

*"You forced children to carry crushing burdens of guilt and shame."*

Judge Derek Pullan who sentenced Lon Kennard to prison for child sexual abuse.

**briefly**

**POWER GOES OUT AT BOX ELDER JAIL**

**BRIGHAM CITY** — A little more than 100 prisoners housed at the Box Elder County Jail were evacuated Thursday to the yard and exercise area after an electrical short created some smoke and caused a power outage.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Kevin Potter said a piece of air conditioning equipment somehow shorted out about 1 p.m., briefly causing some smoke in the jail. That triggered the alarm system and a response by the fire department.

The power was down for about two hours. Potter said the 104 inmates housed at the jail were sent to a confined outdoors area, or yard, while power was restored.

— Amy Joi O'Donoghue

**LIVE-FIRE EXERCISE**

**IS THIS WEEKEND**

**CAMP WILLIAMS** — The 640th Regional Training Institute will conduct its annual live-fire training exercise today through Sunday.

There will be 300-400 rounds of ammunition fired over the three-day exercise. They will begin firing at 1 p.m. on today and start back up again at 9 a.m. on Saturday until all rounds are complete.

Residents of Bluffdale, Riverton, Herriman, Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs and Lehi will be most affected by the training.

The public is encouraged to attend during the VIP portion of the event today at noon.

**JOB FAIR FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS**

**SANDY** — National Guard members, reservists, veterans and their spouses seeking employment are invited to a "Hiring Our Heroes" job fair Friday at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, 9575 S. State.

The Utah Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee along with many other support organizations, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, are participating in this event.

The fair will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with more than 100 employers represented. Representatives from the Utah's Department of Workforce Services, the Veterans Administration and veterans service organizations will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance.

A list of participating employers can be seen at [www.slchamber.com/hoh\\_exhibitors](http://www.slchamber.com/hoh_exhibitors).

Registration is still open at [www.hoh.greatjob.net](http://www.hoh.greatjob.net), or participants can register at the door.

**YELLOWSTONE ROADS TO CLOSE MONDAY**

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.** — Roads to most of Yellowstone National Park's popular tourist spots, including Old Faithful, are scheduled to be closed Monday for the winter season.

After the roads are closed, park staff are expected to begin preparing for limited, commercially guided snowmobile and snow coach travel during the winter season, which begins Dec. 15.

— Associated Press

**Ex-CIA chief speaks on energy**

BY SARAH GAMBLES  
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**PROVO** — Former CIA director James Woolsey warned BYU students on Thursday of how they use energy and to be aware of where it comes from.

"Part of what we have to think about is not just that we need it to be clean, but we need it to be secure," Woolsey said.

The speech was part of the Wheatley lectures at the Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center.

He focused the speech on three notable world leaders and their ideals and views on energy and how he hopes the country will accommodate

their beliefs and ideas.

The first leader he spoke about was John Muir, an early advocate of the preservation of the wilderness in the U.S. in the 1800s.

"Muir is my spokesman for wanting to have our environment clean."

He referred to hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, as a usable means for alternative energy. To obtain energy from fracking, rocks are drilled to release natural gas, petroleum, coal seams or other substances to extract.

"There's some environmental controversy about it, but the problems are relatively small and easy to deal with," Woolsey said.

Woolsey, along with Con-

gress and most consumers in America are concerned with clean energy but are most likely more concerned with costs.

He listed four methods of energy that are cheaper than oil: 1. electricity, 2. natural gas, 3. methanol and 4. ethanol.

He then moved on to Gen. George S. Patton and how he views energy as a security issue.

"Patton is worried about terrorist threats and he is especially worried about hackers," Woolsey said.

He said with the electric grid the country has for energy systems can be proved to extremely vulnerable.

"Part of what we have to think about is not just that

we need it to be clean, but we need it to be secure," Woolsey said.

Along with environmental impact and security, Woolsey brought up that to have a successful energy system, it has to be humane and independent.

Mahatma Gandhi believed in that system too, and Woolsey used him as his third influence.

"The bottom 2 billion people in the world live without electricity," Woolsey said. "Some empirical countries will control their people by not abusing them physically or using violence but by turning off their electricity, their power source."

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**Crossing arms were down 14 minutes prior to crash**

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**MURRAY** — An investigation by the Utah Transit Authority shows the crossing arms at the intersection where a serious accident happened earlier this week were working properly.

But because of a malfunctioning TRAX train down the line, the crossing arms stayed down for almost 14 minutes straight, including a nine-minute stretch when no trains passed through the crossing at 6100 South and 300 West.

If motorists had waited just one more minute, the crossing arms would have reset themselves and would have gone up, UTA spokesman Gerry Carpenter said.

UTA officials originally said Monday the crossing arms had only been down for six minutes when the accident occurred. While technically true, the gates only went up for 15 seconds after being down 8 minutes prior to that.

Tow truck driver Julio Mendosa, 40, was seriously injured Monday when he attempted to drive around the downed crossing arms. At least two other vehicles had already moved around the arms successfully. But when Mendosa attempted to cross, his vehicle was struck in a violent collision by a fast-moving train.

The accident knocked the bed off Mendosa's truck, took out a crossing signal and knocked the tow truck 25 yards down the track.

Witnesses reported the crossing arms had been down longer than normal prior to the accident and vehicles started driving around them. Upon further investigation, Carpenter said UTA officials discovered there were 10 trains that went through that intersection in the 40 minutes prior to the crash.

At 8:44 a.m., a red line train headed north stopped at the Fashion Place West station at 6400 South. The door with the wheelchair access ramp became stuck, however, and wouldn't close.

When a northbound train is at the Fashion Place station it automatically triggers the crossing arms at 6100 South, Carpenter said. Typically, a train is only at the Fashion Place station for 30 to 40 seconds.

"Because it was held up, it kept the crossing active," he said.

At 8:45 a.m. and 8:49 a.m., two more trains went through the intersection.

At 8:52 a.m. the crossing arms came up at the intersection again, but only for a brief 15 seconds, Carpenter said.

The next train that came through the intersection was the one that hit the tow truck. So from 8:49 a.m. to 8:58 a.m. there were no trains going through the intersection even though the crossing arms were down, Carpenter said.

The crossing arms are programmed to reset themselves if they are down 10 minutes with no train activity, he said. The arms would have gone back up if the tow truck driver had waited one more minute.

The message to drivers, Carpenter said, is that when the crossing arms are down, it means there is a train moving in the area.

If the public thinks a crossing arm is malfunctioning, they can always call UTA police at 801-287-EYES (3937).

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**Disabled boy found near home in Millcreek**

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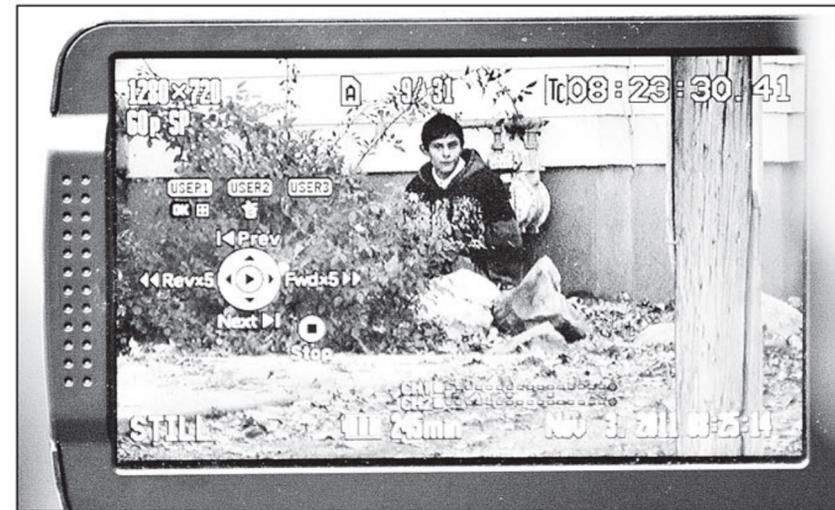
**MILLCREEK** — A missing disabled teen was found safe in his yard Thursday morning by news reporters.

Jordan Mark, 14, was last seen just after 10 p.m. Wednesday near 2400 East and 3300 South. Mark, who lost both legs at birth, was sitting outside in his wheelchair about 9 a.m. Thursday refusing to go inside his foster home, according to police.

His foster parents told officers that Mark had a court hearing earlier in the day that "didn't go so well." It was not immediately clear what the hearing was about.

When his father looked outside to check on him about 10:10 p.m. Wednesday, the wheelchair was still there but Mark was gone. One of the concerns for police was Mark was only wearing a hoodie and it was cold last night.

"The problem that we have is he is 14 years old, doesn't have any legs. ... He's wheelchair-bound, but when he does leave, he gets down and uses his arms and maneuvers, drags himself around," said Unified Police



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Jordan Mark, who was missing, is seen on camera in the bushes outside his home.

Lt. Manfred Lassig.

Mark was found about 9 a.m. Thursday by Deseret News reporters Shara Park and Randall Jeppesen who spotted him outside his home.

"I saw him in the bushes in front of his house. As I approached he went around the back of the house," Park said. She notified the boy's parents and police.

Investigators interviewed Mark, who said he slept in a neighbor's yard and returned the next morning. The boy was cold but otherwise unharmed. He was given a sandwich and some hot chocolate, said Unified Police Lt. Justin Hoyal. He told detectives he was mad about the way things went down in court earlier in the day and ran off.

Police say Mark has a his-

tory of running away, including already running away once before on Wednesday after his court hearing.

Mark was taken out of the house and placed in Salt Lake County Youth Services, Hoyal said. Youth Services typically houses juveniles who are having issues with their parents or guardians.

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**\$21M Springville rec center bond hot issue**

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**SPRINGVILLE** — Residents are actively lobbying both for and against a \$21 million recreation center bond proposal that will be on Tuesday's municipal election ballot.

The general obligation bond proposal also plays into the campaigns of the six candidates on the ballot for three at-large seats on the City Council.

If approved, the bond would be used to build a new recreation center in the area of 1000 West and 400 South. The center would replace the 30-year-old indoor swimming pool adjacent to Springville High School.

A related item on the ballot would levy a 0.1 percent sales tax, primarily intended to pay ongoing operating expenses of a new facility.

City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald said a concept for a new recreation center includes a recreational and competition swimming pool, fitness facility, weight rooms, aerobic rooms, a walking track and gymnasiums. The design would include space for an outdoor pool that could be added later.

He said a 2009 survey shows about 75 percent of city residents said they are

willing to pay \$10 per month on average in increased property taxes to see a recreation center built, and that the proposed 25-year bond on Tuesday's ballot would cost the average homeowner about \$8 per month.

Fitzgerald said the only other general obligation bond residents are paying on is for the city's new library, which is costing those same average homeowners between \$5 and \$6 per month for the next 20 years.

Bond proponent Sam Brand, a member of the Rec Center Bond Committee, said both the existing pool and the proposed recreation center would operate at a loss — the current pool costing the city about \$300,000 a year and the proposed recreation center an estimated \$375,000 each year. The sales tax proposition, if approved, would raise between \$300,000 and \$400,000 per year to cover operating expenses.

"We really need both to pass to make (the recreation center) operate the way the city wants it to," Brand said. "Surveys have said we want a recreation center and we're willing to pay for it. That's why it's on the ballot."

"I have six children, all in elementary school. I'm excited about having a place

to take my kids that's close by," Brand said.

Bonnie Atkinson is co-chairwoman of a coalition working to defeat the bond. "There is so much interest in renovating the pool. We could get a very good rec center at half the price if we get our finances in order," she said, complaining that the bond is going to voters without a final design in place. "It's a blank check," she said.

"As long as we say 'no' on this, the conversation is still open. But as soon as we give our city leaders carte blanche to borrow \$21 million, then the conversation is closed."

The Utah Taxpayers Association has weighed in against the bond. "There are serious questions about the 'need' for this project, how the funds will be spent," it says in an Oct. 11 article on its website.

The controversial bond has also been campaign fodder for City Council candidates.

Dean F. Olsen is the only incumbent in the election, which includes five other candidates for his and two other at-large council seats currently held by J. Niel Strong and Phil Bird.

"Springville citizens have lamented, both verbally and in written form, the need

for more activities for our youth," said Olsen, who supports the bond. "While there is opposition, expectantly, voters supporting the bond will prevail," he predicts.

Karen Ellington said she has heard a lot about the proposed recreation center while campaigning but is not taking a position on the bond.

"If the bond passes, I want to build a quality facility that will be an asset to our community while keeping costs down as much as we can in order to reduce the impact on residents. If it doesn't pass, then I think it's important to look at building a new pool as the current one is frequently used and is in great disrepair."

Candidates Christopher K. Creer, Richard "Rick" J. Child and Timothy E. Metler did not respond to a request for their position on the bond. Candidate Rich Maughn said he is the only candidate to openly oppose the bond.

"I own a couple of different properties and a business in Springville, and this bond, if passed, will have a huge impact on all the residents of Springville, but especially on commercial properties."

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