

CS Council tries to answer public restroom problem

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Reporter

Councilman James Bond led the discussion on the up-keep and safety of the public restrooms during the College Station City Council meeting Thursday night. Bond said that the parks should be used and that clean and safe restrooms need to be available to the public. The Parks and Recreation Department should also show some concern, he said. Steve Beachy, Parks and Recreation Department's director, agreed.

collect litter and are a cleaning problem. And a vandalism problem exists also. Beachy agreed with Bond's idea but wanted maintenance personnel hired to answer questions and to keep the facilities clean. But "that would cost \$72,000 to staff the nine facilities," and is not necessary, Bond said. He insisted that there must be an answer somewhere. The Parks and Recreation Department's salaries for maintenance workers in the south district were brought to the attention of the council by Sherrie Knoepfel, south district maintenance supervisor. Knoepfel said she will be moving to Houston but would like to help her co-workers by showing the council that several of her co-

workers' families with three or fewer children are receiving emergency food allotments because of their low wages. Councilman Terri Tango said that the 3 1/2 to 7 percent merit scale pay raise can not be used to increase these salaries, it has to be evenly distributed throughout the city or not at all. In other business, the council:

- Approved the 1985 statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds.
- Approved the resubdivision plat of Chimney Hill retail plaza subdivision.
- Approved an amendment allowing the State Department of Highways to set speed limits for the East Bypass, SH 6.
- Canceled the ten-foot utility easement in the Schick Addition.

Conwell says his notoriety is transient

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Allyn Conwell says several pounds of letters have piled up for him at the post office, but he insists his notoriety as spokesman for fellow captives of TWA Flight 847 is fleeting. "Given a few weeks of me being out of the country, if you mention 'Allyn Conwell,' the most common response will be, 'Who?'" he said Wednesday. Conwell, 39, was the controversial spokesman for fellow American captives during the Beirut crisis. He has drawn criticism for speaking sympathetically during his captivity of more than 700 Israeli-held Shiites. The release of those Shiites was demanded by the two men who hijacked the plane and by the Amal militia that kept the hostages for the last 15 days of the incident. When the freed American hostages returned to the United States, it was TWA pilot John Testrake — not Conwell — who has spoken on behalf of the group. Conwell has said the statements he made during his captivity were misconstrued.

"I worded my statements very carefully, because of my awareness of the feelings" of the other captives, he said. "I think time will bear out that the statements I made... for the hostages were very accurate," Conwell said. He said he will fly sometime this week to Greece, the home of his wife's parents, where he and his family will relax for a week. After that, the Conwells will return to the Middle East, where Conwell is working.

Conwell has worked for the past year in Muscat, Oman, as general manager for Houston-based Enterra Oil Field Services. He said he is being transferred to another Middle East location, which he declined to divulge.

Conwell was flying from Athens, the home of his in-laws, to the Middle East when the plane was hijacked. He has been visiting with relatives in Houston — his native town — since his release.

Conwell said that letters for him have been stacking up at the post office and that he intends to answer every one of them eventually.

Asked about the numerous offers he has received for magazine articles, books and television appearances, he said he is keeping his options open.

"It'd be hard not to consider something," he said. "I may be open to something of that nature in the future." "Someone has even mentioned a movie, but I'm not taking that too seriously."

should be used at least the first year. But Kirby said the Texas Education Agency staff didn't believe the current 9th grade test would fulfill the Legislature's requirements.

Kirby estimated that about three-fourths of Texas students would be able to pass the new test this fall and that only 25 percent would need help.

The commissioner said the proposed test will have 72 questions on mathematics and language arts.

Of that number, he said 20 math problems and eight language arts questions may not have been studied because new school curriculum laws don't take effect until this fall.

Madonna

Photographer loses suit to get back nude pictures of singer from magazine

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — The wife of a photographer who sued Penthouse magazine to keep it from publishing nude photos of superstar Madonna said Thursday she didn't think the case would get so complicated. Susan Kulkens and her husband, Herman, who took the photographs of the singer-actress before she catapulted to fame, lost the first battle Thursday in an attempt to get the photos back from Penthouse.

"It's just more involved," Susan Kulkens said. "I thought it would be very easy. Send them some photographs. They decide whether they liked them or not. They'd say let's sign a contract."

"We sign a contract and then in another month or two the pictures would be in a magazine and that would be all there is to it."

Instead, the Kulkenses have waged a legal battle against the magazine and its publisher Bob Guccione, whom Mrs. Kulkens calls a "very clever businessman." The couple argued that they sent the magazine 22 photos taken in 1977 for inspection, but that no price was discussed. They recently received \$25,000 from the magazine, but contend the photos are worth more than \$100,000.

Meanwhile, Playboy and Penthouse magazines have been racing to hit the streets first with nude photos of Madonna, whose song credits include "Like a Virgin," "Material Girl," and "Crazy For You." She also recently

appeared in the movie, "Desperately Seeking Susan." None of Herman Kulkens' photos are in those publications' most recent issues, his wife said Thursday.

Also Thursday in New York, U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan refused to bar Penthouse from publishing the Kulkens' shots, if it chooses, in a future issue.

But he said the case could still go to trial, and Penthouse might owe the Kulkenses damages if they eventually prove that it lacked the rights to the pictures.

Herman Kulkens has been on a biking trip since Monday and his wife said he would return to Brownsville Friday.

"When my husband comes home, we'll decide whether we're going to go to court with it or whether we'll settle," Mrs. Kulkens said.

Kulkens photographed Madonna in 1977 while she was still a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Kulkens said she decided to send off the pictures because she was proud of her husband's work.

"He's not crazy about the publicity," Mrs. Kulkens said about her husband.

She said she doesn't have any regrets about sending the photos to the magazine.

"I regret that it is taking this long," she said. "I regret what happened with Penthouse. I regret that because I think what happened wasn't right."

"If my husband's pictures are published I won't regret any of it. It will be worth it."

State Board of Education temporarily passes 'exit test'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The State Board of Education gave preliminary approval Thursday to an "exit test" that high school students must pass before receiving a diploma.

However, the plan, which must be formally approved again by the 15-member board Saturday, was modified to allow students in some schools to skip some of the 72 questions.

Jon Brumley of Fort Worth said, "I think we have done everything we could possibly do to follow the Legislature's instructions. I think we have balanced equity and quality as well as we could."

The 11-1 approval of Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills tests

came after a two-hour closed session then another hour of debate over the public vote.

Rebecca Canning, the member who voted against approval, said the test should challenge students. Canning failed in an attempt to require all students to answer more of the 72 questions.

The new test is the result of the major school reform bill passed by a special session of the Legislature last summer. It will be given first this October to 11th graders. If a student fails, there will be three more chances to take the test before finishing the 12th grade.

Board member Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont suggested that the approved test was too strict and a test now given at the 9th grade level

ment had been under surveillance at the airport since June 30, McDonald said.

"We were hoping someone would come by and pick it up," he said.

DEA agents waited five days. Then, with the help of Department of Public Safety troopers and Del Rio police, hauled the lab away in two moving vans to an undisclosed

location. McDonald said the lab, being transported in boxes, could be reassembled into one large lab or three smaller ones.

Ecstasy, the common name for methylene dioxymethyl amphetamine, is a synthetic hallucinogen that produces the same effects as amphetamines.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through July 10:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- Nine bicycles were stolen from different locations.
- Five wallets, two purses and a checkbook were stolen from different locations.
- A satchel was stolen from the Engineering Research Building.
- A digital watch was stolen from Milner Hall.
- Two tires were stolen from a 1980 Chevrolet truck.

THEFT:

- Six 19-inch color television sets were stolen from the Veterinary Administration Building.

FELONY THEFT:

- A Rolex watch was stolen from a golf bag on the Texas A&M Golf Course.

First Ecstasy drug lab seized at Texas airport

Associated Press

DEL RIO — Law enforcement agents in Texas and California are searching for the operators of the first Ecstasy drug lab seized since the designer drug was banned July 1.

The lab was seized aboard a twin-engine charter plane Friday at the Del Rio International Airport, officials said.

"It's the first Ecstasy lab seized in the United States since the new law making the drug illegal went into effect July 1," said Bill McDonald, Drug Enforcement Administration agent in charge of Eagle Pass, Texas.

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