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Linsay Rosser-Sumpter is slowly lifted out of a giant cowboy boot during the opening ceremonies of Thursday's California Rodeo Salinas at the Salinas Sports Complex.

Centennial in full swing



100 YEARS OF TRADITION

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Centennial Rodeo Queen to uphold tradition

Presentation of tiara awes new queen

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Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2010 has been named: Brittany Voss.

"I'm feeling so excited, I'm shaking," said 21-year-old Voss from Clements. "This is going to be the most awesome year of my life. I can already feel it."

The Rodeo's president, Craig Andrus, crowned Voss with a silver-and-gold tiara at the Salinas Sports Complex arena Thursday evening.

Before the crowning, country star Lynn Anderson sang the National Anthem from the center of the track as the crowd — filling about half the stands at the Salinas Sports Complex — stood from the

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Last year's Miss California Rodeo, Brittany Slaton, right, passes on her crown to this year's winner Brittany Voss during Thursday's California Rodeo Salinas at the Salinas Sports Complex.

Lynn Anderson delivers anthem at Rodeo's opening

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Lynn Anderson never promised you a rose garden, but the country singer did deliver a rousing national anthem Thursday as the 100th anniversary California Rodeo Salinas opened.

Film actor and Grand Marshall Wilford Brimley joined Rodeo president Craig Andrus and a host of longtime event supporters and participants in the grand entry.

The 26-rider pageant of flags that followed climaxed with Linsay Rosser-Sumpter rising on horseback from inside a 17-foot-high red, white and blue boot, bearing the American



TRAVIS GESKE

A rodeo clown performs for a crowd gathered on the grand stands at Thursday's California Rodeo Salinas.

colors. Anderson then belted out the anthem, and dozens of white doves were released

to fly over the Rodeo grounds.

The artist, perhaps best known for the song "Rose Garden," had also performed Thursday morning at the first Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the Rodeo. The 11 honorees included Pat Garlinger, winner of the Hostess contest in 1940; longtime volunteer Myron "Doc" Etienne; and champion rider Jim Rodriguez Jr.

Just before competition started, Brittany Voss was crowned Miss California Rodeo.

On Thursday afternoon, about 200 onlookers gathered to watch more than

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CONNOR JAY

Carlos Espinoza, 17, sitting in the back row, awaits his preliminary hearing in the fatal shooting of 15-year-old Jose Perez along with three other defendants Antonio Gayosso, 19, Julio Montoya, 21, and Juan Nunez, 19, in the front row, on Thursday at the Monterey County Superior Court in Salinas.

Hearing continues today in fatal shooting

Four accused in the 2009 death of Salinas High football player

BY SUNITA VIJAYAN
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Two alleged gang members accused in the Aug. 6 killing of a Salinas High School student told authorities that a shooting by rivals earlier that day prompted a retaliation,

officers testified Thursday. "[Antonio Gayosso] was saying that he was really, really sad and angry about his friend getting shot, and that he and who he referred to as 'Flaco,' Mr. [Carlos] Espinoza, were going to go out and retaliate against his friend getting shot," Salinas police Detective Arlene Currier testified.

The testimony came during the preliminary hearing

WHAT'S NEXT

Juan Nunez, Julio Montoya, Antonio Gayosso and Carlos Espinoza will appear in court at 1:30 p.m. today.

of four people accused of killing football player Jose Manuel Perez on Aug. 6 in the 500 block of Terrace Street. Perez, who had been on his way to practice at the time

of the shooting, has been described by officials as "an innocent bystander."

Mayor Dennis Donohue carried a football in his memory for several months as a symbol of the city's gang violence.

Gayosso, Julio Montoya, Espinoza and Juan Nunez were arrested the day after the shooting and are accused

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BP stops oil spewing in Gulf

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS— The oil has stopped. For now.

After 85 days and up to 184 million gallons, BP finally gained control over one of America's biggest environmental catastrophes Thursday by placing a carefully fitted cap over a runaway geyser that has been gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico since early spring.

Though a temporary fix, the accomplishment was greeted with hope, high expectations — and, in many cases along the beleaguered coastline, disbelief. From one Gulf Coast resident came this: "Hallelujah." And from another: "I

got to see it to believe it."

If the cap holds, if the sea floor doesn't crack and if the relief wells being prepared are completed successfully, this could be the beginning of the end for the spill. But that's a lot of ifs, and no one was declaring any sort of victory beyond the moment.

'It's far from the finish line'

The oil stopped flowing at 12:25 p.m. when the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap was slowly throttled shut. That set off a 48-hour watch period in which — much like the hours immediately after a surgery — the patient was in stable, guarded condition

and being watched closely for complications.

"It's a great sight," said BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles, who immediately urged caution. The flow, he said, could resume. "It's far from the finish line. ... It's not the time to celebrate."

Nevertheless, one comforting fact stood out: For the first time since an explosion on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon oil rig killed 11 workers April 20 and unleashed the spill 5,000 feet beneath the water's surface, no oil was flowing into the Gulf.

President Barack Obama, who has encouraged,

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The kidneys play a key role in maintaining calcium balance in the body. About ten grams of calcium filter through the kidneys daily, about 1.5% of which is excreted in the urine (the rest is reabsorbed). Kidney stones form when crystals (usually calcium oxalate) separate from liquid in the urine and form a hard mass. Research indicates that people prone to developing kidney stones excrete about one-third more of their calcium intake in urine than those who do not have kidney stones. It may be that this kidney-stone-prone group may be absorbing more dietary calcium and excreting more. They may also be losing calcium from their bodies, in which case they may be at risk for low bone density.

Proper kidney function is critical to your health. If you are having any discomfort or problems with your genitourinary tract, or just have questions please contact a urologist. If you would like additional information about today's topic, call SALINAS VALLEY UROLOGY ASSOCIATES. For your convenience, we have facilities in Gilroy, Hollister and Salinas. Most major health insurance plans are accepted. We are now accepting New Patients.

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