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## (IN BRIEF)

### STATE

#### High court rules narrowly in voting case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled narrowly Monday in a challenge to the landmark Voting Rights Act, siding with a small Texas governing authority but sidestepping the larger constitutional issue.

The court, with only one justice in dissent, avoided the major questions raised over the federal government's most powerful tool to prevent discriminatory voting changes since the mid-1960s.

### NATION

#### Strong earthquake jolts areas of Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A strong earthquake jolted urban areas of Alaska on Monday, sending people diving under desks and huddling in doorways.

The U.S. Geological Survey said an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 struck near the town of Willow at 11:28 a.m. Monday. The epicenter was 58 miles from the state's largest city, Anchorage, where the rumbled continued for several moments.

The West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center reported the quake's magnitude at a slightly weaker 5.3 and said no tsunami will be generated.

### WORLD

#### Iranian police use force to break up protest

CAIRO (AP) — Riot police attacked hundreds of demonstrators with tear gas and fired live bullets in the air to disperse a rally in central Tehran Monday, carrying out a threat by the country's most powerful security force to crush any further opposition protests over the disputed presidential election.

Britain, accused by Iran of fomenting post-election unrest, said it was evacuating the families of diplomats and other officials based in Iran — the first country to do so as Iran's worst internal conflict since the 1979 Islamic Revolution escalated.

### DEATH TOLL

4316

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## North Korea threatens to harm US if attacked

By JAE-SOON CHANG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean-flagged ship under close watch in Asian waters is believed to be heading toward Myanmar carrying small arms cargo banned under a new U.N. resolution, a South Korean intelligence official said Monday.

Still, analysts say a high seas interception — something North

Korea has said it would consider an act of war — is unlikely.

The Kang Nam, accused of engaging in illicit trade in the past, is the first vessel monitored under the new sanctions designed to punish the North for its defiant nuclear test last month. The U.S. military began tracking the ship after it left a North Korean port on Wednesday on suspicion it was carrying illicit weapons.

A South Korean intelligence official said Monday that his agency

believes the North Korean ship is carrying small weapons and is sailing toward the Myanmar city of Yangon.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing the sensitive nature of the information, said he could provide no further details.

Myanmar's military government, which faces an arms embargo from the U.S. and the European Union, reportedly has bought weapons from North Korea in the past.

The Irrawaddy, an online maga-

zine operated by independent exiled journalists from Myanmar, reported Monday that the North Korean ship would dock at the Thilawa port, some 20 miles (30 kilometers) south of Yangon, in the next few days.

The magazine cited an unidentified port official as saying that North Korean ships have docked there in the past. The magazine's in-depth coverage of Myanmar has been generally reliable in the past.

South Korean television network

YTN reported Sunday that the ship was streaming toward Myanmar but said the vessel appeared to be carrying missiles and related parts. The report cited an unidentified intelligence source in South Korea.

Kim Jin-moo, an analyst at Seoul's state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, said the North is believed to have sold guns, artillery and other small weapons to Myanmar but not missiles, which it has been accused of exporting to Iran and Syria.

## Tech Rodeo team competes nationally

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Men's Rodeo team took six students to compete in the 61st College National Finals Rodeo June 14-20 in Casper, Wyo.

According to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Web site, Tech's 22-member men's team placed second in the Southwest Region, allowing six team members to attend the national event, where they placed 19th.

Logan Allen, a senior agricultural leadership major from Crescent, Iowa, said he was proud to be part of the six-person team that attended the national competition.

"I'm glad we got a chance to compete," he said, "and next year we plan to win the region and go on to win the nation, too."

The regional competition consisted of 10 rodeos, he said, in which Tech's team competed well enough to move onto nationals. The team's sixth-place rank in 2008 did not allow them the chance to compete in nationals.

Allen competed with Chance Honey, Jeremy Krywcun, Jake Brown, Jay Manning and Stetson Raspberry, he said.

Raspberry, a senior business management major from Roby, finished second in both the first and third rounds and sixth overall in bull riding at the national competition.

He was proud of his results, he said, as well as the results of the team as a whole, however, he was looking forward to doing better at next year's competition.

"Everybody goes to win," he said, "so I guess I was a little disappointed that I didn't come out number one."

The team did not do as well as they



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG KELLEY

TEXAS TECH RODEO team member Jeremy Krywcun wrestles his calf to the ground during an event at nationals on June 16 in Casper, Wyo.

could have, he said, because of the stock drawn for the competition. Judges randomly select the animals used by the competitors, a process known as drawing stock.

Half the score consists of the animals used to compete, the other half consists of the competitor's

performance. "We've got some really good guys on the team," he said, "we just drew really rough stock. Good or bad, it's the game."

He also competes professionally, and said he has done well in minor league Professional Bull Riding

competitions. Erica Creswell, a junior psychology major from Weatherford, Okla., agreed with Raspberry, and said stock has a lot to do with performance.

"Not everything you draw you can

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## Obama signs anti-smoking bill, cites own struggle

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama cited his own long struggle to quit the cigarettes he got hooked on as a teenager as he signed the nation's strongest-ever anti-smoking bill Monday and praised it for providing critically needed protections for kids.

"The decades-long effort to protect our children from the harmful effects of tobacco has emerged victorious," Obama said at a signing ceremony in the White House Rose Garden.

The bill marks the latest legislative victory for Obama's first

five months. Among his other successes: a \$787 billion economic stimulus bill, legislation to expand a state program providing children's health insurance and a bill making it easier for workers to sue for pay discrimination.

The president has frequently spoken, in the White House and on the campaign trail, of his own struggles to quit smoking. He brought it up during Monday's ceremony while criticizing the tobacco industry for marketing its products to young people.

Obama said almost 90 percent of people who smoke began at age 18 or younger, snared in a dangerous and hard-to-kick habit.

"I know — I was one of these

teenagers," Obama said. "So I know how difficult it can be to break this habit when it's been with you for a long time."

Before dozens of invited guests, including children from the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the president signed legislation giving the Food and Drug Administration unprecedented authority to regulate tobacco.

Obama accused the tobacco industry of targeting young people, exposing them to a "constant and insidious barrage of advertising where they live, where they learn and where they play. Most insidiously, they are offered products with flavorings that mask the taste of tobacco and make it even more tempting."

The new law bans candy and fruit flavors in tobacco products, and it limits advertising that could attract young people.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act also allows the FDA to lower the amount of addiction-causing nicotine in tobacco products and block misleading labels such as "low tar" and "light." Tobacco companies also will be required to cover their cartons with large graphic warnings.

The law won't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco outright.

"It is a law that will save American lives," Obama said.

Anti-smoking advocates looked forward to the bill after years of attempts to control an industry so

fundamental to the U.S. that carved tobacco leaves adorn some parts of the Capitol.

Opponents from tobacco-growing states such as top-producing North Carolina argued that the FDA had proved through a series of food safety failures that it was not up to the job of regulation. They also said that instead of unrealistically trying to get smokers to quit or to prevent others from starting, lawmakers should ensure that people have other options, like smokeless tobacco.

As president, George W. Bush opposed the legislation and threatened a veto after it passed the House last year. The Obama administration, by contrast, issued a statement declaring strong support for the measure.

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Student Media

# Tech's Skyviews Restaurant will move to Jones AT&T Stadium

Texas Tech's student-run restaurant, Skyviews, will undergo a change of scenery August of 2010 when it moves from the sixth floor of the Bank of America building to Jones AT&T Stadium.

Shane Blum, chairperson for nutrition, hospitality and retailing, said the restaurant will be located in the east side of the stadium, which is being renovated for an expansion project.

Blum said not only will students be working with state-of-the-art equipment, but they also will have more room in the kitchen and dining areas. The kitchen will be seven to eight times larger than what Skyviews works with right now and the equipment will be similar to what's available after college.

"We teach three classes over there now, so we'll be able to

have more students in those classes," he said. "It'll benefit from that point. Plus I think people who might be interested in going to the stadium for a dining experience would be, for the community I guess is my point, interested in going into the stadium for lunch or dinner."

However, the arrangement does not mean the restaurant will be open for dining during Techfootball games on Saturdays. Skyviews will operate for lunch Monday through Friday with classes called dinner series on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Sodexo, who takes care of concessions, will handle the food service for the stadium during gamedays.

Blum acknowledged the view at Skyviews' Bank of America location is a nice one, but moving to a more advantageous space

at Jones AT&T Stadium provides plenty of benefits.

"If you look at the bigger picture in terms of a newer facility, a larger facility," he said, "it really meets the needs of the students and the department a lot more than what we have now."

Plus the community, it'll be a larger dining space for the community."

However, parking never has been an issue with a sprawling space at Skyviews' regular location, so the commuter parking and limited space on campus could be too small.

"Parking will be smaller because they'll park on the east side of the stadium over there, which is currently some commuter parking or something," Blum said. "So we're aware that we're gonna have to deal with a smaller parking area."

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## FREE BIRD



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador

STEPHEN KITTEN, A sophomore exercise sports science major from Lubbock, jumps off the diving board at the Student Leisure Pool Monday.

# Britain evacuating families of staff in Iran

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Foreign Office said Monday it was evacuating the families of staff based in Iran amid continued violence in the wake of the country's disputed election.

The decision came after repeated criticism of Britain by Iranian leaders, and an increasingly tense atmosphere following angry clashes between demonstrators and security officials.

Staff will remain in Iran for now, and the Foreign Office confirmed that it was not advising other British nationals to leave. However, it said officials are monitoring the situation with the utmost vigilance.

"The families of our staff have been unable to carry out their lives as usual. As a result, we are withdrawing the dependents of embassy staff," a Foreign Office spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity in line with policy.

The Foreign Office later said that 12 people would be affected. It added that there had been no specific incidents at the British Embassy, apart from a small protest there a week ago.

Iran says at least 17 protesters have been killed in a week of unrest after the electoral council declared hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad winner of the

country's June 12 election. Followers of his main challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi, claim the result was a fraud and have been staging rallies on an almost daily basis.

Riot police attacked demonstrators with tear gas and fired live bullets in the air during a rally Monday in central Tehran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki has accused Britain of sending spies to manipulate the election, while the country's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei singled out the U.K. as the worst example among Western powers which he claims are seeking to interfere in Iran's affairs.

# US and NATO will not fight near Afghan homes

KABUL (AP) — The U.S. commander in Afghanistan will soon order U.S. and NATO forces to break away from fights with militants hiding among villagers, an official said Monday, announcing one of the strongest measures yet to protect Afghan civilians.

The most contentious civilian casualty cases in recent years occurred during battles in Afghan villages when U.S. airstrikes aimed at militants also killed civilians. American commanders say such deaths hurt their mission because they turn average Afghans against the government and international forces.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has pressed U.S. forces for years to reduce civilian casualties, but his pleas have done little to stem the problem. The U.N. says U.S., NATO and Afghan forces killed 829 civilians in the Afghan war last year.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who took command of international forces in Afghanistan this month, has said his measure of effectiveness will be the "number of Afghans shielded from violence" — not the number of militants killed.

McChrystal will issue orders within days saying troops may attack insurgents hiding in Afghan

houses if U.S. or NATO forces are in imminent danger, said U.S. military spokesman Rear Adm. Greg Smith.

"But if there is a compound they're taking fire from and they can remove themselves from the area safely, without any undue danger to the forces, then that's the option they should take," Smith said. "Because in these compounds we know there are often civilians kept captive by the Taliban."

McChrystal's predecessor, Gen. David McKiernan, issued rules last fall that told commanders to set conditions "to minimize the need to resort to deadly force."

# Immigration agency says backlog virtually gone

DALLAS (AP) — FBI name checks on people seeking to work or live in the United States or become citizens are getting completed more quickly, slicing through a backlog that had left some petitions pending for more than a year, immigration officials said Monday.

The FBI hired more workers, beefed up its training programs and upgraded its technology to handle the average of 6 million to 7 million applications that stream through the agency each year, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials said.

The delays came during the FBI's routine checks for possible criminal

backgrounds and national security questions. But now, nearly all name check requests submitted to the FBI are being answered within 30 days. The remaining 2 percent are finished within 90 days, USCIS officials said.

"The FBI has made great strides ... and shown it's capable of sustaining that service level," Michael Aytes, acting deputy director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, told The Associated Press.

Petitions that require more evaluation or interaction with other agencies are not included in the FBI name check backlog count, immigration officials said. Currently, some 6,000 cases are pending with Citizenship and Immigration Services, including some in which the application was filed several years ago, Aytes said.

"They are being looked at, they don't just sit on a shelf," said Greg-

ory Smith, the agency's assistant director for national security and records verification directorate.

The volume of pending FBI name checks peaked in November 2007 when there were about 350,000 pending cases. At the time, more than half had been waiting for more than three months and a large number had been pending for more than a year, Aytes said.

In April 2008, the two agencies established milestones and priorities for the name checks. The goals required processing all name checks pending more than three years by May 2008, those pending more than two years by July 2008, and requests pending more than one year by November 2008.

A government audit issued in June 2008 found the FBI had been using old technology and workers without enough training to do security checks.

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Winner of 49 Pulitzer Prizes
- Diner order
- 200-mph swooper
- Menu items
- Nutrient in lentils
- MLB stat
- Peel
- Loyal subject
- Premiere arrival
- Lines on "ER"?
- Break down
- General drift
- Gem feature
- Heavy
- Fans of the bulldog
- Handsome Dan
- Like much wage discrimination
- Generous types
- Beau
- Clearances
- Doesn't stay put
- Sallie
- Sake brewer's need
- Overcharge
- \_\_ Corners
- Sermon ending?
- Cottillard's Oscar-winning role
- Eponymous Italian physicist
- Two-generation groups
- State collections
- Some decks

**DOWN**

- Have high hopes
- Change
- Java wrap
- Standing up
- Bummed things, briefly
- Country on the Medit.
- Sushi staple
- Tops in chic
- Appear
- "Captain Singleton" author
- Outline
- Xmas visitor, say
- Some
- Rembrandts
- Make a dramatic exit
- Tactile, e.g.
- Velcro alternative
- Red states?
- Ushered
- Not very strong hands
- Airport lineup
- Two-time heavyweight champ Patterson
- New York mayor before Koch
- Highest rank in sumo
- "The \_\_ of Confucius"
- Loot
- Patron saint of astronomers
- Fluffy fare
- Obviously enjoy, as humor
- Quad Cities city
- Stylish filmmaker
- Removes, in a way
- Huge
- "The Unit" actor Scott
- Nice old man?
- Bounty rival
- \_\_ Fauves: Matisse group
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**BIZ WEEKLY**

## Perez Hilton says he was punched

TORONTO (AP) — Police have charged the tour manager of the Black Eyed Peas with assault after he allegedly punched celebrity blogger Perez Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub.

Hilton said he got into an argument with band members Fergie and will.i.am at the Cobra nightclub early Monday morning and was punched outside by Polo

Molina, the band's tour manager. They were at the club following a Sunday night video awards show.

Molina turned himself in and has been charged with assaulting Hilton, Toronto Police Constable Tony Vella said. Molina is due in court Aug. 5.

A spokeswoman for the Black Eyed Peas declined comment.

## Quaids settle with hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Documents show actor Dennis Quaid and his wife have agreed to a \$500,000 settlement with a hospital that sickened his newborn twins with an overdose of blood thinner.

A petition filed in Los Angeles Superior Court in May shows the settlement will be divided evenly between the twins, Zoe

Grace and Thomas Boone.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has also agreed to provide free medical care for any issues arising from the Heparin overdose in November 2007.

The drug can be fatal to infants, but the Quaids and the hospital aren't aware of any lingering health issues with the twins.

## Ryan O'Neal to wed Farrah Fawcett

NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan O'Neal says he plans to marry Farrah Fawcett, who is struggling to overcome cancer.

The 68-year-old actor says in an interview with Barbara Walters for ABC's "20/20" that he asked his longtime companion to marry him and "she's agreed." O'Neal says they will tie the knot "as soon as she can say yes."

Walters' interview with O'Neal airs Friday.

Fawcett was diagnosed in 2006 with anal cancer that has spread to her liver. The "Charlie's Angels" star and O'Neal have a 24-year-old son, Redmond.

O'Neal says the 62-year-old actress is "fighting for her life," but despite her declining health, they will "absolutely" get married.

## US soprano, Ukrainian pianist win \$50K

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An American soprano singer and a Ukrainian pianist have won top honors at a competition that combines elements of "American Idol" and classical music.

Leah Crocetto, a 29-year-old first-year fellow with the San Francisco opera, won the \$50,000 first prize in the vocal portion of the third annual Jose Iturbi International Music Competition at the University of California,

Los Angeles.

She also received two separate \$3,000 prizes, including the people's choice award for the weeklong competition whose \$252,000 in prizes were announced during the weekend.

Dmitri Levkovich, a 29-year-old pianist from Ukraine, won the \$50,000 first prize in the piano competition. He also won a separate \$3,000 award known as the Spanish prize.

## Madonna's adopted daughter leaves Malawi

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP) — Madonna's new daughter has flown out of her native Malawi on a private jet headed for London, an airport employee and a person familiar with Madonna's adoption proceedings in this southern African country said Saturday.

The airport employee, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter, said 3-year-old Chifundo "Mercy" James left late Friday headed to London, with a stop in neighboring South Africa. The girl, the second child Madonna has adopted from Malawi, was reportedly accompanied on the flight by a nanny, a child nurse and a third aide.

The person familiar with the adoption, who also was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said the girl known as Mercy should have reached London on Saturday morning. Madonna has homes in England and in the United States.

Malawi's highest court had granted the adoption June 12, overturning an April lower court ruling that Madonna had not spent enough time in Malawi to be given a child.

The high court said the first judge had imposed too narrow a definition of residency, and lauded Madonna for her work with children in a poor country where half a million have lost a parent to AIDS.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG KELLEY

TEXAS TECH RODEO team member Chance Honey dismounts from his horse to tackle a calf during the national competition in Casper, Wyo., last week. Tech's 22-member men's team placed second in the Southwest Region, allowing six team members to attend the national event, where they placed 19th.

## Rodeo

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win on," she said. "You can be prepared, but you also need to draw well."

The only woman to travel to Wyoming from the Tech team, she said she was excited for the opportunity to compete at the national level. Creswell placed third in the region in breakaway roping and third in the all-around competition.

Although she was pleased with the women's team's fifth-place win, she said she has higher hopes for next year's competition.

"We'd rather be first or second instead of fifth," she said, "and that's what we're shooting for next year. I think we can win the region next year and that's everyone's goal."

Chris Guay, the team's coach, said he is proud of Texas Tech's representation at the national and regional events because the members of the team are successful in every area of life.

"Texas Tech's Rodeo team," he said, "has a good

group of men and women who will be successful in and out of the arena."

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*"I think we can win the region next year..."*

**ERICA CRESWELL**  
Rodeo team member



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TEXAS TECH RODEO team member Erica Creswell, a junior psychology major from Weatherford, Okla., ropes during nationals. The women's rodeo team placed fifth during nationals.

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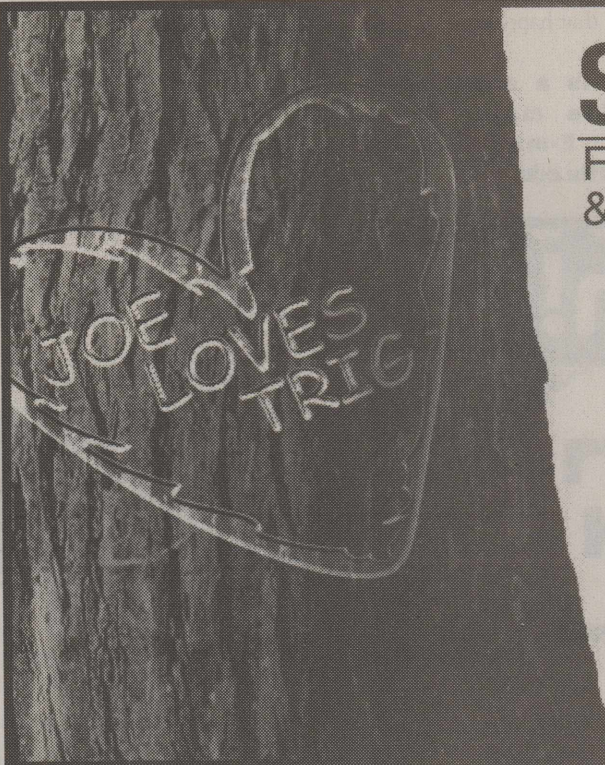
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## Tony Hawk skates inside White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hey kids, don't try this at home.

Professional skateboarder Tony Hawk on Friday took a brief ride at the White House as part of a Father's Day celebration.

Hawk, 41, skated in the grand foyer and the nearby Old Executive Office Building, with the permission of White House officials.

The skateboarding icon, also known for his popular brand of skateboarding video games, posted photos to his Web site and Twitter page.

One photo shows Hawk on his skateboard with his hands in the air in what appears to be a hallway.

"...and here is my exit," he wrote in a message on Twitter, which linked to a picture of him skating. "Supposed to return at noon for the First Fathers event if they let me back in."

Hawk posted other insights from his Washington visit on his Twitter page, telling fans about eating Frosted Flakes cereal inside the gates of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. In another tweet, he says "back at White House, Tweeting live from the Diplomatic Room. Unbelievable."

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# OPINIONS

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## Strasburg highlights problems with MLB

Two weeks ago, the Washington Nationals selected San Diego State pitcher Stephen Strasburg with the first selection in the Major League Baseball Draft. If you haven't heard of Strasburg, he is arguably the biggest baseball prospect ever. His 100 mph fastball and unhittable curveball have made him an instant celebrity.

Unfortunately for Nationals fans, they may never see him in a their uniform. That's because Strasburg, with super-agent Scott Boras, is expected to demand a record-setting, \$50-million contract — a deal that may never get done by the Aug. 17 deadline to sign drafted players.

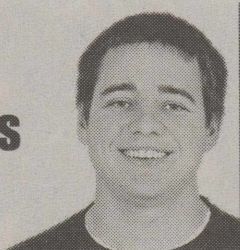
Coincidentally, just days before the draft, President Barack Obama nominated United States Appellate Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor to replace retiring Justice David Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court.

While Sotomayor certainly represents an experienced, well-educated replacement, perhaps her most famous ruling to date was her issuing of a preliminary injunction against the MLB in 1994, ending a nine-month-long players strike.

The early 1990s represented a deepening disparity in MLB, as competition began to breed larger and larger contracts favoring bigger market teams. As expansion teams such as the Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies entered the league, smaller market ball clubs began to fear the worst, eventually reaching a boiling point in 1993 when owners proposed a salary cap and revenue sharing plan that required players' approval.

To be fair, the proposal was disastrous from the start, as it eliminated arbitration (keeping better players from a chance to earn their market value) and forced teams' rights to a player if it matched the best offer during free agency. The MLB Player's Association quickly turned down the offer, letting MLB's collective bargaining agreement run out by the end of the 1993 season.

**Ben Jones**



As the 1994 season began, disgruntled owners decided to withhold \$7.8 million they were required to pay to the players' pension and benefit plans. This led to the players strike Aug. 12, 1994.

The strike sent shockwaves throughout the league (ironically, the Montreal Expos, who had the lowest payroll in the league, had the best record in the league) as teams and fans tried to cope with no post-season for the first time in pro sports history. Yet, the strike carried into the following spring, when owners started looking for replacement players to begin the 1995 season.

Facing the loss of another \$600 million in salary, players agreed to return to camp if a judge upheld a National Labor Relations Board's unfair labor practices complaint against owners.

In stepped Sotomayor, a New York Yankees fan, who took 15 minutes to rule on Silverman v. Major League Baseball Player Relations Committee, stating "I have been drafted onto the deck of this field with those of you watching out there... I personally would have liked more time to practice my swing."

Ruling against the owners, players returned to work just two days later, ending the 232-day-long strike.

By keeping the current free agent and arbitration process in place, Sotomayor kept the owners' unilateral collective bargaining agreement from going into place. The ruling was certainly a victory for players, who could continue to perform and be paid at their market value, and small market teams have seen a steady rise

in success for the past 14 years.

The eventual agreement, which consisted of increased revenue sharing and taxes on big market teams, has seen increased competition and players' average salary double since the strike.

However, as Strasburg's story illustrates, it appears as if Sotomayor didn't quite get it all right. While player's hold the right to bargain for a new contract in free agency and arbitration under the National Labor Relations Act, it is unfair to owners who have to shell out just to maintain the rights to a player with unreasonable leverage.

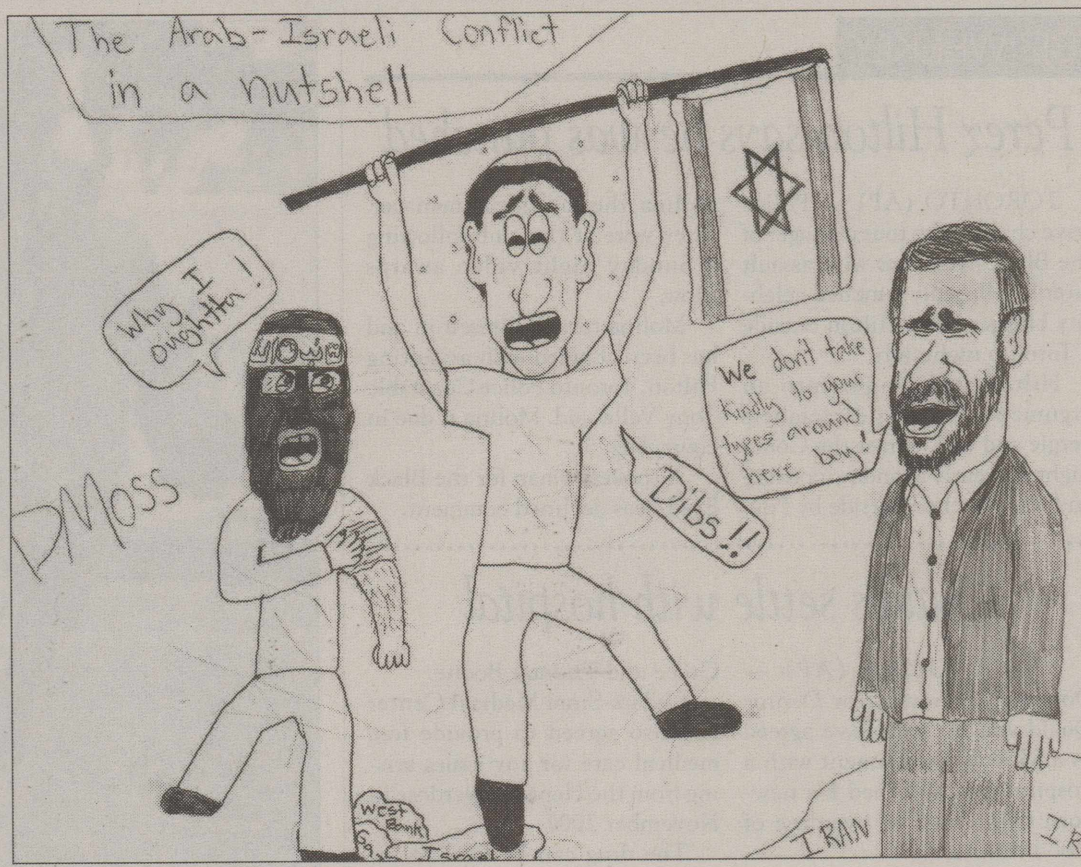
Currently, the record contract was the \$10.1 million the Chicago Cubs offered Mark Prior, the second overall pick in 2001, yet Strasburg's deal seemingly will shatter that mark (no pun intended) without even throwing a major league pitch.

Boras has mastered the art of creating leverage for draft picks by letting the signing period expire and waiting until the next draft rolls around. But the Nationals can't let that happen.

The current last place team already lost last year's draft pick and is on pace to draft baseball's next phenom Bryce Harper next summer (another Boras advisee, who is already being called baseball's LeBron James). Under the current bargaining agreement, owners are forced to deal with these demands.

In an age where Wall Street executives and investment bankers catastrophically fail in their pursuit of riches, Strasburg's situation exemplifies that the line between potential and success is blurring. While Strasburg may certainly live up to his publicity, his payday can come when that happens.

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## Artist fills Dallas house with works

DALLAS (AP) — The new exhibit at The Rachofsky House begins speaking to visitors from the first step over the threshold.

The home completed in 1996 for Dallas art collector Howard Rachofsky usually features works from his extensive contemporary collection. But for this latest installation, Rachofsky let New York City artist Ricci Albenda take over the home, so to speak, placing his text-based art throughout for the exhibit that will be on display through July 31.

"Language is kind of having a field day in the house," said Charles Wylie, a curator of contemporary art at the Dallas Museum of Art.

Albenda, who has a system linking certain letters to certain colors, named the exhibition "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." As a pangram, a sentence using all the letters of the alphabet, the title plays on the text-based theme.

"Ricci is using language and challenging your notions of perception," said Rachofsky, who has been collecting art for about three decades.

Albenda created some pieces with the house in mind and also brought in older works that fit.

"The majority of the spaces, when I entered them I thought, 'This is the perfect place for this body of work or that body of work,'" he said.

The Rachofsky House, designed

by architect Richard Meier, is a stark contrast to the more traditional homes along Dallas' busy Preston Road. Glimpsing it from the street, it's a giant white rectangle. The roughly 10,000 square-foot house is located on about three acres. The exterior is white aluminum tiles. Inside, black granite floors contrast with white walls.

"The house caught on very quickly as a place people wanted to see," Rachofsky said.

Rachofsky lived in the one-bedroom house for about five years before getting married and moving to more family-friendly home. A former hedge fund manager, he and his wife, Cindy, are one of three Dallas couples who have promised their private collections of modern and contemporary art to the Dallas Museum of Art. That bequest will include The Rachofsky House.

Thomas Feulmer, director of educational programming at the house, said that the home has hosted tours, charity events and educational events for architects and other groups. School groups from middle school up to college are also frequent visitors. It's open for tours by appointment only.

"For the most part, I think there's a sense of wonder because the architecture and the setting are so different from any other place, especially in Dallas," Feulmer said. He said visitors have been en-

joying Albenda's exhibit, which unfolds over three floors. "It's almost like this kind of gradual build," he said.

In a downstairs bathroom, for example, scribbled words become recognizable when reflected in a mirror as lyrics: "It's so easy to fall in love..." Walking into the second floor living area, several canvases stare back with sayings including "You're greedy, and you're selfish" and "No reason to say no."

Walking up a spiral staircase inspires song as small canvases show snippets from popular tunes: "Doctor, my eyes..." "I wanna be loved by you," and "...fill me up..." "He thought through each room so beautifully," Rachofsky said.

Rachofsky said the installation in the library especially stands out. In the space, a white wall bookended with floor-to-ceiling windows draws the eye from a towering magnolia hedge outside, across the interior white wall to colorful canvases adorned with plant names like periwinkle.

The works in the bedroom feature canvases with the made-up words including "zwick" and "gnymp."

Peter Goldstein, an architecture teacher at a Dallas magnet school, said his students particularly responded to the whimsy of those words and the botanical names in the library.

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### Kodak's taking Kodachrome away

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Sorry, Paul Simon, Kodak is taking your Kodachrome away.

The Eastman Kodak Co. announced Monday it's retiring its most senior film because of declining customer demand in an increasingly digital age.

The world's first commercially successful color film, immortalized in song by Simon, spent 74 years in Kodak's portfolio. It enjoyed its heyday in the 1950s and '60s but in recent years has nudged closer to obscurity: Sales of Kodachrome are now just a fraction of 1 percent of the company's total sales of still-picture films, and only one commercial lab in the world still processes it.

Those numbers and the unique materials needed to make it convinced Kodak to call its most recent manufacturing run the last, said Mary Jane Hellyar, the outgoing president of Kodak's Film, Photofinishing and Entertainment Group.

"Kodachrome is particularly difficult (to retire) because it really has become kind of an icon," Hellyar said.

The company now gets about 70 percent of its revenue from its digital business, but plans to stay in the film business "as far into the future as possible," Hellyar said. She points to the seven new professional still films and several new motion picture films introduced in the last few years and to a strategy that emphasizes efficiency.

"Anywhere where we can have common components and common design and common chemistry that let us build multiple films off of those same components, then we're in a much stronger position to be able to continue to meet customers' needs," she said.



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## Jayson Williams to remain free on bail

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Retired NBA star Jayson Williams will remain free on bail after a judge on Monday rejected a prosecutor's request to revoke the bail and send him to prison for covering up the shooting of a hired driver more than seven years ago.

Prosecutors asked the judge to reconsider the sentencing delay due to Williams' recent run-ins with the law, saying he has become "unpredictable."

In April, police used a stun gun on Williams during an altercation in a New York hotel room, and in May he was arrested in North Carolina and charged with assault for allegedly punching someone in a barroom dispute. Earlier this year, his wife filed divorce papers claiming he was abusive and had a drug problem.

Hunterdon County Assistant Prosecutor Seana Pappas told the court Williams no longer lives in New Jersey and hasn't updated his new ad-

dress with the court, and said a suicide note was found in the hotel room after Williams' clash with police.

But State Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman noted that Williams hasn't been convicted of anything since his 2004 trial and continues to show up to court as required.

"It doesn't make sense to me, frankly, to move ahead with the sentencing," Coleman said. He also denied prosecutors' request to increase bail from the original \$250,000.

Williams' attorney Joseph Hayden said his client didn't start the bar fight, didn't hurt anyone at the hotel, and is not a threat to the public.

"He was not the aggressor and actually defended himself," Hayden said of the bar fight.

Following the hotel incident, Hayden said Williams voluntarily checked himself into a hospital for treatment and is currently getting counseling.

"None of that was a violation of the conditions of his bail," Hayden said.

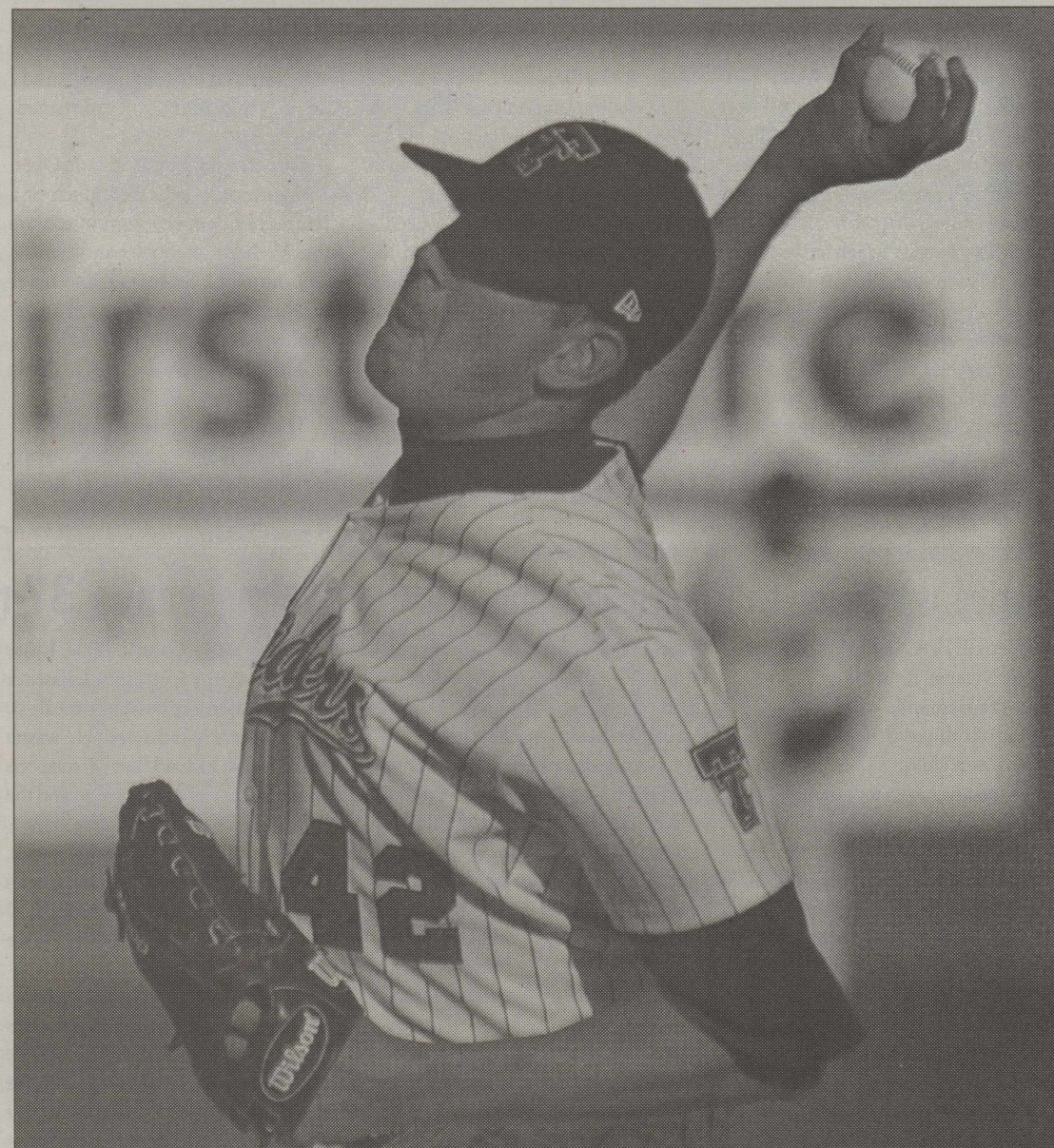
Williams played nine seasons in the NBA with the Nets and the Philadelphia 76ers before retiring in 2000.

He was convicted in 2004 of trying to cover up the shooting death of his hired driver Costas "Gus" Christofi at his mansion in Alexandria Township, New Jersey. He was acquitted of aggravated manslaughter, but the jury deadlocked on a reckless manslaughter count.

A retrial is pending and Williams has been free on bail since the 2002 shooting.

Williams' retrial, scheduled for January, has been pushed back several times, notably after it was disclosed in 2007 that an investigator in the prosecutor's office used a racial slur to describe Williams in 2002.

## Cloud signs free-agent contract with Mariners



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

FORMER TEXAS TECH pitcher Brian Cloud was not selected in the Major League Baseball Draft this year. However, he landed a job as a free agent with the Seattle Mariners last week.

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STAFF WRITER

baseball once more after not being selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

"I watched the draft, but things didn't quite work out, and I kept hearing things from teams wanting to sign me as a free agent, but I was beginning to wonder if anything was actually going to happen," he said. "So when they called I was thrilled to death, and I couldn't say 'yes' quick enough."

Cloud traveled to Peoria, Friday to sign his contract with the Mariners and begin working out with their rookie ball team in the area. After spending some time in Arizona, Cloud will be moved either to Pulaski, Va., or

Everett, Wash., to play on either one of the Mariners' minor league teams.

Even though Cloud was not selected in the draft, he said he was confident he will be able to work his way up to the major leagues and perform well under pressure.

"It doesn't matter if you were a top-five-round draft pick or a free agent like me, we all start off with an even slate and it is all based on performance," he said. "They will put me wherever they need me, and I expect to perform well."

Cloud also said playing in the Big 12 Conference for five years helped prepare him for the challenges he will face while playing professional baseball.

"Playing baseball in the Big 12 conference, where you are always playing teams ranked in the top 25, has prepared me to handle competition at this level," he said. "So my experience at Tech has really helped me get where I am now."

After going through spring training in Arizona, Cloud will find out where he will be playing as the season progresses. He said the Mariners will decide which of their minor league teams need his talents, and he isn't picky about where he will play baseball in the future as long as he continues to play.

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## Kahne win masks serious issues at RPM

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — It took eight winless seasons for Richard Petty to realize he was no longer NASCAR's best driver.

He spent the last decade once again ignoring the obvious, refusing to accept that his race team wasn't any good. No matter how bad things got at Petty Enterprises, The King always believed he had another trip to Victory Lane in his near future.

"I'm a hard-head. That's the reason I keep coming back," he said. "I drove and I won in '84, and then didn't win anymore. It finally dawned on me 'You're not good enough doing your job to win anymore race, so you'd better get out.'"

He did, after the 1992 season, transitioning into management at Petty Enterprises. There were three wins in the first nine seasons, but none since

John Andretti drove the famed No. 43 to an April, 1999 victory at Martinsville Speedway.

In the long, lean decade that followed that last win, Petty refused to believe it was his last victory celebration.

"I'm a very optimistic person," he said. "Just because we didn't do it yesterday doesn't mean we can't do it today."

Petty did on Sunday, when Kasey Kahne took him to Victory Lane for the first time in 364 races by winning on the road course at Infineon Raceway.

It was a breakthrough victory for Richard Petty Motorsports, the team born in January from the merger between Gillett-Everham Motorsports and Petty Enterprises. The four-car organization is a whole lot more Gillett than Petty, but The King is still the star of the show.

Clad in his cowboy hat and dark

sunglasses, the fans surrounding Victory Lane cheered him as if Elvis himself had just crashed the party.

Petty sipped some celebratory red wine and soaked up the moment he always believed was right around the corner.

"If we hadn't have won the race (Sunday), we would have went to New Hampshire, and in my mind, we would have won New Hampshire," he said.

Only the reality is, unless Kahne gets on some sort of hot streak, it may be some time before Petty gets another win.

Kahne's win proved that the No. 9 team is still a legitimate contender, he's still a great race car driver and RPM's employees are still working double-time to produce a competitive product.

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## Suspect in UCLA attack posts bond

DALLAS (AP) — The suspect accused of punching a 20-year-old UCLA tennis player, who remains in a coma, has turned himself in to Dallas authorities.

Chancellor Jay Hutcheson, an 18-year-old from Plano, posted bond and was released from the Dallas County Jail on Monday afternoon. He was charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony.

Jeffrey "Jake" Fleming, of Newport Beach, Calif., was attending a Rascal Flatts concert June 13. Police said Fleming and his friends may have argued with another group during the concert and that Hutcheson hit him.

Fleming's family said he was sucker-punched as he was about to catch a taxi after the concert. The blow knocked Fleming to the ground, where his head hit the parking lot concrete, causing his brain to bleed and swell.