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LEXINGTON:

THE TROUBADOUR CONCERT SERIES IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MUSIC SHOWCASES IN NORTH AMERICA, PRESENTING OVER 600 CONCERTS FROM LUCINDA WILLIAMS TO BILL MONROE, MERLE HAGGARD TO ARLO GUTHRIE, JOAN BAEZ TO LINDSAY BUCKINGHAM, BRANDI CARLILE TO KEB MO. IN 2024, TROUBADOUR TURNS A WHOPPING 30 YEARS OLD!

TO COMMEMORATE THE ALL-VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY-RUN PROJECT, IN 2024, HIGHBRIDGE SPRING WATER IS RETURNING THE SERIES TO ITS ORIGINAL HOME, THE HISTORIC KENTUCKY THEATRE.

NOT ONLY WILL NATIONAL LEVEL CONCERTS BE PRODUCED ALL YEAR BUT THE TROUBADOUR SERIES WILL SERVE AS THE LAUNCHING PAD FOR LEXINGTON'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2025. EXILE, EMMYLOU HARRIS, AND THE RIDERS IN THE SKY HAVE ALREADY BEEN BOOKED FOR 2024. STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES.



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ASWAN, EGYPT:

HEAVY RAINS LAST WEEK CAUSED FLASH FLOODS IN THE SOUTHERN EGYPTIAN TOWN OF ASWAN. ASWAN NORMALLY ONLY GETS ONE MILLIMETER (ABOUT 1/25TH OF AN INCH) OF RAIN A YEAR. THE FLOODING DESTROYED AROUND A HUNDRED HOMES AND LEFT AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE DEAD.

BUT THE FLOODS ALSO SWEEPED OTHER CREATURES FROM THEIR HOMES – POISONOUS SCORPIONS THAT LIVE UNDERGROUND IN THE NEARBY DESERT. THE HEAVY RAINS DROVE THOUSANDS OF SCORPIONS FROM THEIR DESERT HOMES INTO VILLAGES IN THE AREA. AT LEAST 503 PEOPLE WERE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL WITH SCORPION STINGS.

SCORPION STINGS AREN'T UNUSUAL IN THAT PART OF EGYPT, BUT NORMALLY THERE ARE ONLY A FEW DOZEN STINGS A YEAR. HOSPITALS CARRY A SPECIAL MEDICINE CALLED "ANTI-VENOM" JUST TO DEAL WITH SCORPION STINGS. LAST FRIDAY, HOSPITALS STRUGGLED TO KEEP UP WITH THE INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF STINGS.



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WASHINGTON:

TODAY, THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF), ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD CLEARINGHOUSE, HAS LAUNCHED A NEW SERIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENTS (PSAS) RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE FATHERS PLAY IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGN CREATED BY THE NON-PROFIT AD COUNCIL COINCIDES WITH TELL A JOKE DAY AND CENTERS ON THE POPULARITY AND GROWING TREND OF TELLING "DAD" JOKES. THROUGH SHARING DAD JOKES, THE PSAS AIM TO COMMUNICATE TO FATHERS THAT THE SMALLEST MOMENTS SPENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN CAN MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES. THE ADS DIRECT FATHERS TO FATHERHOOD.GOV WHERE USERS WILL FIND HELPFUL TIPS, TOOLS, INFORMATION AND JOKES TO HELP THEM GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THEIR KIDS. NO JOKE.



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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

LAST FRIDAY, AT THE NATIONAL THEATER OF KOREA. A ROBOT CALLED EVER 6 LED AN ORCHESTRA IN A PERFORMANCE OF KOREAN MUSIC. EVER 6 IS A ROBOT BUILT BY THE KOREA INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (KITECH). IT'S ABOUT AS TALL AS A PERSON AND HAS A HUMAN-LIKE FACE THAT CAN SHOW EMOTIONS. EVER 6 HAS JOINTS IN ITS NECK, SHOULDERS, ELBOWS, AND WRISTS. AS A RESULT, IT CAN MOVE ITS ARMS QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY IN MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. BUT EVER 6 DOESN'T THINK ON ITS OWN LIKE SOME ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS. INSTEAD, IT HAS A LIMITED GROUP OF MOVEMENTS THAT IT HAS BEEN TRAINED TO PERFORM. TO MAKE THESE MOVEMENTS AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE, EVER 6'S MOVEMENTS ARE BASED ON MOTIONS "CAPTURED" FROM REAL HUMAN CONDUCTORS.

IN FRIDAY'S PERFORMANCE, THE NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF KOREA PRESENTED A CONCERT TITLED THAT INCLUDED FIVE DIFFERENT PIECES OF MUSIC. TWO WERE CONDUCTED BY EVER 6, AND TWO WERE CONDUCTED BY SOO-YEOUL CHOI, WHO LEADS THE BUSAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. BOTH CONDUCTORS WORKED TOGETHER ON THE FINAL PIECE.



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MOUNT KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA

THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA HAS SET UP A HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE ON MOUNT KILIMANJARO. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THE SERVICE WILL PROMOTE SAFETY FOR CLIMBERS. BUT IT WILL ALSO ALLOW PEOPLE TO POST SELFIES AS THEY WORK THEIR WAY UP AFRICA'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN.

AT 19,300 FEET (5,895 METERS), MOUNT KILIMANJARO IS THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN AFRICA. IT'S ALSO THE WORLD'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN THAT'S NOT PART OF A MOUNTAIN RANGE. CREATED BY VOLCANOES, IT SIMPLY RISES OUT OF A LARGE, OPEN FLAT AREA IN TANZANIA AND KENYA.

ABOUT 35,000 TRY TO CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO EVERY YEAR. BUT CLIMBING SUCH A TALL, GLACIER-COVERED MOUNTAIN ISN'T EASY. ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF THE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO CLIMB IT ARE FORCED TO GIVE UP. THE NEW INTERNET SERVICE SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR CLIMBERS TO REACH THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO USE THE INTERNET TO CHECK MAPS AND FIND THEIR WAY. THEY'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO USE THE INTERNET TO CALL FOR HELP IF THEY NEED IT.



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FRANKFORT

DRIVERLESS TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND CARS COULD BE PASSING KENTUCKIANS ON THE HIGHWAY LATER THIS SUMMER UNDER A BILL THAT PASSED THE KENTUCKY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THURSDAY.

HOUSE BILL 7 WOULD ALLOW VEHICLES THAT MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS TO DRIVE FULLY AUTONOMOUSLY ACROSS THE STATE, PUTTING KENTUCKY IN LINE WITH DOZENS OF OTHER STATES THAT HAVE ALSO APPROVED OF DRIVERLESS VEHICLES, THE BILL'S SPONSOR REP. JOSH BRAY, A REPUBLICAN FROM MOUNT VERNON SAID.

THE ONLY LIMITATION IN THE BILL, ASIDE FROM FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS, IS ON AUTONOMOUS SEMI-TRUCKS OVER 62,000 LBS, WHICH WILL STILL REQUIRE A HUMAN ON-BOARD UNTIL AFTER JULY 2026, ALTHOUGH BRAY SAID HE FELT SUCH PROVISION WAS UNNECESSARY.



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THAT IS ONE OF THE ONLY MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS MEASURE AND ONE THAT SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2023, BUT WAS VETOED BY GOV. ANDY BESHEAR. THE LEGISLATURE DID NOT CHOOSE TO OVERRIDE THE BILL AT THE TIME.

BRAY SAID HE BELIEVES AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ARE SAFER THAN HUMAN DRIVERS AND THAT KENTUCKY WOULD FALL FAR BEHIND IF THEY DIDN'T MOVE NOW.

WHILE PRIMARILY DEMOCRATS SPOKE AGAINST THE BILL THURSDAY, 13 REPUBLICANS ALSO VOTED AGAINST IT. OPPONENTS SAID THEY WERE CONCERNED THE DRIVERLESS VEHICLES HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN SAFE ENOUGH AND WOULD ENDANGER THOUSANDS OF TRUCK DRIVING JOBS IN THE STATE.

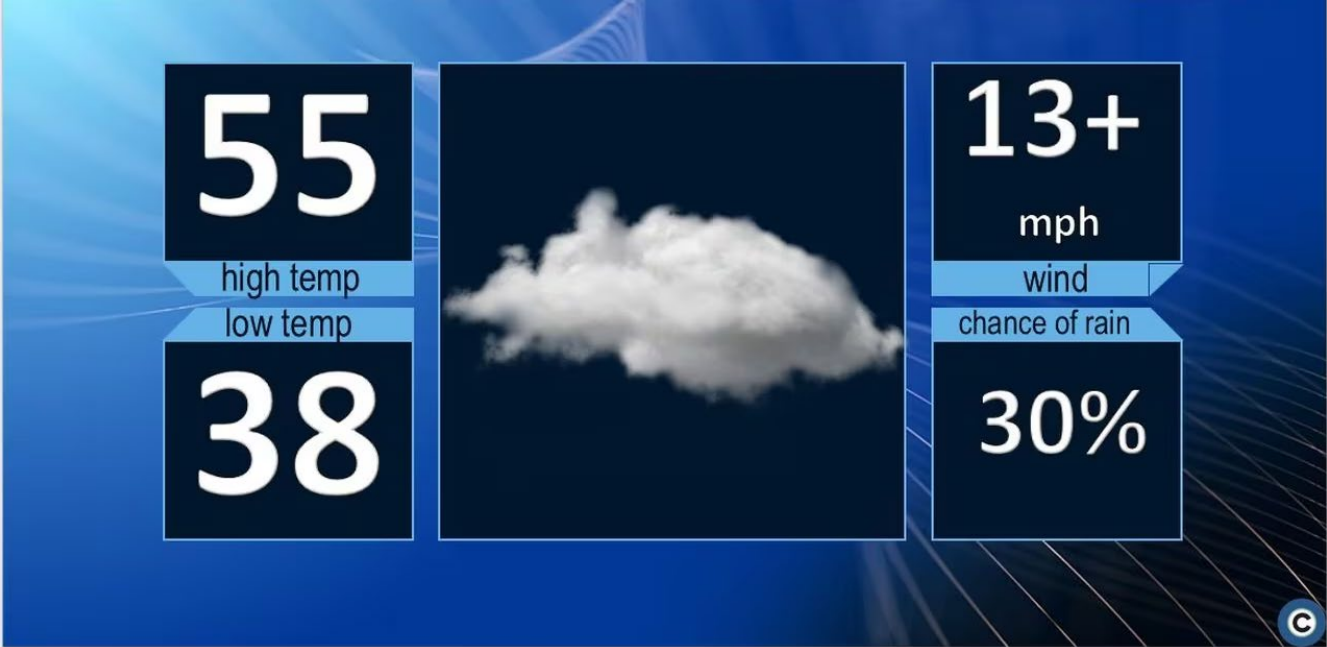
A SURVEY OF ABOUT 500 KENTUCKY VOTERS, WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE KENTUCKY STATE AFL-CIO, A UNION ORGANIZATION, FOUND THAT 73% OF KENTUCKIANS WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE SHARING THE ROAD WITH "DRIVERLESS SMALL, COMPACT CARS," WITH THAT PERCENTAGE INCREASING WITH DELIVERY TRUCKS AND SEMIS.



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WEATHER —

TODAY'S FORECAST



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COMMERCIAL PROMPT:



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