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Cash America aborts deal with Colortyme

FORT WORTH (AP) — A deal that would have merged a chain of pawn shops with the nation's largest franchiser of rent-to-own businesses fell apart after the companies failed to work out their differences over outstanding debt.

Cash America, a publicly held chain of pawn shops, said Tuesday it abandoned previously announced plans for a \$1.4 million stock swap to acquire Colortyme Inc.

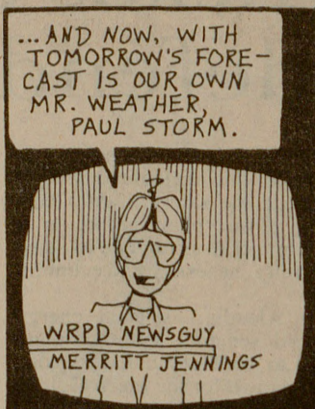
"We were uncomfortable with the debt they had," said Eugene M. Estep, Cash America vice president and director. "We . . . tried to restructure that, and it was not successful, so we just backed off."

Cash America, based in Fort Worth, signed a letter of intent last August to acquire Colortyme, the nation's largest franchiser of rent-to-own businesses.

Disagreement over how to handle a \$75 million debt that Colortyme carries led to the breakdown in negotiations, company officials said.

"They (Colortyme) do their consumer financing through Chrysler Credit Corp.," Estep said. "The problem occurred when Chrysler and Colortyme asked us to be the lender of second recourse, and we considered that to be more than we wanted to take on."

Warped



by Scott McCullough

Waldo



by Kevin Thomas

Exhibit displays British paintings

By Tim Davis
Reporter

A pictorial display of the evolution and concentration of British art styles is on display on the Texas A&M campus.

University Art Exhibits is featuring "Aspects of British Painting 1550-1800" in the Rudder Exhibit Hall. The exhibit, which will be on display through Oct. 31, is from the collection of the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation.

Spencer A. Samuels, director of the Art Development Program for the Foundation, wrote in the guide book for the exhibit that after Blaffer's death in 1975, the trustees of the Foundation created five major collections from the array of works that she had accumulated.

The other collections are of Italian, Dutch, English, French and Spanish paintings.

Samuels said Blaffer, who was from Houston, had a desire to share the beauty of the great works of art with people in communities far away from major museums.

This exhibit will be shown throughout Texas and out-of-state.

Mona Dayag, University Art Exhibits director, said the exhibition reflects the kinds of pictures that were being painted and commissioned during the time the show represents.

"This is not a 'masterpiece' show," she said. "It is a show that gives us the total picture of what was occurring in the 15th through 18th centuries."

Dayag said that although the concentration of the show is not on masterpieces, it does feature well-known artists.

"Some of the more popular and renowned artists in the exhibit are Joshua Reynolds, J.M.W. Turner, and Thomas Gainsborough," Dayag said.



Battalion File Photo

This painting by the 18th century British artist Joseph Nickolls will be included in the exhibition.

Since the exhibit is part of the Foundation's collection, the University Art Exhibits office did not choose the paintings included in the display.

"Not picking the content of the show is in no way a bad thing in this case," Dayag said.

"The exhibit was put together to show the development of British artists as they developed their own styles, and it was done very well," she said.

"By the 18th century the British were doing their own thing," Dayag said. "Prior to that time British artists looked to the continent (Europe) for inspiration and stylization. The show represents very well the various styles that were popular throughout the period."

Prominent styles included portraiture, landscape art, sporting art and historical paintings.

"Historical painting was painting that drew on ancient literature and Christian imagery and made them historical images rather than religious images in their own right," she said.

"Historical painting was the most elevated art form at the time," she said. "This was because the studios and British Art Academy valued it so highly for its purely artistic and classical merit."

Of all the styles, however, portraiture was the most popular in that time period, Dayag said.

"The exhibit gives an excellent picture of the evolution of the portraiture style in British art," she said. "One can see the development from the earlier styles up through the later images that the British artists created as they became more comfortable with their own styles and developed their skills."

Team solves 100-digit code

"Ten years ago, everybody suggested 80 digits were safe. Nowadays, that's trivial . . . personally, I'd go a little beyond 200 now."

Arjen Lenstra
University of Chicago computer scientist

"I think 150 is reasonable," he continued. "But personally, I'd go a little beyond 200 now."

Computer scientists had theorized that a single computer doing a million calculations per second would have needed 25 years to solve the problem. Even a state-of-the-art supercomputer such as the

Cray would need about 10 months of constant computing — that at a cost of thousands of dollars per hour.

Lenstra and Manasse, however, factored the number in just 26 days.

They began their attack on the 100-digit number by breaking the problem into smaller tasks, then farmed them out

to about 400 computers in the United States, Europe and Australia through an existing electronic mail network.

All the computers used in the project worked on the factoring problem only when they were not being used for anything else. Each time a problem was solved, it was relayed by electronic mail to Digital's Palo Alto lab.

The last sequence of numbers required to solve the entire problem flashed across a computer screen at 2:03 a.m. on Tuesday.

"One of the really nice things about this effort is that it cost us virtually nothing," Lenstra said. "We consulted friends, other computer scientists, anybody that thought factoring was fun got them to participate."

Teacher volunteers to teach 'three Rs' to young inmates

ANGLETON (AP) — Teacher Gayle Stein has a captive, but appreciative class two days a week, because cell doors open when the school bell rings at the Brazoria County Juvenile Detention Center.

"When I'm late they say 'Why are you late? Where were you? Do we get to stay out an extra half hour now?'" Stein, who drills the three Rs into children who have run afoul of the law, said.

Stein, who doubles as a counselor for the juveniles held in cells of the Brazoria County Courthouse, began teaching the young inmates basic academics earlier this month as part of the Juvenile Probation Department's supplemental education program.

"This is possibly the only educa-

tion some of these kids are going to get," she said.

From 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, guards let the teen-agers and pre-teens out of their cells to practice basic mathematics, language skills and reading with books donated by the Angleton Independent School District.

Stein said the program uses seventh-grade books because of the discrepancies in ages of her students, who range from 10 to 16 years old. While some older students might find the curriculum a little slow, she said many benefit from the classes because they are behind their peers in academics.

"We concentrate on the life skills. When one of them asks, 'How is this

going to help me?' I can say you're going to be able to add and subtract and use a cash register at McDonald's, and you have to be able to read and write to fill out a job application form."

"There's not any job in the area you don't need to know how to read, write or do basic math," she said. "I charge them."

And while some of the detainees are difficult to motivate, many attend the classes because they offer a break from the boredom of sitting in their cells all day, she said.

Although the program is less than a month old, Stein said it has great potential to reach the kids who would get "lost in the shuffle."

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