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### Taxicab drivers' boycott causes delays at DFW airpor

Worth International Airport was delayed 30 minutes because of wet weather, and vers. Cowboy Cab office manager Tanya years from the model date. now that he was grounded.

there was no ride in sight. Hundreds of cab drivers began boycotting the airport Monday to protest new regulations calling for newer cabs, daily inspections, proven English and map-reading skills and acceptance of major credit cards.

Gilgen stood outside the airport for about 15 minutes before a shuttle van arrived to pick him up.

long at DFW," Gilgen said. "I'm late for

the rain long, said airport officials, who called in shuttle buses, limo services and outside cab drivers to meet the need at the nation's fourth busiest airport.

"There hasn't been much of an interruption," said DWF spokesperson Melba Williams. "We've had a contingency plan in place since April."

was not off to a good start. The Arkansas ing a steady stream of cabs to the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport, months old or has less than 40,000 in the airport and airport are also airport and airport are also airport and airport are also airport are businessperson's flight into Dallas-Fort including the area's largest, Yellow Cab. Others operated with far fewer dri-

> "These are our drivers. We will back them up, but DFW is one of the main places cab companies can work."

manager for Executive Golden Taxi of Dallas

"I can't believe I've had to wait this Howard said more than 150 drivers did when his car turns five years old.

not report to work on Monday.

Abdu Mohamed, a spokesperson for Most passengers weren't standing in the Association of United Taxicab Operators, estimated that nearly 600 drivers that serve the airport stayed home or showed up to picket at airport entrances.

> He said the demonstration will continue until the DFW Airport Board agrees to reconsider the new rules.

Since last June, any new driver wanting to pick up airport fares must

on the odometer. That driver ca driving the car to the airport for too floppy to hole

All vehicles in service airport as of June 3 had to cases, babies may been less than 5 years old.

The regulations make er for drivers to stay in busin said Kamal Aldomour, a for Ranger Taxi who own own vehicle. Stagnant ca rates and an increase in g prices already have cut into its, he said.

Aldomour said he soon have to lease a vehicle from R

"My costs will double and I won able to make ends meet," he said. David Jini, a manager for Exer Golden Taxi of Dallas, said he is porting his striking drivers, even a

"These are our drivers. We will them up, but DFW is one of ther places cab companies can work said. "We hope to help both sideson to an agreement.'

company loses money.

#### Student accepts settlement after punishment for controversial photo

student, barred from graduation ceremonies after a photograph of his principal's car was taken outside a teacher's house, has accepted a \$150,000 settlement with the school district.

Casey Riggan was punished for being disrespectful and fostering rumors after the photo of Neil Richmond's vehicle was shot in front of the female teacher's home. Riggan said a friend actually took the photo and he just kept it in his closet, although he said he and his friend talked and joked about it.

After Riggan refused to turn over trict spokesperson Barney V the picture, the principal, who is married, suspended Riggan and ordered him to apologize.

Riggan sued in federal court. When he refused to apologize or drop the suit, he was suspended for three days, placed in an alternative school and barred from attending graduation exercises.

"What they took from me, it's real hard to put a price on that," Riggan told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. On Monday, Midland school disn't received legal documents show Riggan had accepted the district tlement offer, which was approa school board meeting April 25

"The superintendent nor II anything about it on Friday noon," Welch said. "It was a sum for me to pick up the paper and ra on Saturday morning that the case been settled for \$150,000. As far understand, there is nothing that is nal. We just have to wait and see."

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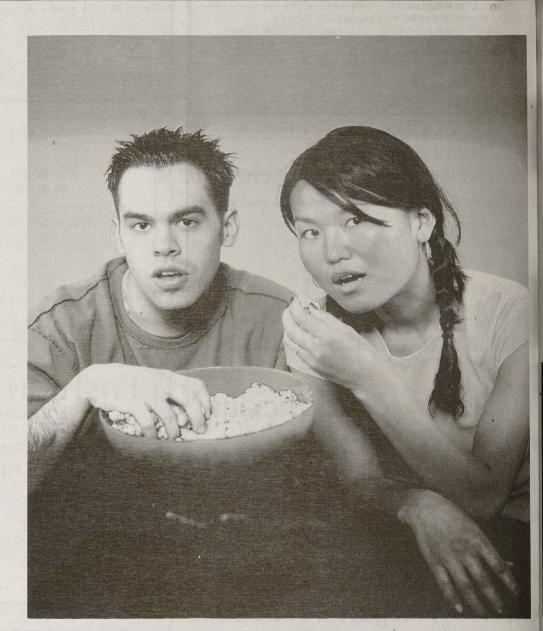
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