Florida will use the metric system for high school field events.

SPORTS

Florida Goes Metric

One state is taking a small step—or maybe a "long jump"—toward the metric system. Florida is set to become the first state in the U.S. to ditch the imperial system—which uses inches and feet—in favor of the metric system in high school field events, like the pole vault and long jump. The U.S. is one of only three countries in the world—along with Liberia and Myanmar—that haven't adopted the metric system as the official system of measurements and weights. Although the Florida High School Athletic Association (F.H.S.A.A.) intends to switch for this year's track and field season, there aren't any plans for the state as a whole—or the U.S.—to change just yet. Spectators of the high school events will see results in both metric units and inches and feet. So why the change? "We wanted to match [the system used in] the N.C.A.A.," says Ed Thompson, director of athletics for the F.H.S.A.A. "And we wanted to improve precision—centimeters are more precise than inches." •

BUSINESS

Teen Tech Repair

For most teens, a summer job means mowing lawns, flipping burgers, or lifeguarding at the local pool. But 16-year-old Grayson Shaw of Washington, D.C., has a different kind of summer gig: For the past five years, he has owned and operated his own iPhone repair business in Nantucket, Massachusetts, where his family spends summers. Grayson taught himself how to repair the high-tech devices by watching YouTube videos, and he now knows how to replace virtually any part of an iPhone, inside or out. Charging between $50 and $180 for repairs, he took in $24,000 in revenue last year, much of which he invested in Apple stock; this year he's on track to hit $30,000, repairing about 40 phones a week. Grayson's business savvy has inspired his friends, who often ask his advice about starting their own businesses, from fixing phones to selling T-shirts. He's not sure whether he wants to build a career from his tech expertise, but he does know one thing: "I definitely want to be an entrepreneur." •

NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

384 years

AGE of a shopping list from 1633 that was recently found under a floorboard of a house in Knoll, England. The list includes pewter spoons, a frying pan, and a fire shovel.

SOURCE: SMITHSONIANMAG.COM

55%

PERCENTAGE increase in the number of billionaires worldwide in the past five years. Today, about 2,200 billionaires have a collective wealth of $8 trillion, greater than the GDPs of Germany and France combined.

SOURCE: CNBC

AMOUNT that a bag used to bring moon rocks back to Earth in 1969 sold for in July. The bag still contains traces of moon dust.

SOURCE: *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

107.4°

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE in Fahrenheit for Death Valley, California, in July, the hottest month ever recorded on Earth. It broke the previous record, set in 1917 in Death Valley, of 107.2 degrees.

SOURCE: *LOS ANGELES TIMES*

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