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Penn State geology student injured in fall in Price Canyon

Local rescuers assist the victim injured in a climbing acident on Monday. The mishap cut a geology field trip short for Kristy Salafrio.

On the second day of field school, the 21-year-old Penn State senior was mapping strata on a ledge in an area of Price Canyon when she reportedly lost her footing and fell about 50 feet.

Salafrio was extricated from the fall site by Helper fire and rescue, Carbon County ambulance, Utah Highway Patrol and field school friends.

The injured student was transported to Castleview Hospital and then life flight took her to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

'Kristy had received injuries to her back and broke some ribs, one rib had punctured a lung and she was collecting fluid there. She had a lot of numerous lacerations and bruises. The hospital has flown her to Salt Lake City, there her dad is flying out to meet her and take her home,' indicated Rudy Slingerland, the instructor for the field trip.

'This is the second day of a seven week geology field trip for the graduating geology seniors," added Slingerland. "The students are staying at the CEU dorms before going to Wyoming for the next leg of the trip. Hopefully this will make the students a little more careful about where they are and what they are doing."

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Trail Mountain miners picket power company directors on Thursday

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Progress editor

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no signs of mice, reported the Southeastern Utah Health District director.

The health district has notified individuals who may have come into contact with the virus in either of the suspected locations.

Cunningham points out that the modular lot is no greater a risk area than any unoccupied building where mice may gain entrance.

Although it is not possible to destroy the mouse population, it is possible to take precautions when approaching an area one suspects may be infested, explained the local health official.

The Utah Department of Health Bureau of Epidemiology advises the following in preventing infection.

• Avoid contact with rodents, their droppings, and their nests.

• Prevent mice fro entering you home by sealing any openings into your home that are a quarter inch or larger. Make sure your house is sealed inside the garage as well.

• Kill the mice that are already in your home. Snaps traps are the preferred method. Dead mice should be sprayed with a disinfectant and then placed in double plastic bags for disposal. Alternatively, poisons can be used as long as pets or small children can be kept away.

• Remember to wear rubber or plastic gloves when touching traps or mice.

• Do not stir up dust while cleaning. The dust may contain the virus.

• All food, including pet food, should be kept in rodent proof containers.

• Carpets and upholstered furniture can be shampooed or steam cleaned.

• Bedding should be laundered in hot soapy water.

• Disinfectants that can be used are: chlorine bleach (one part to 10 parts water), or household disinfectants. (Remember to wear rubber or plastic gloves while cleaning).

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Most common masks will not protect from breathing virus. A properly fitted half or full face respirator fitted with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter is the only approved "mask". Cost and problems with fit probably preclude the use of these respirators by the general public. Goggles should also be worn with respirators.

To keep dust out of the air, use a disinfectant while cleaning and follow all the precautions for cleanup.

While camping or hiking, avoid rodents and rodent burrows. Use tents with floors and preferable cots. Camp should be kept clean. All food and trash should be stored away from rodents.

Cabins, sheds or other buildings that are only used periodically should be careful cleaned. The building should be aired out for a full 30 minutes before entering. The same cleaning precautions as listed above should be followed.

According to recent Center for Disease Control data, there are currently 253 known cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) in the United States as of May 8, 2000. The majority of these cases have occurred in the western United States. To date, 14 have been identified in Utah with five fatalities. Seventy-five percent of HPS cases occur in rural areas.

Utah's highways and illicit drug use provide a much greater risk to the community than hantavirus, advises Cunningham.

Carbon County residents should educate themselves to the dangers of the virus and take precautions when necessary, but there is no need to panic over a condition that is relatively rare.

"Residents who have seen evidence of rodents and their clean up methods should be hyper-vigilant," insisted Cunningham. "One case is just that, but a second case may indicate a cluster effect and requires more intense investigation. There was no winter kill of mice with our mild weahter and enough grass for mice to continue to thrive. It is a concern."

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PacifiCorp and Interwest officials have purportedly indicated that the power company feels the tract of coal in question would be too expensive to try to mine.

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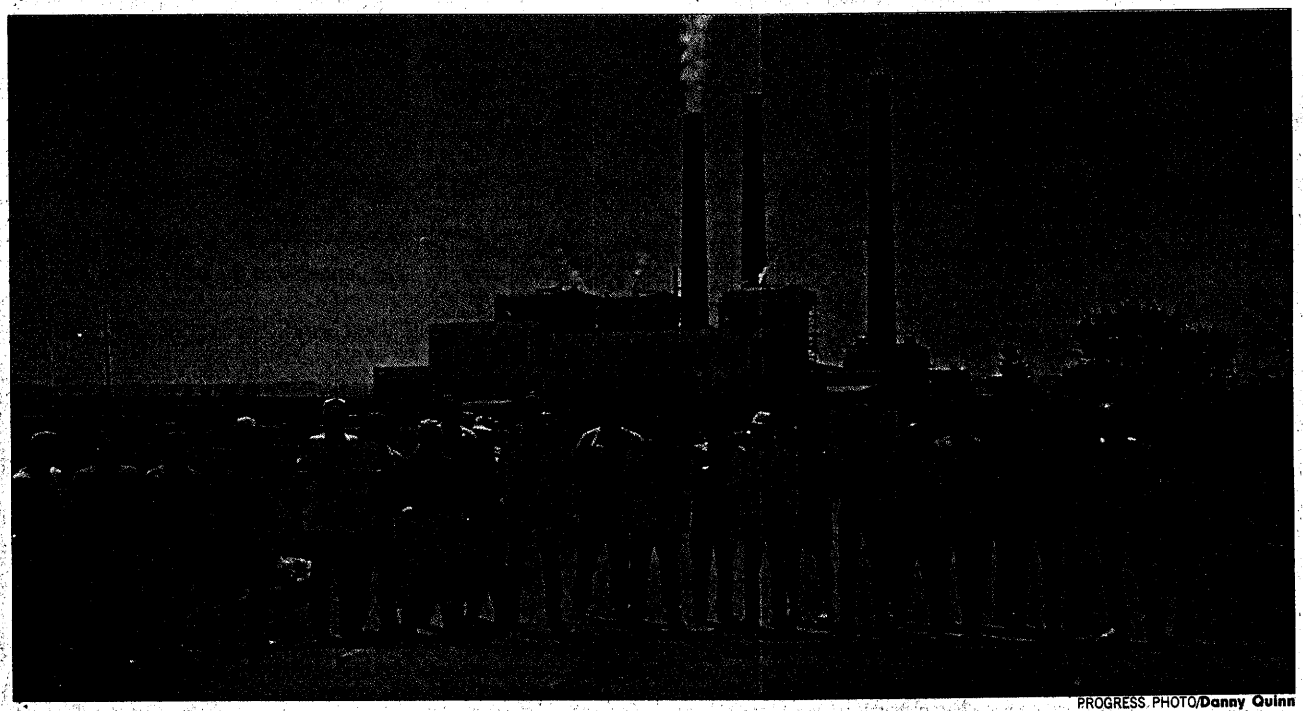

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Union coal miners from Trail Mountain Coal mine, who will be unemployed within the next two years, stage a peaceful demonstration outside Hunter Power Plant near Castle Dale last Thursday. The Scottish Power board of directors were inside the plant on a tour at the time.

UMWA Local 2176 organizes demonstration aimed at Scottish Power Board of Directors

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Trail Mountain Coal miners have been asking questions since the April closure announcement about why they are being shut down. At every meeting since that time, including a recent Labor Management Positive Change Process (LMPCP) meeting.

A single representative from Energy West Mining was the only official attending that meeting, and fielded the miners concerns on behalf of Scottish Power "but was not allowed to disclose details" regarding most of the issues.

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PacifiCorp officials met with the county commissioners and all the mayors of Emery County, at the Hunter Power Plant, the day before making the official announcement the following day to the employees at Trail Mountain Mine or the media. The company also met with District 22 Local UMWA officials to apprise them of the announcement that same evening. These meeting were to inform the officials of the planned closure.

Since the announced closure, employees of the Trail Mountain Mine have tried in vain to get their concerns and questions addressed, and answered. This lead up to the quiet, peaceful demonstration they held last Thursday near Deer Creek Mine in Huntington Canyon, and subsequently moved near the Hunter Power Plant.

Hearing from informed sources Scottish Power Board of Directors would be in Emery County last Thursday, the union miners met and planned the demonstration in an effort to encourage the officials of Scottish Power—as well as PacifiCorp and Interwest Mining—to meet with them, listen to their concerns regarding the planned mine closure, and give them some truthful answers.

The itinerary for the Scottish Power officials indicated they would tour the Deer Creek Mine in Huntington Canyon

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Hantavirus suspect in Carbon woman's death

By **JACKIE ANDERSON**
Staff reporter

Wellington resident Cathy Dimick died at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at LDS hospital exhibiting symptoms similar to exposure to Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, said hospital public relations director Jess Gomez.

Test samples were submitted to the Utah Department of Health to determine the cause of death.

Dimick initially presented to Castleview Hospital where she was stabilized and then life flighted to LDS Hospital, arriving at 10:30 a.m. in what Gomez described as a severely ill condition.

"The patient was in complete shock. She was admitted to the shock trauma intensive care unit, where she later died," explained the hospital spokes-

The virus is not known to be spread from person to person.

Castle Valley residents who have been exposed to rodents or their droppings in the last six weeks and are experiencing respiratory difficulties should see a doctor.

Castleview nursing officer Bonnie Cook explained that victims are often unaware of their exposure to the virus until symptoms begin to manifest themselves one to six weeks following the exposure. Even then, most victims do not associate the symptoms with hantavirus because they are so general and mimic common illnesses like the flu, pointed out Cook.

The first symptoms may include: fever, muscle aches, chills, cough, headache, nausea/vomiting and feeling tired. Next a person can develop difficulty breathing, which can become very

Commissioners recognize fair guide cover winning artists

The Emery County Commissioners recently recognized eight young artists who submitted winning designs in a

of this year's Fair, "Dreams Can Come True".

Shelby Huntington of Castle Dale

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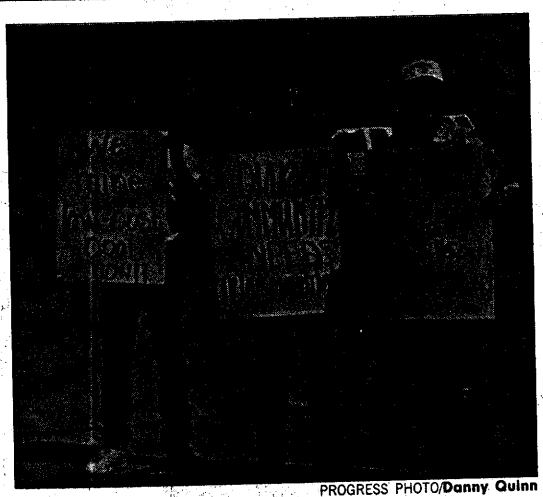

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American citizenship. For them, the flag is a symbol of that the free and the home of the brave.

Scottish Power treatment:

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plant office, where we were met by three people. One was the manager of the plant. He told us we would need to come back at 1:30 p.m. because the Scottish Power officials had already begun their tour and it was too late for us to join them. I did feel they had expected me to be there, but having waited at Deer Creek for so long, I was late in arriving.

I specifically asked the manager of the power plant if the Scottish Power officials were going to return to the Deer Creek Mine for the tour there, and he indicated they would not be touring those facilities after all.

After leaving the power plant I called the Deer Creek Mine, told the secretary what the manager of the plant had told me, and she transferred my call to the General Manager of Energy West Mining, Keith Sinsel, who was still waiting at the Mine for the Scottish Power officials to arrive.

They still had not been notified the tour of the mine had been canceled.

As we left the power plant, the miners from Trail Mountain were reassembling on the highway near the road to the power plant, so we stopped to talk with them once again.

They asked if we were able to meet with the Scottish Power officials, and if they were actually inside the power plant. I told them I was to return at 1:30 p.m. to meet with them. They then asked me if I would please ask the Scottish Power officials to come out and talk to them, if I got in to see them. I told them I would pass along their message.

When I returned at 1:30 p.m. I was not even allowed into the plant this time. I was turned away at the security gate.

When the security guard phoned into the plant to tell them I had returned, someone inside told her the Scottish Power officials would not be reassembling together before leaving the plant, and to tell me someone from PacifiCorp would bring me a picture and a press release for the newspaper.

Having spent the whole day trying to make contact with these officials, at the request of a PacifiCorp employee, I must say I was quite disgruntled over the whole situation. Knowing there was nothing I could do, I bit my tongue and left. After all the security guard was not the one who had given me the runaround, and it would not have been appropriate to express my disappointment and anger to her.

As we left the power plant this second time we again stopped where the miners were. Fred Lupo president of the UMWA District 22 had joined the miners by this time. None of the miners seemed surprised that I had been turned away. The miners did tell me that one Scottish Power official and a representative from Interwest Mining Corp. had come out and spoke briefly with them.

The officials told the miners they would like to meet with them, but their time just wouldn't allow it. They also promised the miners they would try to set up a meeting with the local union officials from Trail Mountain in Portland next week, if time allowed for that.

Of course many promises have been made since the merger of Scottish Power and PacifiCorp. Promises made, and promises broken. Propaganda detailing how wonderful this merger will be for everyone—customers, employees and the citizens of Utah—has flooded the media in recent months. Scottish Power says it cares about its employees, and the communities they live in.

Call me cynical but after Scottish Power officials, along with the PacifiCorp and Interwest Mining officials in the party, put on their display of total disregard for *all* the employees of Energy West Mining during Thursday's visit, I say I have to agree with Fred Lupo, President of UMWA District 22 in Price, who truly believes Scottish Power doesn't want the coal mines, all it wants is the transmission lines.

In my opinion, if the company doesn't want the mines, then it also doesn't care about the employees at the mines, or the communities they live in.

You may be wise to heed the words of coal miner Kevin Phillips when he said, "We are dealing with cold people... These people can destroy 200 peoples lives, then laugh and be merry."

army battles farmers and villagers who snipe at them from hedges and stone fences. By nightfall, the survivors are back in Boston, having lost 273 men along the way. The American loss is 95.

As the British and Americans maintain an armed standoff in Massachusetts, "representatives of the united colonies of North America" met in Congress at Philadelphia May 10 and June 16 pass a resolution to establish a Continental Army, casting their lot as one to resist usurpation of their rights as Englishmen.

As stated in the "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking up Arms, "We have counted the cost of this contest, and find nothing so dreadful as voluntary slavery. — Honour, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity have a right to receive from us."

Utah medals of honor

VIETNAM ERA

Brian Miles Thacker

Rank and Organization: First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery. *Place and date:* Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam, 31 March 1971.

Entered service at: Salt Lake City, Utah.

500 yards beyond the American lines he observed a hostile tank about 75 yards away, and raked it with automatic rifle fire until it withdrew. Soon afterward he saw three Germans stealthily approaching the woods.

Scorning cover as the enemy soldiers opened up with heavy automatic weapons fire from a range of 30 yards, he engaged in a fire fight with the attackers until he had killed all three. The enemy quickly launched an attack with two full companies of infantrymen, blasting the patrol with murderous concentrations of automatic and rifle fire and beginning an encircling movement which forced the patrol leader to order a withdrawal.

Despite the terrible odds, Pfc. Valdez immediately volunteered to cover the maneuver, and as the patrol 1 by 1 plunged through a hail of bullets toward the American lines, he fired burst after burst into the swarming enemy. Three of his companions were wounded in their dash for safety and he was struck by a bullet that enter his stomach and, passing through his body, emerged from his back.

He died later as a result of his wounds.

Through his valiant, intrepid stand and at the cost of his own life, Pfc. Valdez made it possible for his comrades to escape, and was directly responsible for repulsing an attack by vastly superior enemy forces.

Community Comments & Reflect

Scottish Power treatment of local miners despairing

By **DORIS QUINN**
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Last Thursday members from the Scottish Power board of directors, along with officials from PacifiCorp and Interwest Mining Corp., were in Emery County to "hold a board meeting and make a tour of their newly acquired assets they received from the merger," said Dave Eskelsen, media relations director from PacifiCorp's office in Salt Lake City.

Eskelsen also said the Scottish Power Board of Directors would be having dinner with the governor of Utah that same evening, and would attend another board meeting and luncheon in Salt Lake City the following day. He also added the media was not included in the day's events in Emery County.

For not being included in the day's events that leaves me to wonder why an employee from the Hunter Power Plant phoned the *Emery County Progress*, and specifically made the request for someone from the newspaper to be at the power plant to take pictures on Thursday. The time given for me to arrive at the plant was around 10:45 a.m.

This person also indicated the Scottish Power board of directors, along with the PacifiCorp and Interwest Mining officials, would tour the Deer Creek Mine in Huntington Canyon prior to touring the Hunter Power Plant.

This person made no mention of the Scottish Power officials touring the Huntington Power Plant, near the Deer Creek Mine, or of any plans to make contact with the Trail Mountain Coal Mine or its employees.

Interwest Mining recently announced it would be closing the Trail Mountain Coal Mine within two years and around 200 miners would be left without jobs.

I called the Deer Creek Mine Thursday morning and asked what time the tour of that facility was to begin. The person I talked to said it was to start at 9 a.m. and they would not be going underground, just touring the office and yard.

I was waiting at the Deer Creek Mine from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for their arrival, along with officials from Energy West and the Deer Creek Mine. Calls kept coming to the mine that "they were on their way," but they did not arrive.

My visit at the Deer Creek Mine was wonderful. I watched as the secretary chided the miners to wipe their feet before entering the building. Everything needed to be absolutely spotless when the Scottish Power officials arrived. Work had been going on for weeks at Deer Creek painting the facilities, cleaning, and polishing everything until the whole building practically glowed.

The employees at Deer Creek mine need to be commended for all their hard work, the facilities looked great!

At Deer Creek I was invited to go upstairs into the control room where the monitor explained each piece of equipment there and how it worked, along with what his job entailed to keep all the coal miners underground accounted for and safe. It was impressive, but also sad. The monitor indicated the equipment they use in the control room is equal to the newest technology of the late 1970s, and here we are in the year 2000.

An official from Energy West's main office arrived at the mine about 10:30 a.m. and said he didn't know where the Scottish Power officials were, but he had been told they were on their way.

He then asked me if I knew there was "something going on at the bottom of the hill." That something, he said, was some coal miners from Trail Mountain waiting for the Scottish Power officials with signs. He said they were being very peaceful, just wanted to talk to the Scottish Power officials, and were not causing any problems.

I left the mine site and went down the road to the highway where the miners from Trail were assembled. They talked briefly with me and said they had witnessed the Scottish Power officials coming up the canyon in Suburbans and when they got close enough to see where they were assembled, they stopped their vehicles, turned around, and left.

At that time the miners were angry because the Scottish Power officials had turned and run, instead of driving past them to read their signs or make any effort to talk to them.

I left from there and went to Huntington where I called an employee at Energy West's main office. According to this person they didn't know anything about what was going on, just that the Scottish Power officials where somewhere and they were supposed to tour the Deer Creek Mine. This person also said there were no plans for the Scottish Power officials to tour the main office of Energy West while they were in the area.

After this phone conversation I went from Huntington to the Hunter Power Plant, and there were all the Suburbans lined up in the secured parking lot at the Hunter Power Plant.

I went to the gate and security guard called into the plant. My photographer and I were allowed to enter the main foyer of the power

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Don't miss "Ancestor

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The Second "Ancestors" Series is coming to PBS Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. beginning June 10, and Sundays at 9 a.m. beginning June 18.

Riding the wave of the "roots" phenomenon, "Ancestors" shows viewers how to connect with the exploding world of family history research, tapping into the country's third most popular hobby - genealogy!

KBYU Television of Provo, announced the release of 13 episodes which combine dramatic stories with expert instruction, bringing family history information to a national audience. Ancestors looks at how records such as census, probate, vital, military and immigration, can provide important information about our ancestors' lives. It shows viewers how and where to find these records and how to use them. "Ancestors" follows the personal stories of individuals whose search has led them to a discovery of their heritage and a greater understanding of themselves.

To follow these dramatic stories, the all-new "Ancestors" was shot on location around the world. Host Scott Wilkinson takes viewers from the green hills of Ireland to the crowded streets of Hong Kong, as the search for family history records spans centuries of family connection. Along the way, he takes viewers inside some of the world's most famous genealogical repositories, like the National Archives and the Library of Congress

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