exams, said Julie Valentine, a longtime sexual assault nurse examiner and a professor of nursing at the University of Utah.

Such mandatory reporting laws are commonplace when it comes to abuse of children and vulnerable adults. But Utah's law applies to

everyone, Valentine said, including adults who do not wish to file a police report or pursue criminal charges against a perpetrator.

Valentine was among those urging lawmakers to change that this year, describing the current law as a barrier to health care for many. The bill, HB459, failed to gain traction during the 2026 Legislature, an outcome Valentine described as

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