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maintenance, the power and getting the power to the lights would be the county's or some

ers much as the expense of heating the transformer. "I just can't believe it would

There have been some solar powered lights in various places that might work well in this situation. (Continued on page 8A)

# UMWA local protesting Energy West's decision

By JACKIE ANDERSON  
Staff reporter

"This is a good, convenient, contrived way for mine management to get out from under the Trail Mountain mine under the guise of health and safety," maintained UMWA Local 2176 vice president and safety committee chairman Cameron Montgomery in an interview Thursday.

Montgomery's remarks came in response to the Energy West mine management announcement on Oct. 6 to close the Trail Mountain mine six to eight months earlier than originally planned due to hazardous con-

ditions surrounding a bounce in the longwall section.

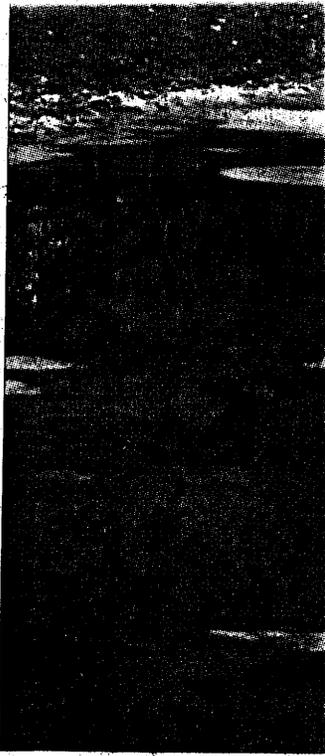
The announcement followed a pressure bump on the second right long wall panel on Oct. 3 which disrupted regular mining activity for more than one hour.

United States Mine Safety and Health Administration official Bert Peacock issued a mine citation/order "to ensure the safety of any person in the coal mine until an examination or investigation is made to determine that the long wall is safe." The order was terminated on Oct. 4 with the statement, "The long wall (MMU 004) has been examined, and it has been determined that it is safe to resume normal

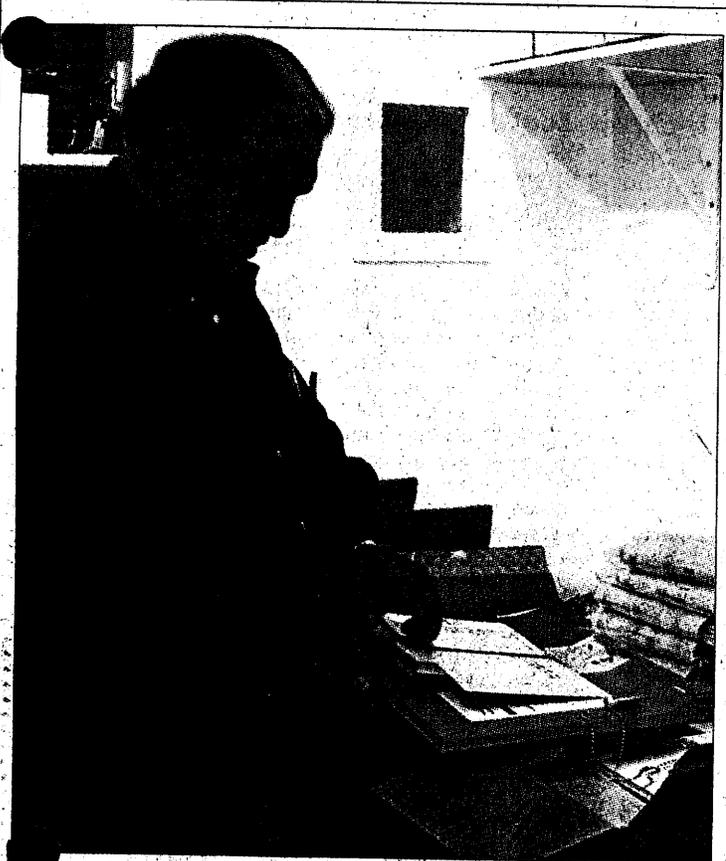
mining operations in the affected area."

But the fact remains that on Oct. 6 Energy West announced that it is shortening the second right longwall panel by approximately 5,500 feet and shortening the first right panel by 1,500 feet.

The company plans to move the longwall, leaving 1.9 million tons of coal behind. At a modest sale price of \$20 per ton, that represents about \$40 million worth of coal, and a \$7.2 million royalty loss to the Bureau of Land Management, half of which (\$3.6 million) would go to the state of Utah's general fund. (Continued on page 8A)



**Fall signals Hallow**  
With the change in seasons comes a shift from daylight savings to standard time. Also, the weather can be filled with trick or treaters. Remain alert and take extra precautions.



Bob Pero, county clerk-auditor, displays some of the materials that will be used by election judges and voters on Nov. 7 at the election polls.

## Voters register, county prepares for election

## Implementing 2003 rules to impact small water

By KEVIN ASHBY  
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In Carbon County there are approximately 17 different private companies that have been formed over the years to supply culinary water and system to a varied group of consumers.

The companies were formed in areas outside of municipal city limits and in places where the water and sewer district could not provide services. Some companies were started before PRWID was formed.

For example, the Riverview Water Company was formed in an area where there are no district water lines.

Another example would be when residents own property and build a home. Later, they subdivide and allow siblings to

build homes and they hook onto existing private water lines. This is considered a private water company with PRWID only supplying the water to the main connection. These types of companies have increased over time in Carbon County.

Other companies were formed by a consortium of people joining together for water services like the Spring Glen system. From the beginning, they organized a company that would purchase water and install the necessary system for distribution and fire flow requirements. Members acquired the money and made arrangements to make the payments.

The problem lies with the new state regulations that will be put into effect January 2003. The Utah Division of Drinking water

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...to put in for a special appropriation at the state legislature for this project," said Mathews. "They do those kinds of projects all the time."

The commission decided not to take any action at the present time and Dale Stapley said they would study the alternatives further and come back with more ideas and information.

## UMWA protests Energy West decision:

(Continued from page 1A) pointed out Montgomery.

The early closure also amounts to \$20,000 to \$35,000 out of the pockets of the 180 coal miners employed at Trail Mountain, as well as the taxes generated by those paychecks, said the UMWA representative.

When mine management originally announced the closure of the Trail Mountain, workers planned on the remaining year's time to get finances in order. The early closure will create unplanned hardship for the employees, the same miners who the decision claims to protect, explained the UMWA official.

With 22,000 feet of cover, the Trail Mountain miners have learned to take bounces of the sort that occurred on Oct. 3 in stride.

"We consider bounces normal," said Montgomery, who presented a list of those occurrences which incurred injury within the past two years to make his point. In a letter to Carbon Commissioner Mike Milovich, the UMWA official asserted that "the only reason this bounce became significant is because of

also pay for half of the cost of a new rescue vehicle. The counties half would be based on what isn't paid for by a grant they have applied for.

The commissioner discussed this situation and discovered that the Wellington department had covered almost three times as many fire calls in the county as they had in their own city in the past year. They had also covered 162 rescues

mine management making much ado about nothing to the BLM."

Bounces have occurred as a normal part of mining for over 14 years at Cottonwood and Trail Mountain, explained Montgomery. He pointed out that four employees were injured moving the wall, while none have been injured due to bounces.

Montgomery pointed out that it is his job to protect the safety of Trail Mountain miners, yet company procedures and protocol were ignored, and he was never notified until the decision had been made.

Montgomery believes seismic recordings are the most accurate way to determine and quantify the severity of longwall face bounces. A chart of events recorded near Trail Mountain from January to September obtained from the University of Utah Seismic Station reveal no significant events.

Company spokesperson David Eskelsen explained Tuesday that there has been an increase in the frequency of rector scale two or above seismic events since September, as well as an increase in the frequency of bounces in the

cession turned to the fact that what the county does with one entity they must do with another.

"We need to treat other municipalities such as Price and Helper the same way when they come to us," said Milovich. "We will set a precedent with any action we take."

Krompel agreed to talk with Wellington about the proposal and make a counter offer.

longwall section. Eskelsen was unsure of the number of bounces.

Sue Nova, seismograph network manager for the University of Utah Seismic Station indicated on Tuesday that there has been no increase of seismic events in the general area of the Trail Mountain mine. Nova said it is important to note that there is not a seismicity one to one relationship between observations of underground bounces and earth quakes recorded by the station.

Eskelsen said there has also been an increase in the violence of displacement behind the longwall resulting in damage to equipment.

Based on information provided by company geologists, Energy West management has determined that the safety of miners cannot be guaranteed, explained Eskelsen. The company does not expect conditions to improve.

On the other hand, the union spokesman representing the miners claims, "It would be a crying shame to allow Energy West to lie to the BLM and have this happen under the phony context of mine safety and health."

## Desire to exercise control fuels abuse:

(Continued from page 1A) Wrong, which abusers use to gain control of partners:

- Criticism- My partner makes me feel like I never do anything right. Nothing is ever good enough.
- Ignoring needs - My partner expects me to drop everything, but can never be depended upon.
- Overprotection - My partner is jealous when I talk to new people, picks out my clothes and checks up on me frequently during the day.
- Money - I have to ask for money and can't get information about our financial situation.
- Jealousy - My partner claims I care more about my friends and family than him.
- Physical intimidation - My partner blocks the door so I can't leave during a fight. He stands very close

have to figure out what I've done and apologize for it.

- Denies perceptions - My partner says I'm too sensitive. He says he can help me fix my character defects and makes lists of what's wrong with me.
- Decision making - My partner says subjects are not open to discussion and always has the last word.
- Shifting responsibility - My partner says if I leave him, he'll kill himself. He says he wouldn't go after other women if I were ...
- Sexual humiliation - My partner pressures me to have sex in ways that make me uncomfortable. When I object, he says I'm frigid.
- Physical violence - My partner throws things, chokes me, kicks me, chokes, bites me, pushes, punches

majority of abusive behaviors do not leave physical evidence and are not easily observable to the outsider, which is why education efforts in communities are so important.

Knowing someone who is being abused may be disturbing. Weiss suggests the following statements when approaching the subject:

- I'm worried about you. Sometimes, one simple statement is enough.
- You don't deserve this. His behavior is not your fault.
- I'm here to listen if you want to talk. She may not be ready, but she will remember that you were concerned enough to make the offer.
- You're a strong person. Any woman in an abusive relationship, whether she has escaped or not, is