

Vander Esch faces sex abuse charges

Hawarden native and Pizza Ranch co-founder Lawrence Vander Esch was charged last week with several counts of sexual abuse.

The charges were brought after agents of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated various complaints that Vander Esch, 54, had sexually molested three teenage boys while they were employees of Pizza Ranch.

Investigators filed four counts of sexual abuse in the third degree for deviant sexual acts which were alleged to have occurred in Sioux County. Two additional charges will be filed for alleged third degree sexual abuse acts in Linn and Marion Counties.

Vander Esch turned himself in to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office last Thursday following a 10-day investigation. Before turning himself in he resigned his office with Pizza Ranch and his seat on the Hull City Council. He also had served as chairman of the Sioux County Jail Study and

chairman of the Sioux County Republican Party. He resigned those positions as well.

Vander Esch is a 1964 graduate of West Sioux High School. He had served as the Sioux County treasurer from 1973 until 1987 and has been active in community activities in Hull and in his church.

According to a press release from Sioux County Attorney Mark Schouten, this case started when families and friends of three of the victims contacted his office on Monday, April 2. Because of Vander Esch's position in Sioux County, the DCI was asked to take the lead in the investigation. Since the investigation started, the Iowa Attorney General's Office has been asked to assist in the prosecution of the case.

"Our office is committed to do whatever is necessary to protect the victims who have come forward in these cases," said Schouten. "They are to be commended for their courage. Our office victim/witness coordinator is working with those victims who have come for-

ward and/or have been identified. We would encourage other victims in this case to come forward by contacting our office, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office or the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation."

Agents and investigators continue to investigate Vander Esch's activities to ascertain whether there is evidence at hand to indicate whether other young people may have been victims.

Sexual abuse in the third degree is a Class C felony and is punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for no more than 10 years and in addition to such confinement a fine must be levied of at least \$1,000 but not more than \$10,000.

Vander Esch appeared with his attorney, Lee Goodwin, before Associate District Court Judge Robert Dull last Thursday. He was released on a \$52,000 signature bond. Vander Esch waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Sioux County jury pool list released

Below is a list of those who have been called to jury duty for the panel term beginning May 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001.

Ireton: Lora Bonnema, Patsy Bootsma, Charles Houlton, Alan Vandenbrink, Ronald Van Ravenswaay, Daniel Van Wyhe.

Hawarden: Karri Bushby, Mildred Dunn, Kriste Eisma, Jay Flynn, Gloria Garrett, Stuart Hendricks, Harold Hultquist, Elwood Iverson, Daniel Jurrens, Barry Kuiper, Mary Malinowski, Susan McManaman, Michael McManaman, Edward McMillian, Richard Mell, LeRoy Ross, Barbara Ruhland, Charles Smith, Mary Jane Wagers, Helen Younie, Howard Zeutenhorst.

Alton: Leonard Chabela, Brian Konz, Mary Korver, Deanna Lammers, William Punt, Reynold Vangelder.

Boyd: Gerrit Lode, Francine Mouw, Cornelius Vanderbrink, Kathryn Vander Zwaag.

Chatsworth: Mary Jane Weyen.

Granville: Peggy-Angel Gill, Duane Niichel, Leola Rieke, Sharol Roder.

Hospers: Delmer Ewoldt, Ramona Garvey, Janet Klein, Duane Magee, Joanne Pohlen, Arlin Pottebaum, Antohony Vanzee.

Hull: Arthur Bleyenber, Vivian Covey, Hilda DeJong, Ruby Hollesen, Missy Kats, Brian Kroese, Harlan Mouw, Thomas Mulder, Glendon Scholten, Anna Soodsma, Cody Tiedeman, Sandra Vander Zwaag, Clayton Vis, Carrie Vollink.

Inwood: Laura Vanbeek.

Maurice: Mary Hoogland.

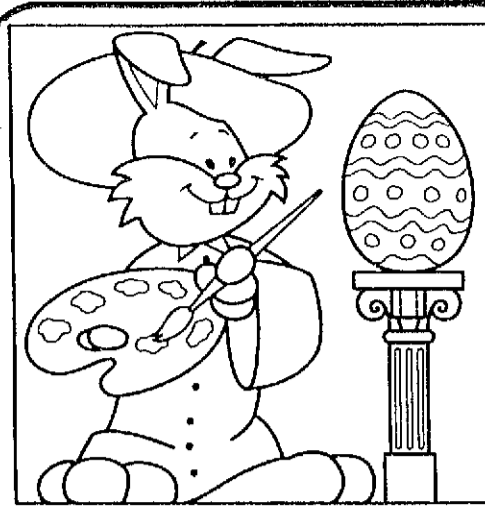
Orange City: Carol Borchard, Tamara Bouwman, Joan Bruxvoort, Peter Bylsma, Matthew Floding, Bradley Goslinga, Michael Huygens, Nellie Jans, John Kleinheksel, William Kooiker, Julie Lors, Terry Meekma, Daniel Robinson, Cora Vanderbroek, Dick Van Holland, Miriam Vellinga, Verlyn Westra, Darren Yartz.

Rock Valley: Loren Blankespoor, Melinda Bouwman, Esther Deroon, James Dirksen, George

Dorhout, Caroline Groeneweg, Mike Kooima, William McCollough, Rolland Mulder, Kathy Oostra, Carrie Post, Donna Ranschau, Alice Remmerde, Joyce Santema, Lois Schuld, Leslie Trigg, Dolores Vankekerix, Anita Van Maanen, Nattalee Van Oort, Charlene Van Veldhuizen, Christopher Wallenburg, Jane Wrede, Sharon Zylstra.

Sheldon: Teresa Hoekstra, Jesse James, George Kuik, John Vanderlinden, Lanita Van Roekel, William Vansurksun.

Sioux Center: Julie Altena, Chanhom Baccam, Gregory Bleeker, Joan Breneman, Arlin Byker, Cynthia Cleveringa, Denise Dewaard, Trent Dewaard, Kenneth Dokter, Simon Dutoit, Joel Eigenbrood, Marjorie Faber, Robert Faber, Judith Franken, Vicki Griffioen, Sueann Groff, Howard Hall, Russell Hawks, Sharlene Jacobsma, Edward Jansen, Kyle Kooima, Christine Koops, Dwaine Lammers, Ruby Muk Lan Lee, Gerald Mouw, Rachel Pfeil, Eddwaine Regnerus, Adeline Slothouber,



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Second and third grade to present concert

The students of Hawarden Elementary School's second and third grade will present their Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 24. The program will be held in the elementary school multi purpose room beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for the concert.

The second grade students have been working on a variety of songs during the winter months. They will be singing about building a snowman, counting money, and having good manners. Many of the students will be playing mallet instruments, rhythm instruments and handbells to accompany their songs. Songs that will be presented include: "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," "Grandma's Chicken Soup," "Thanks, Mom," "Magic Words," "I Am Responsible" and others.

Like the second grade, the third grade students have been working to prepare songs that go with the Character Counts units they have been studying this winter. "Thank You," "Friends Are Like Diamonds" and "Heart of America" are songs that help the students develop their character. The students will also be playing different kinds of instruments and square dancing during the program. Other songs that will be presented include: "Rhythm Rap," "Hoe-down" and "Rondo."

The students have been working hard to put on a good show. We hope to see you at this final elementary concert of the year.

Troy Stahl, Timothy Stetson, Henrietta Vandekieft, Tillie Vandenbrink, Brian Vanderberg, Lisa Vanderbrink, Mildred Vanderwiede, Richard Vanregenmorter, GERALYN Vanruler, Johanna Van Voorst.

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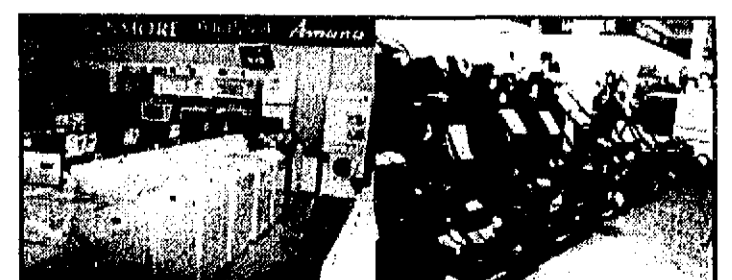


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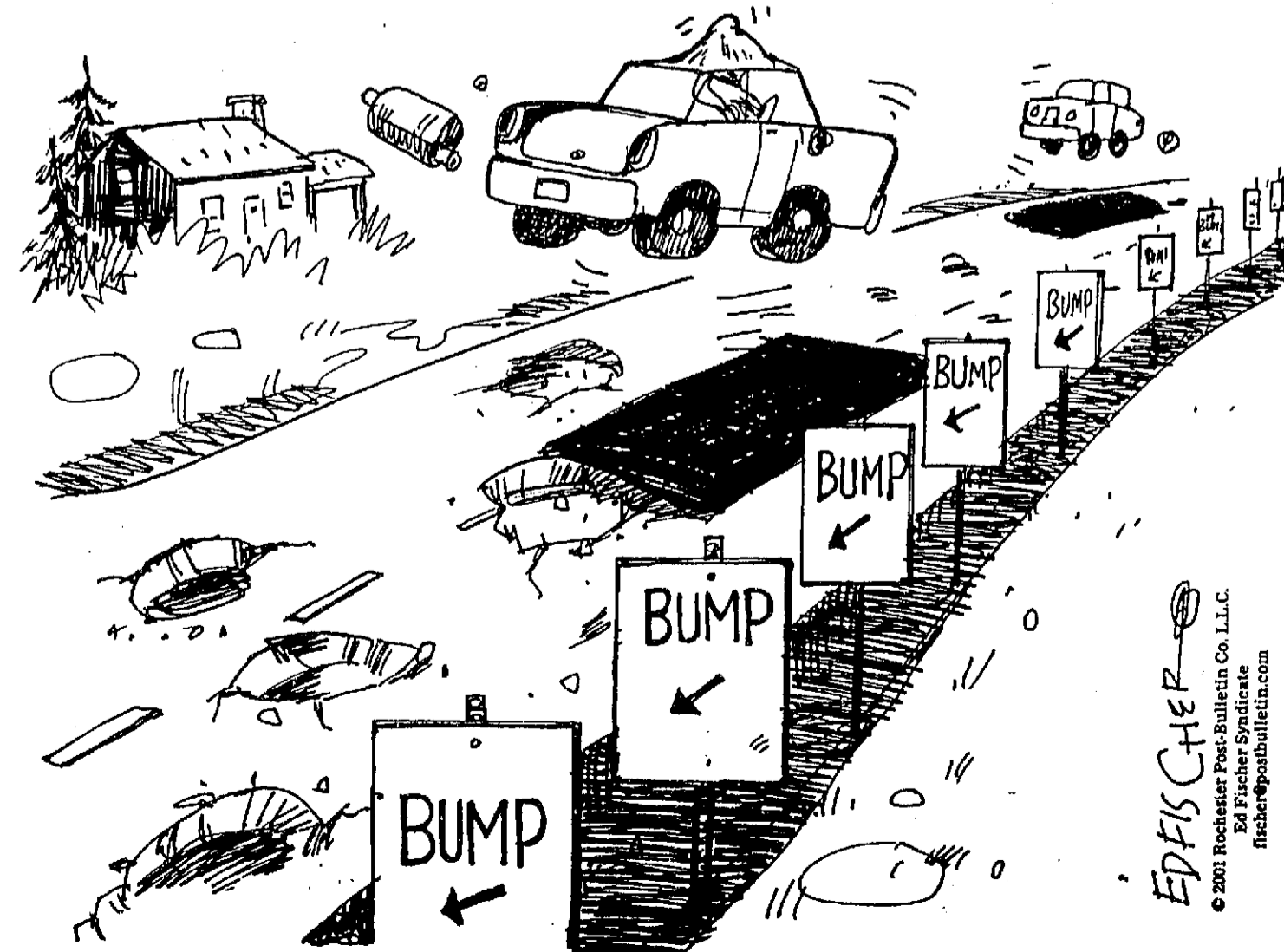
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