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New Student Union brings change to Parkland

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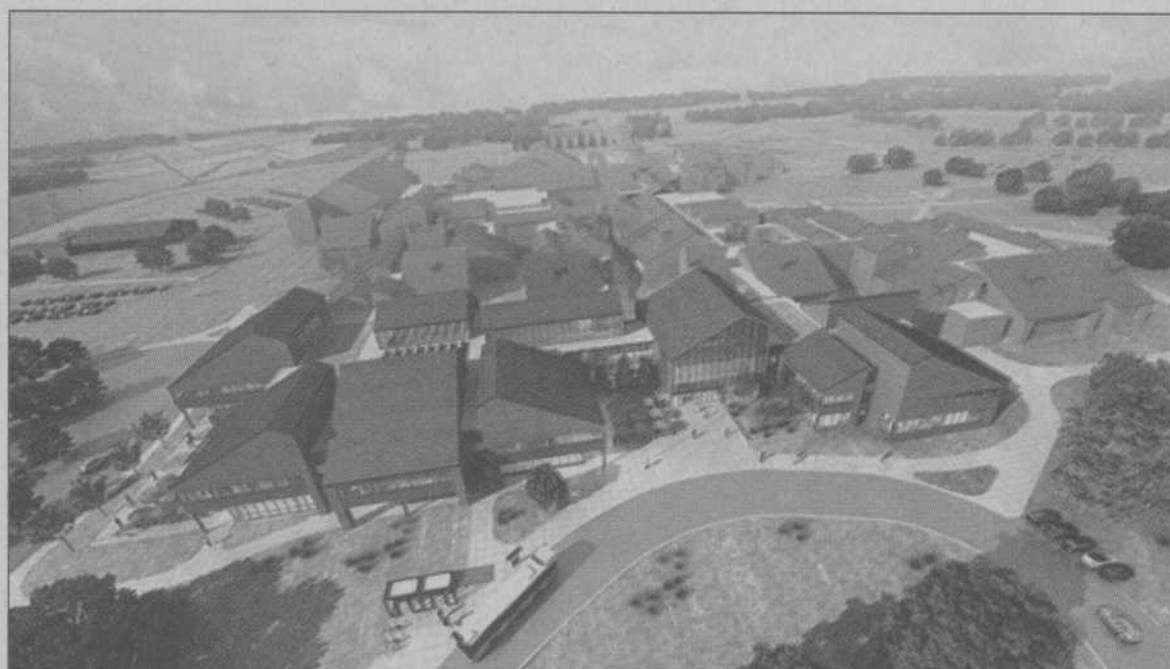
The Parkland College Student Union, located in the U Wing at Parkland's main campus, was completed in early 2014. Formerly called the Student Services Center, the building was renamed after a survey was conducted and 59 percent of the respondents chose Student Union over other options.

Although the new building may not seem that important to new students attending their first semester of college at Parkland this fall, for returning students it brings about a lot of change. In addition to housing Student Life, Financial Aid, and most other student services, the new building also provides new locations for the cafeteria and the Parkland College Bookstore.

The new offices also provide more comfortable working conditions than the old offices, and that is something that staff members really appreciate.

"I had no windows in my previous office, and it was dark, and I had a low ceiling, so you know, I'm excited," Student Services Advisor Mary Kay Smith remarked about the change.

Smith explained that the move allowed the Student Services to become more organized, making it easier for students to get where they needed without going all over



Above is an aerial view of the new Student Union, located in Parkland College's U Wing. The Student Union now houses Student Services and Student Life, and also adds more lounging and cafeteria space for students to use.

Graphic courtesy of Parkland College

the building. Counseling and Advising Center Director John Sheahan agreed that new setup makes things much easier.

"It's nice that now we have things consolidated together. If somebody is at disability services and they need the counseling services we're right next door," Sheahan commented. "We're just across the hall from Financial Aid. Admissions and records is just a hop, step and jump away. So, just the continuity of everything here is something that is only going to make things a lot better for students getting services here at the college."

The Student Union also gives

students a place to congregate. Sheahan explained that a very important part of student development is giving students the ability to hang out and participate in Student Life.

Before the move, Student Life had a very small section in Parkland with no student lounging and limited space for clubs to convene. Now, there are rooms where clubs can actually hold meetings and a larger space that students can go to find out how they can get more involved at the school.

Parkland College Bookstore's manager Diane Kiest also thinks that new building is a positive change for Parkland.

"I think it's great for the

students. We're all in one location, and to me that is the big plus." Kiest said. "I think it's wonderful. Kind of a one stop shop, and I have had really positive feedback from the students that have come in."

Although it is convenient to have all of these services in one building, the Student Union is located on the east side of the A Wing, on the outskirts of campus, which means students and staff have to go a little out of their way to reach it. This makes a quick lunch difficult for those short on time.

"It's really big. It's really nice. It's also kind of inconvenient to trek all the way over here

to get books and stuff," Parkland student Maggie Seeber said.

If time is not an issue, the trek is certainly worth it. With plenty of room for students to gather, an abundance of cafeteria seating, and plenty of windows to the outside, the Student Union provides an enjoyable atmosphere to eat lunch and relax between classes or while studying.

With an expanded menu, the new Café at Parkland College also promises a more diverse dining experience.

The new cafeteria will feature eight different food stations with individual concepts, including "Baker's Crust," "World Market," and "Au Bon Pan," but a new menu could also mean higher prices. A statement from Chartwells, the company that manages the café, claims that "most prices will remain the same, but as new, unique, or specialty items are introduced, new pricing will be adjusted accordingly."

Most of the Student Services have completed their move and have begun settling into their new space in the U Wing. Although construction is still being completed around the building, students are welcomed to come explore the new building and find out what it has to offer. Maps are now available to assist newcomers in getting around the new facility.

Obama seeks \$3.7 billion to meet 'moral obligation' at border

Christi Parsons Tribune Washington Bureau

President Barack Obama will seek \$3.7 billion in emergency funds from Congress to meet the country's "moral obligation" to care for unaccompanied minors who have flooded in recent months to the southwestern border, White House officials said Tuesday.

Nearly half the money would go to the Department of Health and Human Services for food, housing and medical care for the tens of thousands of children and teenagers who have arrived at the border, senior administration officials told reporters.

The rest of the money would be aimed at deterring further migrants by strengthening law enforcement, going after smuggling networks that ferry people from Central America and expanding the number of deportation hearings.

The spending plan, nearly double the \$2 billion the White House initially said was the minimum amount it would seek, is certain to raise concern among budget hawks in Congress.

The request reflects the president's dilemma in responding to the estimated 52,000 children who have crossed the border since October, many of them reporting that they're

fleeing violence in their home countries of Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. Obama has called the border situation a humanitarian crisis and is under pressure from advocates for immigrants to treat the arriving children humanely.

At the same time, White House officials say they need to quickly find a way to stop the flood of new arrivals and send a message to families in Central America that the migrants are not welcome and will be returned to their home countries.

Advisers to the president are mindful of both tasks and of the varying constituencies paying close attention.

"We're talking about children who are coming either alone or in the hands of smugglers," one top White House official said Tuesday, requesting anonymity to speak about the internal administration response. "That's how the president views it, that's how the administration is approaching it."

"But while we are focused on making sure we provide proper care," the official said, "we also intend to apply the law. Children who do not qualify for humanitarian relief will be returned, and we are seeking to return them more expeditiously."

On Monday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that most of the

recently arrived children would not qualify for humanitarian relief. An aide to Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the House would take a look at the request, and immediately pointed out what his side sees as an omission.

"The speaker still supports deploying the National Guard to provide humanitarian support in the affected areas which this proposal does not address," Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said.

In the Senate, Democrats have scheduled a hearing on Thursday to hear from administration officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson. Much of the concern among Republicans is about clearing and securing the border.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, whose state has received most of the migrants, has called the Obama response to the crisis "inept." White House officials said Tuesday they had invited Perry to meet with the president during a two-day trip to the state this week.

Obama also has run into objections from Democrats to proposals for speeding up deportations of the migrant youths.

White House officials believe that the lengthy hearing process, which can routinely take well over a year, has encouraged families to gamble that

their children would be safer coming to the U.S.

They want to change a law enacted late in the George W. Bush administration that guarantees procedural protections for unaccompanied minors arriving from countries other than Mexico and Canada.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has said he has "grave concerns" about giving the White House greater latitude to speed up deportations.

"Let's not forget these kids are fleeing as a last resort to escape what is too often guaranteed death at the hands of drug cartels and gangs in their countries," Menendez said Monday.

Obama announced last week that he would make a dual request of Congress, both for the money to stem the tide of immigrants and for the change in the law to deport migrant youths more quickly. But in the administration pitch on Tuesday, officials focused only on the supplemental spending.

Advisers to the president said they still intend to seek a change in the law but that they are starting with the money first.

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News

Happy days here again? Jobs surge, stocks hit record high



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"In the big picture, I don't see any of the data we've seen recently as being that different from our underlying view that we're seeing continued good, positive momentum in the economy and continued job growth," says John C. Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Washington Bureau

Job growth surged in June, capping the best first half since 1999, driving blue chip stocks to a record high and leading analysts to say the economy is shifting to higher gear.

Employers added a sizzling 288,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said, pushing the unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.1 percent, where it last was in September 2008.

Buoyed by the jobs report, blue chips raced past the 17,000 threshold at the open of trading and stayed there all day.

Financial markets closed early for the Independence Day holiday, and the Dow Jones industrial index, composed of 30 major corporations, finished up 92.02 points to a record of 17,068.26.

The S&P 500 rose 10.82 points to 1985.44, itself approaching a record. The tech-heavy Nasdaq closed the day up 28.19 points to 4485.93.

The new jobs exceeded widespread expectations that the economy would add about 200,000 jobs last month. Statisticians also increased May's already strong preliminary jobs number by 7,000 to 224,000, and April's number by 22,000 to 304,000.

"Businesses are finally getting their groove back and hiring more. This signals that the expansion is moving into a stronger phase," said Mark Zandi, the chief economist for forecaster Moody's Analytics. "The job market has kicked into a higher gear. This month's strong job gain overstates the case, but job growth is now double the pace necessary to reduce unemployment."

Over the past 12 months, the unemployment rate has fallen by 1.4 percentage points and there are 2.3 million fewer unemployed people. The rate peaked at 10 percent in March 2009.

"Unemployment will soon blow through 6 percent, which will prompt a pickup in wage growth," predicted Zandi. "Most people have jobs, and care most about how fast their pay is increasing. As wages improve, so too will consumer confidence and spending."

Getting the jobless rate below 6 percent would cross an important psychological threshold. Unemployment was 4.7 percent to 6 percent for much of 2007 and early 2008, when the economy was humming right before the crisis.

The sharply falling unemployment rate puts the Federal Reserve in a bind. It keeps the Fed on pace to end its controversial purchases of government and mortgage bonds by year's end, removing a stimulus.

But because the economy is heating up, it might force the Fed to choose between higher inflation and higher lending rates. The Fed has held its benchmark lending rate near zero since December 2008.

But as the economy improves, inflation should

pick up, and raising interest rates is how the Fed clamps down.

"Prior to this report, both positive and negative arguments could be made for the health of the labor market. Of course, the stronger the positive arguments are, the greater the likelihood of an end to the Fed's near-zero interest rate policies," said Doug Handler, a U.S. economist for forecaster IHS Global Insight. "We see this report as a new, solid piece of evidence that the labor market is in good shape and is improving."

President Barack Obama celebrated the news.

"We've now seen the fastest job growth in the United States in the first half of the year since 1999. So this is also the first time we've seen five consecutive months of job growth over 200,000 since 1999," Obama said during a tour of a start-up company in the nation's capital. "And we've seen the quickest drop in unemployment in 30 years. So it gives you a sense that the economy has built momentum, that we are making progress."

The jobs growth buried any doubts raised by the 2.9 percent economic contraction from January to June, caused partly by an unusually harsh winter.

"During the first six months of 2014, the labor force rose by 757,000 while household employment jumped by a much bigger 1.64 million," noted Stuart Hoffman, the chief economist for PNC Financial in Pittsburgh. "The solid rise in the number of job seekers thus far this year is a sign of growing confidence in the economy on the part of employers and would-be employees."

All sectors posted gains in Friday's report. Retailers created more than 40,000 jobs last month, and the broad sector of leisure and hospitality added almost as much, with 39,000 new posts.

The professional and business services sector, composed of better-paying white-collar jobs, led all others with 67,000 new posts.

The financial sector added 17,000 posts and health care hiring remained sluggish but rose by 21,000.

Hiring was uneven within the manufacturing sector, which added 16,000 jobs.

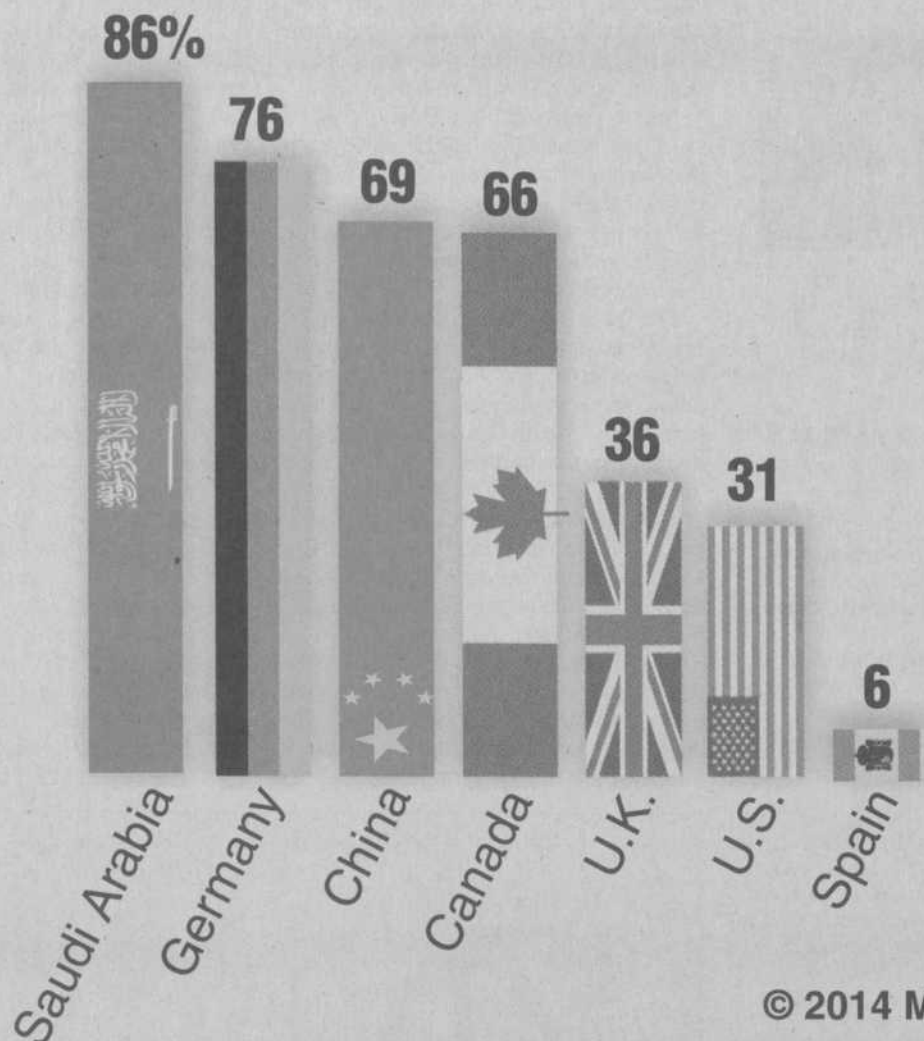
"The gains in the manufacturing sector were mainly in the durable goods sector, with over half of that figure stemming from transportation," cautioned Chad Moutray, the chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers. "Ideally, we would like to see consistent job growth of at least 15,000 to 20,000 each month with hiring coming from a broader spectrum of the industry."

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Looking up

Percentage of people in selected countries who describe their nation's economic situation as good:



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Lifestyle

Student loan interest rates rise



Lindsey Wasson/Seattle Times/MCT

Kezia Willingham earned a master's degree in social work – and \$24,000 in student loans. Now she worries about college expenses for her children, Zinnia Willingham, 17, and Justin Fernandez-Willingham, 5.

 Carolyn Bigda
Chicago Tribune

Interest rates on federal student loans are set to rise July 1. It's not the first time the cost of borrowing has gone up for students, and it likely won't be the last. Still, experts say, federal loans remain a good deal.

What to expect. First, the rate increase affects only loans disbursed on or after July 1 of this year. Loans taken before then will not be affected.

For new loans, the rate on undergraduate Stafford loans will climb to a fixed 4.66 percent from 3.86 percent.

On Stafford loans for graduate students, the rate will jump to a fixed 6.21 percent from 5.41 percent.

PLUS loans, which either parents or graduate students can borrow, will rise to a fixed 7.21 percent from 6.41 percent.

Why rates are changing. Rates are fixed for the life of the loan, but the cost of debt in future years could still go higher.

In 2013, Congress passed legislation that tied federal student loan rates to the 10-year Treasury note, resetting every July 1. Without the new law, rates last year would have doubled from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

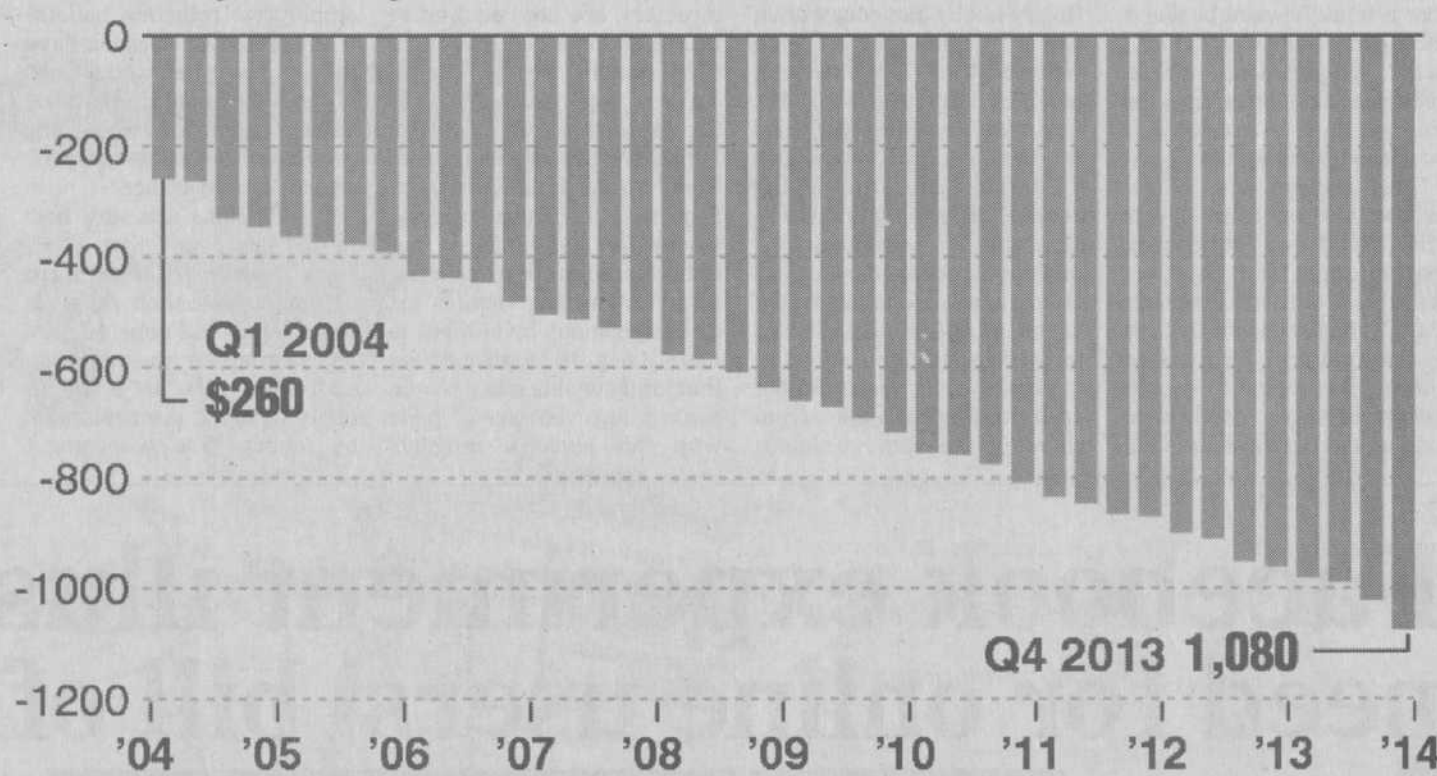
But now Treasury rates are rising – and could go higher, pushing up the cost of borrowing for students.

In fact, according to projections by the Congressional Budget Office, student loan rates could reach 7.05 percent by 2018.

"People will think fondly of when the rate on

Deeper in debt

Total student debt carried by Americans has more than tripled over the past 10 years. Total student loan balance, in billions:



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York
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a Stafford loan was only 6.8 percent," said Mark Kantrowitz, an expert on college financing and publisher of Edvisors, an online resource about financial aid.

What to do. Steeper interest rates mean students will face higher monthly bills once they're out of school.

Even so, Kantrowitz says, federal loans are still the best option for the growing number of students who need to borrow to pay for college.

In 2012, the latest year for which figures are available, 71 percent of all students graduating from four-year colleges had student loan debt, up from 68 percent in 2008, and 65 percent in 2004, according to The Institute for College Access and Success.

For one, interest rates on federal student loans are capped at 8.25 percent to 10.5 percent, depending on the type of loan.

Also, "You have a range of repayment options

and consumer protections that other financing doesn't provide," said Lauren Asher, president of TICAS.

Those options include income-based repayment plans, which cap your monthly bill to an affordable percentage of your income, and the ability to defer payments if, say, you lose your job.

Federal student loans may be cheaper than private loan options.

At Sallie Mae, for example, fixed rates for private student loans range from 5.74 percent to 11.85 percent. To get the lower rate you need an excellent credit rating.

In contrast, most federal student loans do not require a credit check.

And this year's rate jump for federal loans may be manageable.

A freshman who borrows the maximum \$5,500 allowed during the 2014-15 school year will see the monthly payment after graduation rise by little more than \$2.

The more you borrow, though, the more you'll feel the pain.

"The amount of debt has a more significant impact on the monthly payment than the change in interest rates," Kantrowitz said.

something to keep in mind if you're starting a college search this summer and comparing costs.

"You don't have control over interest rates, but you do over the amount you borrow," Kantrowitz said.

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Hobby Lobby ruling takes broad reach on narrow idea



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Demonstrators react to the U.S. Supreme Court decision June 30, 2014 in Washington, DC. The high court ruled in a 5-4 decision in favor of Hobby Lobby saying that some private companies can be exempted, on religious grounds, from health care reform's requirement that employer sponsored health insurance policies cover contraception.

Erwin Chemerinsky
Los Angeles Times

The Supreme Court's decision striking down the contraceptive mandate for family-owned businesses seems narrow, but its implications are broad and disturbing. The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling Monday, held that it violated the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act to require that a family-owned business, technically called a "closely held" corporation, include contraceptive coverage for women in the insurance it provides its employees.

The decision is deeply problematic on many levels. First, this is the first time that the Supreme Court has held that a for-profit corporation can claim to have religious beliefs. A corporation — a fictional entity — is created to protect its owner from liability. So long as the corporation is run

as a separate entity, the owner is liable only for what he or she invests in it.

But a fictional entity cannot have a religious conscience or religious beliefs. The liabilities of the corporation are not attributed to the owners, so why should the owners be able to attribute their beliefs to the company?

This is no different for family-owned businesses than it is for any other corporations. Hobby Lobby, the corporation that challenged the contraceptive mandate, operates hundreds of stores with thousands of employees. By creating a corporation, the owners chose to get the benefits of having an entity separate from themselves; they should accept the burdens of not being able to claim that the business is an extension of their religious views.

Moreover, the court did not keep other corporations from claiming the same religious

freedom; it just said that in this case it was considering only whether the contraceptive mandate infringed religious freedom for closely held corporations.

Second, the court mistakenly concluded that it substantially burdens the religious freedom of the corporation to require that it provide insurance that includes contraceptive coverage. The companies, and their owners and officers and directors, are not required to use or endorse contraception; they remain free to openly express opposition to the use of contraceptives. Never before has the Supreme Court found a substantial burden on a person's religious exercise where the individual is not himself required to take or forgo action that violates his or her religious beliefs but is merely required to take action that might enable other people to do things that are at odds with the person's religious

beliefs.

This holding is sure to lead to countless other challenges. Christian Scientists will claim that they do not have to provide any health insurance to their employees. In fact, why couldn't an employer, at least in a family-owned business, require as a condition of employment that no money paid as salary will be used to buy contraceptives, or other things that violate the employers' religious beliefs? If the employer does not have to have his or her money used for things deemed religiously objectionable, why would this be limited to dollars paid for employees' insurance?

Corporations are sure now to try to claim that other laws, outside the healthcare context, violate their religious beliefs. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., writing for the majority, addressed this as it might apply to racial discrimination by saying, "The government

has a compelling interest in providing equal opportunity to participate in the workforce without regard to race, and prohibitions on racial discrimination are precisely tailored to achieve that critical goal."

But what of employers who have a religious belief that women with children should not work outside their homes, or businesses that claim a religious basis for sexual-orientation discrimination? The court's pointedly focusing only on racial discrimination surely will inspire business to claim a religious right to discriminate on these grounds.

Third, the court failed to recognize that ensuring the availability of contraceptives for women justifies the healthcare mandate. Since 1965, the Supreme Court has recognized a fundamental right to buy and use contraceptives.

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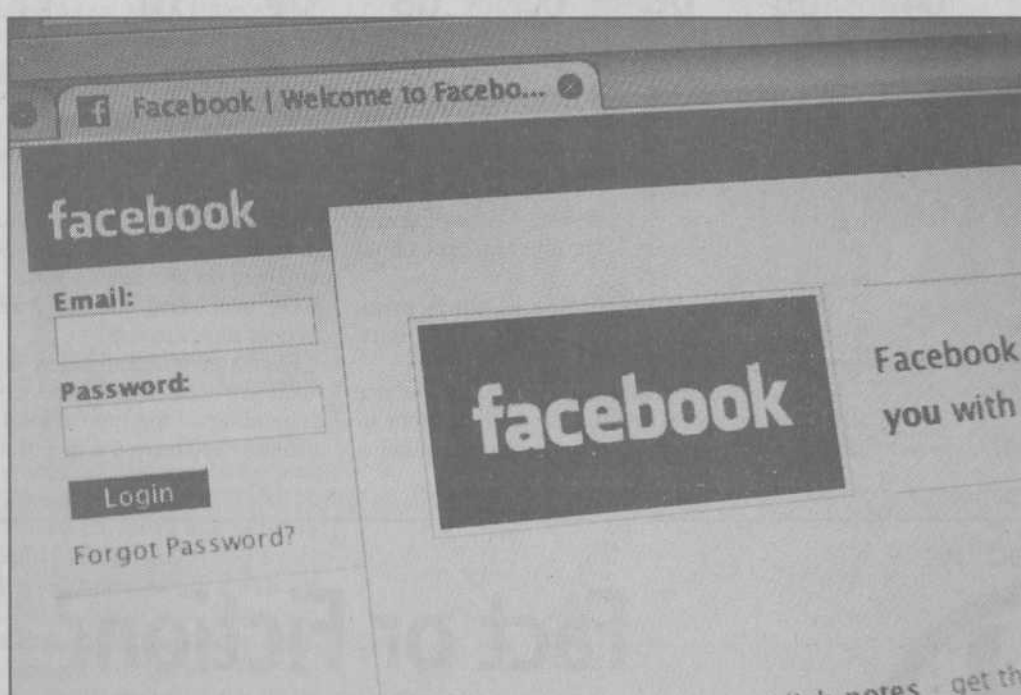
Facebook experiment illustrates need for online users' bill of rights

San Jose Mercury News

Creepy doesn't begin to describe Facebook's 2012 psychological experiment on 700,000 of its unwitting users. Any attempt to manipulate the emotional state of consumers is unconscionable. It reflects poorly on the entire tech community, confirming privacy activists' worst fears.

This public relations disaster, coming on the heels of the NSA spying revelations, reasserts the pressing need for Silicon Valley to produce an online users' bill of rights. The alternative is an inevitable downward spiral of confidence in tech companies and their products. Could government regulation be far behind?

Social media and software companies have been hiding behind user agreements to excuse blatant invasions of privacy. Facebook's data use agreement is nearly as long as the Book of Revelations and about as comprehensible. To sum it up: In the event of anything short of an apocalypse, Facebook is covered. And if anyone out there claims



Coby Burns/ZUMA24.com

For one week in 2012, hundreds of thousands of Facebook users were unknowingly subjected to an experiment in which their news feed was altered to see whether certain kinds of content made users happy or sad.

to carefully read all the terms and conditions for a web site before clicking "Accept" to join it - get out the salt shaker.

The basis for an online bill of rights

must be full transparency. Social media users should not have to go through a 8,000 words of legalese to know what they're agreeing to.

It would help to have a shorthand

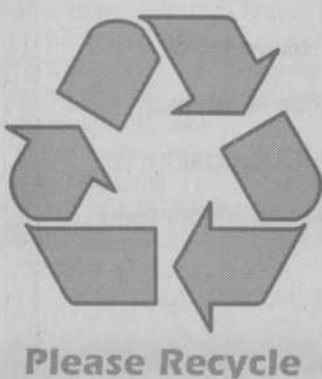
summary of a user agreement in plain language. If something jumps out at users, they can read the whole thing. The Federal Trade Commission should look at requiring this, along the lines of the Food and Drug Administration labels that summarize the ingredients of food products.

The summary should include who will have access to a user's data and how it can be used. Are photographs shared? Are locations tracked? Are online purchases recorded? Are lists of acquaintances compiled? Are political or religious affiliations shared? Are online searches tracked? These are all yes or no answers. Details can be a click away.

At a minimum, users should have access to an annual report of the material being collected and what individuals or businesses have purchased any personal information. They should be able to opt out of having their personal data sold for any purpose.

Companies such as Facebook and

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Indeed, the court accepted that requiring contraceptive coverage in insurance serves a compelling purpose in ensuring the availability of contraceptives for women. But it also said that there is a less restrictive alternative: The government could choose to provide contraceptives directly to women. As Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

points out in dissent, that could be said of anything employers object to on religious grounds, such as immunizations. Moreover, requiring that women go through an entirely separate insurance program for contraceptives is certainly more burdensome for them.

Once more, the court's conservative majority has engaged in stunning judicial activism in striking down a federal law based on its own conservative beliefs.

The immediate losers are women who work for family-owned businesses whose owners object to contraception on religious grounds. But the implications are much greater than that. Despite all of the claims that its holding was narrow, the Supreme Court's decision is the broadest in American history in providing corporations the ability to claim an exemption to a law based on the religious beliefs of their owners.

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Google contribute enormously to Silicon Valley's economy, creating services used by hundreds of millions of people a day. They've made billions by mining the data they collect from those users and selling it to companies that profit further from it.

Good for them. But they owe their customers basic honesty. And they shouldn't play mind games with the

people from whom they profit. The European Union is ahead of the United States in protecting personal information. Brazil passed an Internet bill of rights in April limiting the data that online companies can collect from users.

Silicon Valley should take the initiative to offer Americans the same protections. If it doesn't, the industry's reputation will continue to unravel. And companies won't be able to blame NSA snoops for it.

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that spurred Bochy, 59, to quit, with the help of a hypnotherapist, in 2011, after nearly 30 years of chewing.

At his most addicted, Bochy would chew before the game, in the first, fifth and eighth innings, and then again after the game.

"It's such a tough habit, whether it's smoking tobacco or doing the chewing or dipping," Bochy said last week. "It's one of the hardest habits to break. . . . I have two boys. I wouldn't let them do it."

Bochy's progression from experimentation to full addiction is common for ballplayers, said Sue Schmitz, a spokeswoman for Oral Health America.

GARAGIOLA'S MESSAGE

OHA's anti-tobacco program, NSTEP, is a descendant of the effort begun years ago by Joe Garagiola, the former big league catcher and broadcaster. Garagiola's message, as he once explained to The New York Times, is that "with oral cancer, you die one piece at a time. They operate on your neck, they operate on your jaw, they operate on your throat."

One of Garagiola's tragic examples was onetime high school star Bob Leslie, who began chewing tobacco at age 14.

In a documentary aimed at young players and still available on YouTube, Leslie wipes away tears as he tells Garagiola about looking at his wife and newborn baby before going to bed because "I don't know how many times that's going to be possible."

Leslie was 31 when he died. He was also Jonny Gomes' coach at Casa Grande High in Petaluma.

Gomes, now of the Boston Red Sox, was in town last weekend to face the A's. Asked whether Leslie's death left an impact, Gomes said:

"It's a fine line. I've played with coaches who are in their 60s and 70s who have (chewed tobacco) their whole lives. Bob was in his 30s. Tony was 54. What you do and how much you do, is it irrelevant?"

Gomes said he "occasionally" chews tobacco. And he envisions it remaining part of the baseball culture, even in the wake of Gwynn's death and other warnings.

Gomes pointed to a tattoo on his left arm that says, "In the Arena," taken from a Theodore Roosevelt quote about the men "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood."

"You have to be in the arena," the outfielder said. "This is how I explain it to people who have never played. What's the biggest adrenaline rush you've ever felt in your life? Bungee jump. Sky dive. Birth of your child. Wedding night. You name it. What's the biggest adrenaline rush, OK?"

"And when that was over was your heart rate up? Or did you just go to bed? That's every single night for us."

"People don't realize that because they think it's just a job. (Chewing tobacco) calms some guys down. It takes the edge off."

'HELPS PASS THE TIME'

A's reliever Dan Otero said he doesn't chew at all, not tobacco, not sunflower seeds, not even bubble gum.

His aversion to tobacco started with the unofficial ban he faced way back in school in Coconut Grove, Fla.

"My mom told me that if she ever saw me on the field with a dip in she was going to drag me off the field," he said.

But the right-hander has the way it starts. Baseball can be a game of standing around. Doing something even spitting things becomes part of the routine.

"Guys quit in the offseason. And then the season starts and they're around it again. They're standing around for an hour and a half shagging balls," Otero said. "It just helps pass the time."

Gwynn's death, though, might result in a few new routines.

"I think it should alarm everybody," Vogt said. "Obviously, anybody who chews tobacco knows it's bad for them. We know what the risks are. And everybody just says, 'I hope it's not me.'"

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"Frozen" is also the best-selling digital album, with just over 1 million downloads in 2014.

In the world of streaming, however, numbers are considerably more robust. "Dark Horse," the Katy Perry single

featuring Juicy J, racked up more than 65 million audio streams and almost 123 million streams for the video.

Four other songs scored more than 50 million audio streams apiece: John Legend's "All of Me" (59.4 million), Williams' "Happy" (54.2 million), Bastille's "Pompeii" (50.7 million) and Jason Derulo featuring 2 Chainz' "Talk Dirty" (50.1 million).

Among the most streamed videos, all of the Top 10 posted more than 60 million views. Idina Menzel's performance of "Let It Go" from "Frozen" logged 93.5 million, followed by "Talk Dirty" (92.4 million), All of Me" (85.3 million) and "Happy" (81 million) rounding out the Top 5.

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How registered voters rank U.S. presidents since 1945, according to a new poll:

• The worst president



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-Iroh, Avatar: the last airbender

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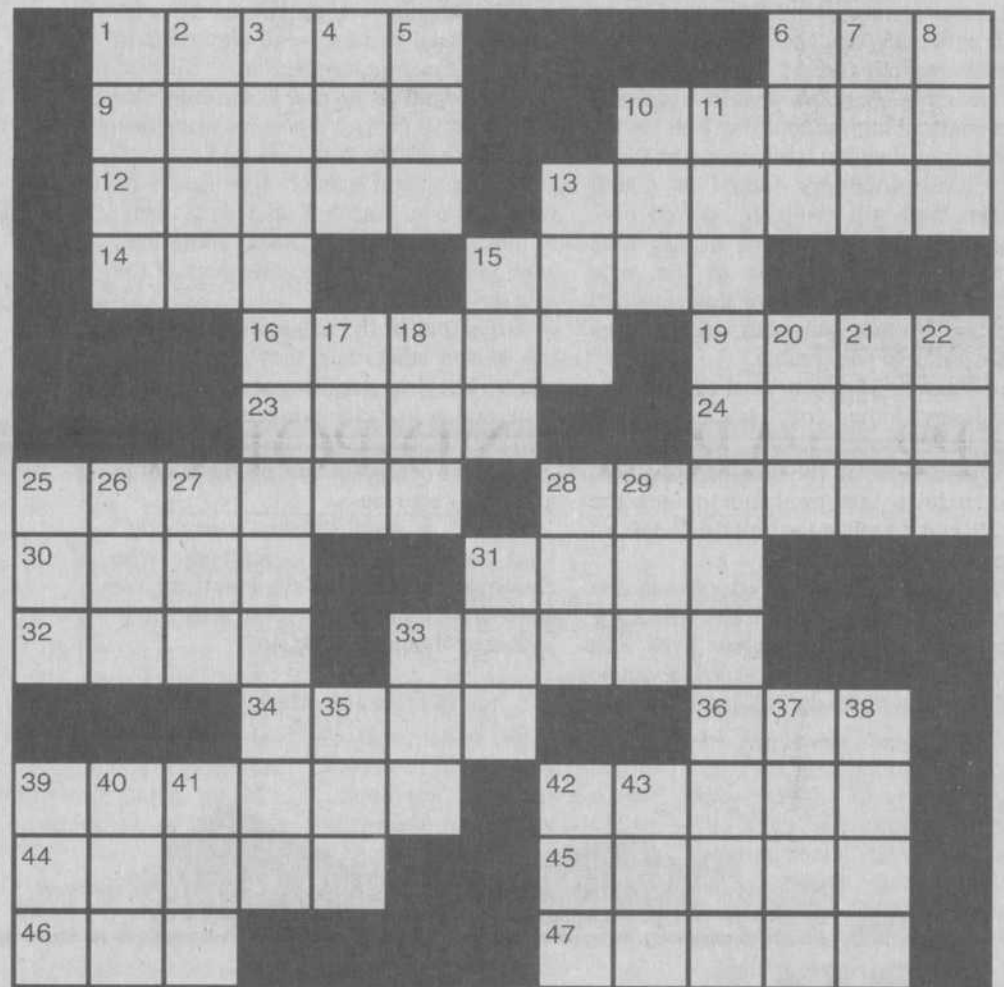


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ACROSS

- 1 Arness or Garner
- 6 Sheriff Andy Taylor's aunt
- 9 Wipe away
- 10 "Dancing with the ___"
- 12 Thickheaded
- 13 "Hart ___"; series for Stefanie Powers and Robert Wagner
- 14 Actress Laura ___ Giacomo
- 15 "Whose ___ Is It Anyway?"
- 16 Berra and Bear
- 19 Actor Wyle
- 23 Actress Cameron ___
- 24 "Queen of Jazz" Fitzgerald
- 25 Thurston ___ III; millionaire on "Gilligan's Island"
- 28 "Seven ___ for Seven Brothers"
- 30 Sheep's covering
- 31 "Dharma & ___"
- 32 Shelley ___ of "Cheers"
- 33 "China ___"; Dana Delany series
- 34 As blind as ___
- 36 Hope or Newhart
- 39 Actress Margot
- 42 "That's ___"; Dean Martin's signature song

- 44 City known as the "Rubber Capital of the World"
- 45 Tender spots
- 46 Peg for Mickelson
- 47 Mexico's dollars

DOWN

- 1 Namesakes of Mr. Clampt
- 2 ___ code; start of a phone number
- 3 Role on "Modern Family"
- 4 Suffix for host or count
- 5 "We're off to ___ the Wizard..."
- 6 Sheep's cry
- 7 Make a mistake
- 8 Ending for old, cold or bold
- 10 "Sanford and ___"
- 11 Series for Jami Gertz
- 13 "... ___ the season to be jolly..."
- 15 Wife to Mike Todd, Eddie Fisher and Richard Burton
- 17 Lubricate
- 18 Four quarts: abbr.
- 20 "The New Adventures of ___ Christine"
- 21 Pub order
- 22 "Rumor ___ It..."; Jennifer Aniston movie
- 25 Longfellow's monogram
- 26 "Hollywood Squares" win
- 27 Took the prize
- 28 Supportive undergarment
- 29 ___ room; good place in the house for a pool table
- 31 "___ Smart"
- 33 Tavern
- 35 One of the kids on "The Waltons"
- 37 Nabisco sandwich cookie
- 38 Truman or Myerson
- 39 Dennyings of "2 Broke Girls"
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- 42 Biting viper
- 43 One of the Three Stooges

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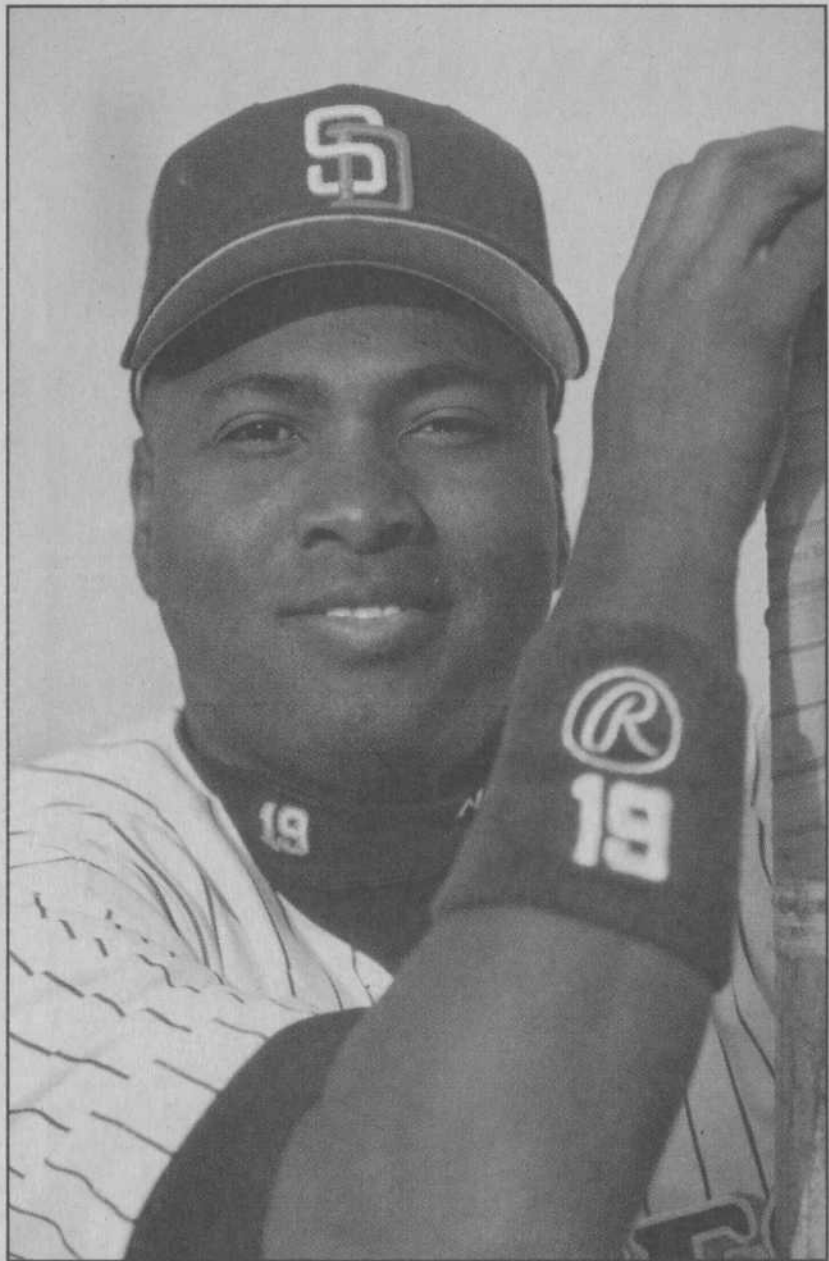
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Sports

Athlete Tony Gwynn's death and baseball's dirty habit



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Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn, a former San Diego Padres player, has died. He was 54.

Daniel Brown
San Jose Mercury News

Bruce Bochy had his first taste of chewing tobacco at age 18. He woke up call for other tobacco users.

"I thought it was a safe alternative to smoking," the San Francisco Giants manager said last week. "We didn't realize how dangerous it was."

Bochy spoke from the Giants dugout. A few hours later, he took the field to eulogize his friend, Tony Gwynn, during a somber pregame ceremony at AT&T Park.

Gwynn, the eight-time batting champion from the San Diego Padres, died June 16 at age 54.

The Hall of Famer blamed his cancer of a salivary gland on his decades of chewing tobacco, a claim not everyone supports. Even a consulting physician on Gwynn's medical team said the parotid cancer that killed Gwynn is "not likely to be associated" with tobacco.

Still, Gwynn's story was enough to rattle a culture in which chewing tobacco is as established as peanuts and Cracker Jack.

Two pitchers who had been coached by Gwynn at San Diego State have sworn off the stuff. Diamondbacks threw away seven cans from his locker and junked two more from his car before a game against the Giants on June 21.

Not long afterward, Stephen Strasburg of the Washington

Nationals told MLB.com he was quitting. "Bottom line," he said, "I want to be around for my family."

Bochy last week was asked whether Gwynn's death would serve as a wake-up call for other tobacco users.

"I certainly hope so," Bochy said. "I think if there is somebody who can make a difference, he certainly can."

A THIRD OF PLAYERS USE

For every Reed and Strasburg, though, there are legions of ballplayers with no intention of quitting. Studies reveal that about one-third of all major league players use spit tobacco.

Though banned in the minor leagues, the substance is permitted in the majors by the collective bargaining agreement that extends through 2016.

In the meantime, MLB has tried to downplay its usage in the public eye. A's catcher Stephen Vogt remembers "watching games as a kid, and back then it was way, way, way more rampant."

"I remember being a kid and putting my bubble gum in my lip and pretending to be a player. So it's a cultural thing."

He applauds baseball's efforts to heighten awareness but doesn't envision Gwynn's death creating a culture change.

"I mean, we get talks about (tobacco dangers) all the time," Vogt said. "It's definitely something that's talked about, and I know that it's a big effort for baseball. But at the same time, it's still going to be part of the game for a long time."

Chewing tobacco and baseball have been linked for more than a century. A Newsday story last week recounted how chew was first brought to baseball

by an influx of farm boys who had found that chewing, rather than smoking, was more conducive to completing their chores.

Only over time did the dangers become apparent. Spit tobacco users are four to seven times more likely to develop cancer of the oral cavity, according to Oral Health America.

'NO CERTAINTY IN LIFE'

A's outfielder Kyle Blanks came up in the Padres organization and spent some time around Gwynn. But Blanks, like Vogt, doesn't subscribe to the theory that Gwynn's death will serve as a wake-up call. He said players' eyes have long been open to the choice they're making. After all, tobacco is a legal product.

"There are warnings on anything that is bad for you. It's always at any person's risk," Blanks said. "You get in a car, you're taking a risk. You walk down a street in the city and you're taking a risk. There's no certainty in life."

"There are definitely things you can do to help have a great, healthy life, but at the same time it's case-to-case. I watched a documentary about this guy who said he drank beer and smoked cigarettes all his life. He's like 103 and runs marathons. There's no formula for having just that incredible genetic makeup and being able to outlast."

Three out of four people who use chewing tobacco have noncancerous or precancerous sores in their mouths, according to the American Cancer Society.

It was the appearance of such sores

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Entertainment

Transformers: Age of Extinction takes Fourth of July box office



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Director and Executive Producer Michael Bay, left, discusses a scene with Mark Wahlberg, who plays Cade Yeager, on the Detroit set of "Transformers: Age of Extinction," from Paramount Pictures.

Gerrick D. Kennedy
Los Angeles Times

The Fourth of July weekend might have brought fireworks, but the holiday box office didn't close with a big bang.

With no new popcorn blockbusters opening, "Transformers: Age of Extinction" easily triumphed.

The fourth entry in Paramount's Michael Bay-directed robot franchise — Mark Wahlberg leads the new film, replacing Shia LaBeouf — took in \$53,792,000 for the five-day period, according to studio estimates.

"Transformers" is the first summer flick to hold the No. 1 spot for two consecutive weeks, and it has generated nearly \$175 million after just 10 days of release. After this weekend's bounty, the film has logged more than \$400 million in international ticket sales.

New Line Cinema's Melissa

McCarthy-starrer "Tammy" landed in second after pulling in \$32.9 million in its first five days.

"Tammy" put a twist on the buddy road trip film. McCarthy plays the shameless title character who, after an awfully bad day that includes getting sacked at work and finding out her husband is having an affair, decides to hit the road with her boozy grandmother (Susan Sarandon).

The R-rated comedy, which cost \$20 million to make and was co-written by McCarthy and her husband, Ben Falcone (he also directed the film), opened to largely negative reviews, but the actress has proven to be a reliable box-office draw since her breakout in 2011's "Bridesmaids."

Last year McCarthy anchored "The Heat," a buddy cop comedy with Sandra Bullock that grossed nearly \$160 million in the U.S. and Canada, and "Identity Thief," which hauled in \$134 million despite murky reviews.

Although it was highly unlikely that "Tammy" was going to give the hulking robots of "Transformers" much competition, the film's solid opening lead the small slate of new offerings.

"We're really happy with 'Tammy.' This was a \$20 million production and it was homegrown by Melissa and her husband, Ben," said Dan Fellman, the studio's president of domestic distribution. "It's a nice start for us. We're in good shape and there's a lot of summer left."

Landing in No. 3 was another new film. "Deliver Us From Evil," the supernatural crime flick Jerry Bruckheimer produced for Screen Gems, took in \$15 million since its Wednesday opening.

Starring Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez, Joel McHale and Olivia Munn, the film is based on the book "Beware the Night" by retired New York Police Department officer-turned-

demonologist Ralph Sarchie and journalist Lisa Collier Cool and cost \$30 million to make.

Between the holiday falling on a Friday and the lack of a big event film, opening box-office receipts were remarkably thinner than in recent years. In comparison, "Despicable Me 2," which opened during the Fourth of July weekend in 2013, debuted with a whopping \$83.5 million.

"It was definitely a lack of content this weekend," Fellman said. "Transformers" did \$36 million (over the weekend); we did a little over \$21 million and it was a big gap between the second and third movie. This weekend just wasn't as strong in terms of variety. But there are years you have great summers and difficult Christmases. And years where summer doesn't work but Christmas does."

In its fourth week, Sony's "22 Jump Street" continues to perform. The hit

comedy sequel took in an additional \$9.4 million. The Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill buddy cop flick, while down 41 percent from last weekend, has now outperformed its predecessor, with \$158 million in sales.

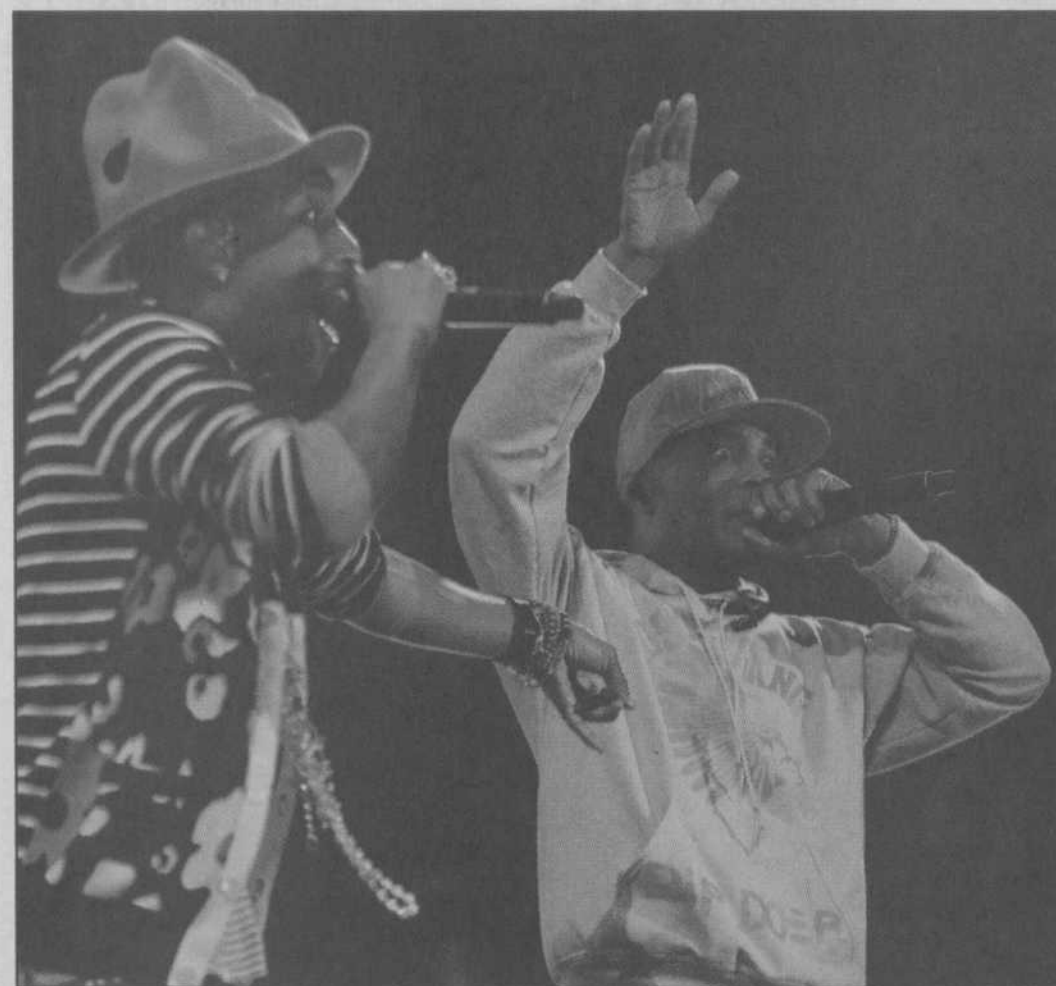
The family film "How to Train Your Dragon 2," in its fourth week, pulled in \$8.75 million over the weekend, bringing its total gross to \$140 million.

Despite largely favorable reviews and a drought of family films, Relativity Media's PG-rated "Earth to Echo" took in just \$13.5 million since it opened on Wednesday.

Directed by first-timer Dave Green and produced by Andrew Panay, the film was originally greenlighted by Disney before Alan Horn took over as chairman of the studio.

Relativity acquired the film from Disney in 2013 and it cost the studio \$13 million.

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Pharrell Williams, left, performs with rapper T.I., during "Blurred Lines," on the Outdoor Stage, the second day of the second weekend of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif., on Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Pop music is streaming more than selling

Randy Lewis
Los Angeles Times

One brutal truth emerges from Nielsen SoundScan's report on trends in the music industry for the first half of 2014: Today's consumers are far more interested in seeing and hearing pop music than buying it.

Album sales dropped nearly 15 percent compared with the same period last year, and overall music consumption, which combines sales and streaming activity, dropped 3.3 percent, according to figures released by the sales and streaming monitoring service. But taken individually, on-demand streaming of music and videos showed a combined increase of 42 percent during the first half of this year, with video streaming up 35 percent and audio streaming jumping just over 50 percent compared with 2013.

"With on-demand streams surpassing 70 billion songs in the first six months of 2014, streaming continues to be an increasingly significant portion of the music industry," Nielsen Entertainment senior vice president David Bakula said in a statement. "Streaming's 42 percent year-over-year growth and vinyl LPs' 40 percent increase over last year's record-setting pace shows interest in buying and consuming music continues to be robust, with two very distinct segments of the industry

expanding substantially."

In fact, the only area in which sales increased was those of vinyl albums, which still represent a tiny portion of the overall music business.

The continuing resurgence of consumer interest in vinyl was reflected in the 40.4 percent increase in units, from 2.9 million in the first half of 2013 to 4 million so far this year. That's still just 3 percent of total album sales of 120.9 million units during 2014, combining CDs, cassettes, LPs and digital albums.

The best-selling vinyl title of the year to date is Jack White's "Lazaretto," which sold 49,100 12-inch discs. Little else in the report gives those in the music business much to celebrate. Just one album, the runaway hit "Frozen" soundtrack, has sold more than 1 million copies during the first half of this year. "Frozen" has logged 2.7 million copies during the calendar year, and just this week pushed past the 3 million units mark overall in North America since its Nov. 25 release.

In second place is Beyonce's "Beyonce," another 2013 release. The album has tallied just over 700,000 copies sold in the year's first six months. Five of the Top 10 sellers have not reached gold status of 500,000 copies.

Among digital songs it's no surprise that the biggest seller is Pharrell Williams' ubiquitous "Happy," which sold 5.6 million downloads.

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