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Mind If I Cut In?

University professors and graduate students meet on the main drill field for some friendly competition, soccer style. The group meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. When the group began meeting

about five years ago only two or three people would show up, but interest has increased so much that as many as 40 people will participate on a good day.

Donations for victims of tornado in Saragosa discovered missing

PECOS (AP) — Two truckloads of goods donated for victims of the May 22 tornado at Saragosa are missing, and both the Reeves County sheriff's department and leaders of the small farming community say the other should take the responsibility.

The goods were being stored in a warehouse at Pecos, about 20 miles north of Saragosa.

"We don't want to be blamed for which that we couldn't handle the things that were given us," assistant disaster coordinator Felipe Lopez said.

Lopez said the sheriff's office had taken charge of the church-group shipment and five tractor-trailer loads from northeast Louisiana do-

nors, one of which was stored in Pecos after arriving in mid-June.

"They were in charge of distribution and now something has gone wrong, they know nothing about it," Lopez said.

The sheriff's department is investigating the apparent theft of the items, which were sent by groups in Austin and Monroe, La., to benefit residents in their recovery from the tornado that killed 30 people and injured 161 others.

Reeves County Sheriff Raul Flores said that responsibility had been turned over to the residents of Saragosa. "We didn't take control," Flores said. "We just found places to store it."

The missing goods are under investigation now, he said.

"If it is gone illegally, I'm responsible, just like I'm responsible for everything in the county," Flores said. "But if it was given out, there's nothing we can do."

Saragosa officials discovered the goods missing from the warehouse about a week ago when Lopez was looking for air-conditioning units, he said. Most of the items, ranging from toys and clothes to appliances, came from a batch of donations sent by the church group Saragosa-Austin Cares.

The Rev. Ray Noble, who coordinated the Austin drive, said more than a thousand donors had sent

down everything from designer clothing to washers, driers and medical supplies.

Reeves County Community Council Director Mary Mitchell said the disappearance of the goods disappointed and saddened those involved with the Saragosa effort, but she wasn't sure anyone could be assigned blame for the situation.

Meanwhile, earlier this week the Saragosa Building Committee decided to send a check to victims of the tornado that devastated Edmonton, Canada, last week.

Lopez said \$250 would be sent on behalf of Saragosa residents as soon as they found someone to send it to.

Agencies to search for youth

AUSTIN (AP) — Two state agencies will help in the search for the remains of a 17-year-old youth who was washed away two weeks ago by the rampaging Guadalupe River, Gov. Bill Clements' office announced Wednesday.

John Bankston Jr. has been missing since July 17, when floodwaters swept away a busload of Dallas-area church campers returning from a camp near Com-

fort. The youth was last seen helping others to safety during the river's worst flooding in 55 years. The bodies of nine other teen-agers were recovered from the river and 33 people were rescued.

"We're real grateful for the extra two days," said Dwight Prather, pastor of the New Haven Baptist Church in Mesquite, Bankston's home church. "We'd really like more."

Prather said a group of volunteers was being put together in Dallas and appeals were being made on San Antonio radio stations for volunteers to assist in the search today and Friday.

Bankston's father, John Bankston Sr., on Monday visited with Hillary Doran, the governor's chief of staff, to ask for the state's help in finding the body.

Reggie Bashur, Clements' press secretary, said the state Highway Department would assign heavy equipment and crews to search debris piles along the riverbanks today and Friday.

The Texas Forest Service also will donate equipment for the search, Bashur said.

"If there are no results, on Monday and Tuesday the Texas Association of General Contractors has agreed to send in volunteers and equipment to continue the search," Bashur added.

Experts: Persian Gulf perils may cause higher oil prices

HOUSTON (AP) — Panic oil buying, hoarding, skyrocketing prices and huge economic disruption could follow a choking off of petroleum supplies from the Persian Gulf, two oil experts said Wednesday.

"You're going to go through the '70s cycle of gas lines, school shutdowns and problems all over the nation," said George P. Mitchell, chairman of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. "The national security is at stake."

During a news conference, Mitchell and Houston economist Arved Teleki, president of Hydrocarbon Consultants Inc., presented their view of Persian Gulf perils facing the United States and the global economy.

Teleki estimates chances of a total cutoff of supplies from the Strait of Hormuz now stand at about 30 percent, up from about five percent earlier this year.

"We are up against a very, very confused, confusing, disturbed, complicated situation," Teleki said. "To an extraordinary extent, the decision-making process has been lost by us and has been transferred to one of the most dangerous areas of the world."

Iran has threatened to attack Kuwaiti oil tankers and

U.S. military convoys escorting them. Iran and Iraq have been at war for seven years.

Teleki estimated that a 90-day disruption of access through the Strait of Hormuz could drive oil prices as high as \$55 per barrel, assuming roughly 8.5 million barrels per day are taken off the market as a result.

If a short-term crisis passed with no major conflagration, prices would stabilize around \$30 per barrel, he said, emphasizing that a number of factors could change this scenario.

Mitchell has long argued for government support for the domestic oil industry, beginning with repeal of the windfall profits tax and an increased national emphasis on lowering imports.

"The greater our dependence on imports, the greater will be the effect of a disruption on our economy," Mitchell said. "Now we're importing nearly 40 percent of our needs."

"Last year, the United States consumed more oil than the year before and produced less, with imports filling the void. This year will be the same: higher consumption, lower production and increased imports."

Lawmen in Kerr County continue search for missing wife of banker

KERRVILLE (AP) — Foul play is suspected in the disappearance of a banker's wife, whose clothing and jewelry were found in a creek near her ranch home, authorities said Wednesday.

Law enforcement officials are continuing their search for Joyce Louise Walters, 44, said Kerr County Sheriff Cliff Greeson.

"We do not have any concrete suspects. We do have some clues and are following up on them," he said.

Greeson declined to say whether there was a struggle at the house or creek or whether blood stains were found at either place. He also said no ransom note was found and did not know if anything was missing from the house.

Texas Rangers, Department of

Public Safety troopers, FBI agents and local officials were searching for the woman Wednesday in the Verde Creek area, about 5 miles from her Prison Canyon Ranch home and where the clothes and jewelry were found Tuesday, Greeson said.

The woman's husband, Roland Walters, chairman of the board of the Bank of Kerrville, called Greeson Tuesday morning to report his wife missing.

Walters was on a business trip in Houston and became concerned when he was unable to reach his wife by telephone about 10:30 p.m. Monday, the sheriff said.

A dress Mrs. Walters was last seen wearing, a bracelet, watch, belt, undergarments, shoes and a purse with credit cards and identification were

found in or on the banks of the creek, which is less than a mile from a store she owns, authorities said.

The search for the items began after a bicyclist, a doctor from Temple, saw a bracelet on the creek bank.

The man gave the jewelry to constable Tommy James at the Camp Verde store at about 2 p.m. Tuesday. When officers returned to the creek, they found the other items.

James contacted the sheriff's department, which notified Greeson, who was enroute to Prison Canyon Ranch to check on Mrs. Walters.

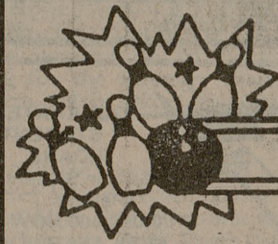
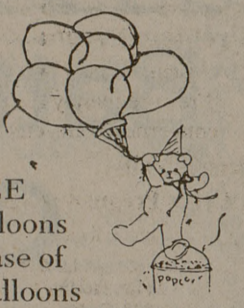
Greeson said Walters told him his wife was alone in the house Monday night. The last person she was known to have talked to was a Camp Verde store employee about 9:30 p.m. Monday on the telephone.

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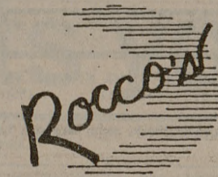
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