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The Road Drummer



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Scott Schwarz drums a rhythm on a bucket for a motorist while at a stoplight along State Street on Friday in Orem.

Orem man entertains passersby with bucket-drumming skills two years after overcoming addiction

BY ISAAC HALE
Daily Herald

If you think you hear a drum echoing up and down State Street in Orem, you're not crazy, it's probably just "The Road Drummer."

Scott Schwarz can be often found with a smile on his face as he plays a single construction bucket while simultaneously riding his bicycle along the busy Orem street. He's loosely known as "The Road Drummer," but he's generally recognized for entertaining passersby with his

traveling jam sessions to popular songs and willingness to make good on the "Free Hugs" shirts he often wears.

"I don't know what I really wanted from it, but it was therapeutic," Schwarz said of his traveling drumming act.

However, Schwarz's rhythmic rides came to be during a pivotal turning point in his life: while transitioning out of rehab for an alcohol addiction.

"If you did the math, it came

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Scott Schwarz picks a song before performing along Center Street on Wednesday in Provo. Schwarz often drums along to various popular songs played from his bluetooth speaker.



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Daniel Munoz reaches for his injured back during an interview on Sunday in Odessa, Texas. Munoz was injured in Saturday's shooting.

Police say no explanation for shooting frenzy yet

BY PAUL J. WEBER AND JAKE BLEIBERG
Associated Press

ODESSA, Texas — Authorities said Sunday they still could not explain why a man with an AR-style weapon opened fire during a routine traffic stop in West Texas to begin a terrifying, 10-mile rampage that killed seven people, injured 22 others and ended with officers gunning him down outside a movie theater.

Authorities identified the shooter as Seth Aaron Ator, 36, of Odessa. Online court records show Ator was arrested in 2001 for a misdemeanor offense that would not have prevented him from legally purchasing firearms in Texas, although authorities have not said where Ator got his weapon.

Ator acted alone and federal investigators believe the shooter had no ties to any domestic or international terrorism group, FBI special agent Christopher Combs said. Authorities said those killed were between the ages of 15 and 57 years old but did not immediately provide a list of names. The injured included three law enforcement officers, as well as a 17-month-old girl who sustained injuries to her face and chest.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke refused to say the name of the shooter during a televised news conference, saying he wouldn't give him notoriety, but police later posted his name on Facebook. A similar approach has been taken in some other recent mass shootings.

Gerke said there were still no answers pointing to a motive for the chaotic rampage, which began Saturday afternoon when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car on Interstate 20 for failing to signal a left turn.

Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver "pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots" toward the patrol car stopping him, according to Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger. The gunshots struck a trooper, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled and continued shooting. He fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities in the heart of Texas oil country more than 300 miles west of Dallas. At one point, he hijacked a mail carrier truck, killing the lone postal worker inside.

U.S. Postal Service officials identified her as Mary Granados, 29.

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Clock ticking on NY vaccination deadline



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In this March 27 file photo, a woman receives a measles, mumps and rubella vaccine at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona, N.Y. New York's revocation of a longtime religious exemption for vaccinations has parents scrambling to either get kids shots, or get them out of the classroom as the school year begins.

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — When New York lawmakers revoked a religious exemption for mandatory school vaccinations, the change sent thousands of the state's parents scrambling to get their kids shots — or get them out of the classroom entirely.

Lawmakers did away with the exemption in June amid the nation's worst measles outbreak since 1992. More than 26,000 children in public and private schools and day care centers had previously gone unvaccinated for religious reasons, according to the state Health Department.

Now time is running short. Unvaccinated students have 14 days from the start of school

to prove they received the first dose of each immunization, and they must make appointments for the next round within a month. Most schools reopen just after Labor Day.

Some parents opposed to vaccinations are choosing to pull their kids from school rather than comply.

"Those that are choosing to vaccinate, it's not because their beliefs have changed," said Jina Gentry, a Buffalo mother of four who will home-school her children rather than have them vaccinated. She said not everyone has the means or time to do the same.

At the private Aurora Waldorf School in suburban Buffalo, parents of 21 students said they would not be at-

tending this fall, rather than rush to vaccinate, said administrator Anna Harp, who oversees about 175 students from preschool to eighth grade.

"Some families have told us that they plan to home-school, and a few said that they were moving out of New York," Harp said. "Several families have told us that they plan to return once their children's immunizations are up to date."

New York became the fourth state, along with California, Mississippi and West Virginia, to eliminate religious and personal-belief exemptions for vaccines. Maine will remove them in 2021. All states allow medical exemptions.

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