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NSDQ NYSE S&P 500



NSDQ	2299.78
-27.32	(-1.17%)
NYSE	8977.73
-96.23	(-1.06%)
S&P 500	1342.53

Road Race wrecks

Rumors and resignations abound about the Big Bend Open Road Race, scheduled for April 2008. The four race directors have resigned. Kenda Furman, Race Coordinator; Randy Archer, Race Director; George Luera, Assistant Race Director and Mike Dominguez, Chief of Technical Inspection submitted verbal resignations to BBORR Board members Tony Villarreal and Leo Smith last week.

The following is an email from Terrell County Judge Leo Smith, who has been chairman of the BBORR Board of Directors. He and Tony Villarreal are the only remaining active Board members. Here is the post that all of you have dreaded and not wanted to see.

As of 7:05 pm Tuesday, February 19, 2008 The BBORR and the Road Runner are both officially canceled and there is no sign of them ever taking place again.

The Board has discussed the options, and this is the decision. It is not an easy decision to make but given all the facts and obstacles that are being thrown in our way there is no way for this to work. There are numerous factors that are in play and I will try to explain them to you the best I can.

First, there is a new administration in Fort Stockton. They had to deal with issues concerning this race that they were not familiar with. The timing of Kenda quitting caused these issues to be brought front and center, and the commitments to move forward could not be addressed in time to get the ball rolling.

Kenda has always done a fantastic job running this race but in quitting the City of Fort Stockton at this time, doesn't leave enough time to replace her before the race.

These issues and timing were the kiss of death on the future of this race.

All of the negativity about safety issues resulted in our safety crew not wanting to participate, thus causing our permit with TxDot to be null and void.



-17.50	(-1.29%)
AMEX	2258.19
-6.17	(-0.27%)
RUS 2K	696.28
-13.74	(-1.94%)
Crude Oil	97.55
-2.15	(-2.16%)
30YR Yield	4.54
-0.06	(-1.37%)

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Jannie McDonald, Billy Hunt, Tony Villarreal, Randy and Donna Archer, Dorothy Marquart and myself have worked very hard to bring all of the issues to a close and put the obstacles behind us, to put on a good race for all of you. However, it takes cooperation from all the other parties concerned, and that was not happening. Everything in life revolves around timing and timing is what has destroyed the future of these races.

To all of you that have supported these races I thank you from Terrell County. You have been a pleasure to work with, but most importantly thank you for visiting our fair County and community of Sanderson.

Sound Off!

If you have sent in your registration fee please let us know so we can verify it with the records we have and get your entry fees returned to you. I sincerely apologize to all of you that have been looking forward to this for the last year; we did all we could to save it.

Good luck in the future and I wish you all many happy miles of traveling and racing.

Judge Leo Smith

Terrell County

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