

Time bank opens daily for our use

Imagine that there is a bank crediting your account each morning with \$86,400.

Every evening that part of the balance you didn't use during the day is deleted.

What would you do? Draw out all of it, of course.

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is Time.

Every morning it credits us with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this we failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance: It allows no overdraft.

Each day it open a new account for us. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If we fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is ours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow."

We must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success.

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

*To realize the value of one year, ask a student who failed a grade.

*To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who gave birth prematurely.

*To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

*To realize the value of one hour, ask sweethearts waiting to meet.

*To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who missed a train.

*To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have. And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special -- special enough to spend your time.

And remember that Time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.

Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

Forgiveness is the sweetest revenge.



Three Rivers School District directors toured the construction site at Lorna Byrne Middle School and liked what they saw. (Photos by Britt Fairchild)



Lorna Byrne construction proceeding well

By BRITT FAIRCHILD

Construction at the new Lorna Byrne Middle School site is ahead of schedule by approximately three weeks, according to Three Rivers School District Superintendent Dr. David Burgess.

Prior to their Tuesday night, Oct. 16 board meeting at Illinois Valley High School, Burgess and the other district board members toured both floors of the new school, which will consist of 52,000 square feet of space. They noted certain features including the elevator shaft, and the future biology labs upstairs.

"They're moving along

pretty well," said board Chairman Martin Seybold, who along with the others seemed impressed with the progression of the project, as well as the site cleanliness.

With the base of the first floor complete, the second floor is being constructed. Roofing will start in approximately five weeks, according to Burgess.

Darren Lee, project manager of the Lorna Byrne site and the site for the new Fruitdale Elementary School in Grants Pass, briefly updated board members on both school projects during the tour. He followed with more in-depth

reports on the progress of Lorna Byrne and Fruitdale during the meeting at IVHS.

A \$24 million Three Rivers School bond measure passed in November 2000 is funding the construction at both schools, as well as renovations in the district's 13 other schools.

The new Lorna Byrne Middle School is scheduled to open in September 2003.

"I think it's safe to say we're pretty ecstatic," Burgess said.

"It is a real exciting time for our students, and the staff, and hopefully the community."

Pacific Power seeks help to prevent expenses due to vandalism and theft

Every year, said Pacific Power, it faces numerous cases of preventable damage and vandalism to its power lines, poles and equipment from power thieves, vandals and those shooting power line insulators and equipment for target practice.

These dangerous and costly incidents could be avoided if people knew of the consequences of their actions.

Pacific Power is asking the public to stay alert to the danger associated with vandalism and damage to equipment, help prevent serious injury and report dangerous or illegal behavior.

"People need to realize the danger involved with shooting at lines, poles and insulators, tampering with meters or vandalizing electrical equipment," said Amy Eschete, Pacific Power public safety consultant.

"Damage to equipment goes well beyond increasing costs for our business and our customers," she said. "Destructive behavior around power equipment can result in serious injury, even death."

Overhead lines can carry very high voltage - - up to 500,000 volts. Persons thinking high voltage electric lines and insulators make good target practice should think again. One gun shot to an insulator, the piece that isolates electrical current in power lines from the poles and towers that support them, can energize the poles, towers and anything they're touching, including the ground, even if the power line stays up on the pole or tower.

That electrical charge could cause serious injury or kill anyone who come in contact, including the vandal, any innocent passerby or a line worker who comes out to repair the line. If the power line should fall, it could land on and seriously hurt or kill the vandal or could land on the ground, stay energized and hurt or kill anyone or any animal that touches or goes near it, said Pacific Power.

Besides dangers, at nearly \$12,000 per insulator the vandalism is expensive to fix. It's also an inconvenience to customers when service is interrupted, especially in remote

areas where repairs can be difficult and time consuming.

In Oregon, transmission line vandalism is a class "C" felony, punishable by high fines and jail terms.

Tampering with meters raises another safety concern. Tampering, which most often takes place when people are trying to "steal" power, may cause severe electrical flashes, expose energized wires or involve other improper wiring, creating hazards to the public.

Tampering with meters can be hazardous to workers and the culprit.

Electrical flashes can cause serious burns to vandals. Hidden traps caused by tampering may cause injury to meter readers, electrical workers, people walking by and children playing.

In addition, electrical fires may result, putting personal property and other innocent people at risk.

Pacific Power offers some tips to help people avoid danger related to vandalism, meter tampering and other electrical hazards.

*If you witness an incident of someone shooting at a power line or electrical facilities, or if you see someone acting suspiciously around an electric meter, panel box, transformer or power lines, report them immediately to the authorities.

*Report meter tampering, open electric meters or other apparent electrical hazards involving power systems to Pacific Power (888) 221-7070.

*Keep children away from electric equipment at all times. They should not play on or around pad-mounted ground transformers (the green boxes you see in the neighborhoods having underground electric lines), substations or other electric equipment.

*If someone becomes injured by contacting exposed wires or energized lines, do not touch them or anything they're touching because they still may be in contact with wires or other equipment. Phone 911 immediately and wait for help to arrive.

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