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## Ex-Stanford sailing coach avoids prison in U.S. college admissions scandal



John Vandemoer, Stanford University's former head sailing coach, arrives at the federal courthouse to be sentenced for his role in the nationwide college admissions cheating scandal in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S., June 12, 2019. REUTERS/Brian Snyder

BOSTON (Reuters) - A former Stanford University sailing coach avoided prison on Wednesday in the first sentencing to result from the U.S. college admissions scandal after admitting he took bribes to help children of wealthy parents gain admission to the school. John Vandemoer, 41, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Rya Zobel in Boston to six months of home confinement, rejecting prosecutors' request for a 13-month prison term after the former coach pleaded guilty in March to racketeering conspiracy. He is among 50 people, including actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman, whom prosecutors charged in March with participating in a vast scheme overseen by California college admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer. Prosecutors allege that parents paid Singer more than \$25 million to bribe coaches at universities, including Stanford, Yale, Georgetown and the University of Southern California, to help their children gain admission as fake athletic recruits. Parents also paid Singer, who pleaded guilty in March, to help rig college entrance exams, prosecutors allege. The investigation has resulted in charges against 33 parents, including former "Desperate Housewives" star Huffman, who pleaded guilty in May, and "Full House" actress Loughlin, who has pleaded not guilty. Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Rosen urged Zobel to reject Vandemoer's request for probation, saying such a sentence would be a "slap on the wrist" given how the case had undermined public confidence in the fairness of college admissions. "The court needs to send a powerful message to would-be cheaters that such criminal conduct will not be tolerated," he said. But Zobel instead sentenced him to one day of prison, which was deemed already served, followed by two years of supervised release, the first six of which are in home confinement. Zobel also imposed a \$10,000 fine. She noted that unlike other coaches charged in the scheme, Vandemoer did not personally pocket any bribes, instead directing all of the money from Singer to Stanford's sailing program.



John Vandemoer, Stanford University's former head sailing coach, arrives at the federal courthouse in Boston

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# Democratic presidential candidate Harris vows to shield 'Dreamers,' others from deportation

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris on Wednesday said she would shield six million undocumented immigrants from deportation, a significant expansion of an Obama-era program protecting "Dreamers" brought to the United States as children.

The California U.S. senator proposed using the powers of the presidency to create a "roadmap to citizenship" for Dreamers while also offering new protections to the parents of American citizens and legal permanent residents as well as other law-abiding immigrants with strong roots in the community.

The proposal, which would rely on the president's executive authority over the nation's immigration laws, is a direct rebuke to President Donald Trump's efforts to clamp down on immigration and build a wall to restrict the flow of immigrants from Central America.

Harris is one of some two dozen Democrats seeking their party's nomination for the 2020 presidential election "Dreamers cannot afford to sit around and wait for Congress to get its act together," Harris said in a statement. "These young people are just as American as I am, and they deserve a president who will fight for them from day one."

Harris released her plan a day before the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to discuss whether to take up the Trump administration's challenge to a 2012 program established by former President Barack Obama that gave Dreamers temporary protections.

The program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, remains in place after lower courts blocked Trump's attempt to cancel it. The Trump administration has argued that Obama exceeded his constitutional powers in creating DACA without congressional approval.

Last week, the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would end the threat of deportation for Dreamers, but the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate is unlikely to consider the legislation

Harris would expand the eligibility for Dreamers to gain protection against deportation and apply for work permits. The plan calls for eliminating several legal roadblocks that currently prevent many Dreamers from adjusting their legal status.

In addition, the program would be open to other immigrants who pass background checks, based on factors such as military service, years of residence and family ties to others who have received protections.

Immigration, which was central to Trump's 2016 campaign, is likely



FILE PHOTO: Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris speaks to the press following a meet and greet for women voters in Birmingham, Alabama, U.S., June 7, 2019. REUTERS/Elijah Nouvelage/File Photo



Young women react to meeting Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris at a meet and greet for women voters in Birmingham

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Dr. Lai is a board-certified pediatrician who earned her medical degree from The University of Texas School of Medicine in San Antonio and completed her pediatric internship and residency at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her special clinical interests include General Pediatrics, caring for newborns, and managing autism, and childhood obesity. She cares for young patients at Kelsey-Seybold's Spring Medical and Diagnostic Center.

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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani walks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, during a welcome ceremony in Tehran



Lawmakers Jeremy Tam and Alvin Yeung of the Hong Kong Civic Party speak to a police officer during a demonstration against a proposed extradition bill in Hong Kong, China June 12, 2019. REUTERS/Thomas Peter TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Actor Tom Hanks poses with his character Woody at the premiere for "Toy Story 4" in Los Angeles, California, U.S., June 11, 2019. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Pope Francis greets the faithful during the weekly general audience at the Vatican, June 12, 2019. REUTERS/Remo Casilli TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Local government personnel row a boat on a flooded street as they transport food supplies to stranded residents following heavy rainfall in Jian, Jiangxi province, China June 10, 2019. Picture taken June 10, 2019. REUTERS/Stringer ATTENTION EDITORS - THIS IMAGE WAS PROVIDED BY A THIRD PARTY. CHINA OUT. TPX IMAGES



Conservative Party leadership candidate Boris Johnson leaves his home in London



Soccer Football - Women's World Cup - Group F - United States v Thailand - Stade Auguste-Delaune, Reims, France - June 11, 2019 Lindsey Horan of the U.S. celebrates scoring their third goal REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY

The people who deliver our packages to us may soon have some competition.

In January, the e-commerce giant Amazon announced that it had begun field-testing Amazon Scout, a robot that's been delivering packages to customers in Snohomish County, Washington. The United States Postal Service is also exploring ways to use delivery robots.

According to a post on the Amazon blog Day One, there are just six Scout robots in existence, and they only deliver during daylight hours on weekdays. An Amazon spokesperson who spoke with CNBC could not comment on the program beyond what's on the blog, so for now the future of the rollout remains murky.

Whatever plans Amazon has for Scout, it's only natural to wonder what effect widespread adoption would have on the delivery jobs that are currently being performed by human beings. Do these workers need to brace themselves for the possibility that they may soon be obsolete?

According to a 2018 report issued by the United States Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General, more Americans embrace the idea of robotic delivery than oppose it. Those who support it said robot delivery could offer greater flexibility to package recipients and reduce the risk of injury to delivery personnel. As far as the drawbacks, respondents cited job losses as a primary concern. However, postal delivery workers won't have to worry about being put out of jobs just yet.

According to "Autonomous Mobile Robots and the Postal Service," a 2018 report issued by the United States Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General, the use of autonomous mobile robots for last-mile delivery of mail "is too economically and technologically immature to be scalable in the short term, especially for independent robot delivery applications."



## Amazon Robots Could Make The Deliveryman Extinct



Amazon's self-driving delivery device called "Scout."

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Diana Dawson, vice president of consulting for the research firm Envirosearch, said that job losses aren't the only problem to consider.

"[The Scout] probably cannot negotiate the many variables that are involved in home delivery, such as steps, rain and customers who are not there when the robot opens its lid," she said. "This would likely lead to a delay in delivery, which is a pain point for Amazon shoppers in particular."

Monica Eaton-Cardone is the owner and chief operating officer of the financial technology company Chargebacks911, which manages 200 million online transactions per month and has spent a lot of time studying delivery systems since the category can be rife for fraud. She said robot delivery faces several major hurdles.

"A few years ago, a robot named HitchBOT was hitchhiking throughout different cities in an experiment to test human psychology," she said. "HitchBOT was beheaded in Philadelphia. ... Will we treat an Amazon robot any better?"

As far as benefits, Eaton-Cardone cited cost reductions on Amazon's part as well as a possible increase in delivery speed. She also said it might unexpectedly benefit infrastructure.

benefit infrastructure.



"Companies like Amazon wield immense power, both economically and politically," she said. "Our politicians might not prioritize the rebuilding of our sidewalks and streets when only humans were using them, but I have a feeling it'll become much more of a priority when Amazon's robots need to use them too."

**"Industry-wide upheaval is inevitable, and a lot of good, hardworking men and women will lose their jobs."**

**-Monica Eaton-Cardone, owner and chief operating officer of Chargebacks911**

Amazon has explored the possibility of robotic delivery before.

The first vehicle the company intended to use was the Prime Air drone, which made its first delivery in December 2016. That program has since gone quiet, but it still has some advantages over Scout, namely speed. After all, impulse buyers might balk at a purchase that takes three days to reach them, but they might buy it if delivery only takes half an hour.

"A fast drone can fly at 50 miles per hour, over 10 times faster than Scout," said Nicholas Farhi, partner at the global consulting firm OC&C Strategy. "It will become quicker to have something delivered than to make a trip to the local store, unlocking a big new chunk of 'need it now,' low premeditation retail sales to delivery."



Jeff Harris, a partner at Harris Lowry Manton who specializes in product liability, catastrophic injury and wrongful death, said that those benefits aside, drone deliveries present drawbacks that may outweigh the advantages, all of them attributable to the lack of human decision-making.

"The biggest problem with delivery drones is going to be how to create separation between drones, so they don't crash into each other, potentially injuring people and causing property damage," he said.

Amazon Scout could encounter difficulties when negotiating sidewalks.

"When we walk down the street, we're constantly making a series of complex decisions," Harris said. "Programs like Amazon Scout will likely face the same challenges that automated vehicles are

currently experiencing because they encounter random, real-life situations that aren't preprogrammed and part of the algorithm."

While the physical risks of robotic delivery may be debatable, Harris said that it will almost certainly cost delivery workers their jobs.



The Amazon spokeswoman declined to provide specific statistics on recent job growth at fulfillment centers as automation has been added. Many companies make the case automation allows employees to focus on more complex tasks, so rather than costing jobs, it shifts jobs to new skill sets and creates opportunities for new job positions. Labor unions, meanwhile, have called this version of events "a fairy tale."

Eaton-Cardone said she is not ready to write off the human element just yet. There are things only human beings can do and which no amount of technology can replace.

"If a company is delivering a high-end product or an item with potential legal or health liabilities, then it might still make economic sense to have a human being oversee the delivery, answer questions, sign forms, and then try to secure future sales," she said. Eaton-Cardone also said that human beings provide more than just the ability to navigate complicated delivery instructions.

"Sometimes the kind words or a reassuring smile of an actual, real-life person makes all the difference in the world," she said. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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Hundreds of illegal aliens from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa, which is currently experiencing a massive Ebola virus outbreak, have been dropped off in San Antonio, Texas and hundreds more will arrive in the near future.

A local news reporter looking for French-speaking volunteers to communicate with the individuals made this request on Twitter:

“City confirms hundreds of migrants from the Congo have arrived in SA. The city is in desperate need for French-speaking volunteers,” Jaleesa Irizarry of KENS 5 San Antonio wrote on Thursday.

In a local news report, Interim Assistant City Manager Dr. Collen Bridger said, “We didn’t get a heads up.”

Bridger said the illegal aliens started to arrive in town on Tuesday and that CBP confirmed “another 200 to 300 from the Congo and Angola will be coming to San Antonio.”

“A group of about 350 migrants from the Congo will be arriving in San Antonio in the near future,” a notice from the San Antonio Department of Human Services reads.



The City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services has opened an emergency shelter for migrant families released to San Antonio by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 210.204.2200 or 210.204.2201. Please write "MRC French Speaker Volunteer" in subject line to ensure immediate response.

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Hundreds Of Illegals From Ebola-Ridden Congo Have Been Dumped In San Antonio, Texas



Illegals from Africa fleeing Ebola-stricken Congo who made it across the Rio Grande river a week ago first arrive at a city-owned shelter in San Antonio and then are transported by bus and van to undisclosed locations across The United States.

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“roughly \$14,000 a week on bus tickets.” Last weekend, a group of more than 100 illegals from Angola, Cameroon and Congo were filmed wading through the Rio Grande River and entering the United States.

In a statement, CBP said, “Agents have encountered 182 large groups (100+ individuals) across the SW border this fiscal year. This is the first large group apprehended in Del Rio Sector this FY and the first large group apprehended on the SW border this FY consisting entirely of African nationals.”



U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to Del Rio Sector apprehended a large group of 116 individuals—from Angola, Cameroon and Congo—after they illegally crossed the Rio Grande River into the U.S. on Thursday: bit.ly/2l6Q0RG

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Last night, U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended more than 100 illegal aliens from Congo, Angola, and Cameroon near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Our southern border is now a magnet for illegal immigration from all over the world. It's time for Democrats to help close the loopholes!

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Today, the World Health Organization said one in four Ebola infections in Congo are going undetected and that the country is experiencing the second-worst Ebola epidemic on record. (Courtesy infowars.com)

Related Ebola tops 1,000 cases in Congo, officials express concern

The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Re-

public of the Congo reports more than 1,000 confirmed and probable cases, and experts warn this could continue for the long haul unless the community starts trusting public health workers and participates in identifying contacts of infected people.

Why it matters: The outbreak cannot be stemmed until each contact of an infected person is vaccinated and monitored until they are declared free of the deadly infection — something the World Health Organization has been characterized as challenging.



What's happening: Violent attacks on Ebola Treatment Centers (ETCs) and health-care workers have forced Doctors without Borders to suspend its operations in some hotspots of the disease.

DRC's Ministry of Health (MOH) continues providing daily updates, which show continued deaths of people who were not known to be infected, illustrating the precariousness of the situation.

“After the attacks of the ETC, we organized community dialogue sessions in some areas to let the community express its concerns regarding the response in a peaceful way. Based on their comments, we started working on ways to adapt some Ebola response activities.” (Courtesy axios.com)

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