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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

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.

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North Korea threatens to harm US if attacked

By JAE-SOON CHANG ASSOCIATED PRESS

official said Monday.

Still, analysts say a high seas

act of war — is unlikely.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) gaging in illicit trade in the past, is is believed to be heading toward the North for its defiant nuclear test could provide no further details. Myanmar carrying small arms cargo last month. The U.S. military began tion, a South Korean intelligence Korean port on Wednesday on suspicion it was carrying illicit weapons.

A South Korean intelligence ofinterception — something North ficial said Monday that his agency

under close watch in Asian waters new sanctions designed to punish nature of the information, said he

Myanmar's military government, banned under a new U.N. resolu- tracking the ship after it left a North which faces an arms embargo from the U.S. and the European Union, North Korea in the past.

The Irrawaddy, an online maga-

carrying small weapons and is sailing journalists from Myanmar, reported was streaming toward Myanmar but The Kang Nam, accused of en- toward the Myanmar city of Yangon. Monday that the North Korean ship said the vessel appeared to be carrying The official, who spoke on condi-would dock at the Thilawa port, some missiles and related parts. The report — A North Korean-flagged ship the first vessel monitored under the tion of anonymity citing the sensitive 20 miles (30 kilometers) south of cited an unidentified intelligence Yangon, in the next few days.

> The magazine cited an unidentified port official as saying that North state-run Korea Institute for Defense Korean ships have docked there in the past. The magazine's in-depth cover- to have sold guns, artillery and other reportedly has bought weapons from age of Myanmar has been generally reliable in the past.

South Korean television network exporting to Iran and Syria.

Korea has said it would consider an believes the North Korean ship is zine operated by independent exiled YTN reported Sunday that the ship source in South Korea.

Kim Jin-moo, an analyst at Seoul's Analyses, said the North is believed small weapons to Myanmar but not missiles, which it has been accused of

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

Logan Allen, a senior agricultural leadership major from Crescent, Iowa, said he was proud to be part of the sixperson 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 Rasberry, he said.

Rasberry, 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 could have, he said, because of the performance. as a whole, however, he was looking stock drawn for the competition. competition.

"so I guess I was a little disappointed that I didn't come out number one."



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.

"Everybody goes to win," he said, known as drawing stock.

Half the score consists of the

"We've got some really good guys the game."

He also competes professionally, animals used to compete, the other and said he has done well in minor The team did not do as well as they half consists of the competitor's league Professional Bull Riding

competitions.

Erica Creswell, a junior psychology forward to doing better at next year's Judges randomly select the animals on the team," he said, "we just drew major from Weatherford, Okla., agreed used by the competitors, a process really rough stock. Good or bad, it's with Rasberry, and said stock has a lot to do with performance.

"Not everything you draw you can

RODEO continued on page 3

bama 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 ing critically needed protections

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

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

a state program providing children's long time." health insurance and a bill making it easier for workers to sue for pay including children from the Cam- and Tobacco Control Act also allows Carolina argued that the FDA had discrimination.

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

Stadium.

nutrition, hospitality and retail- dium for lunch or dinner." ing, said the restaurant will be for an expansion project.

works with right now and the during gamedays. equipment will be similar to

there now, so we'll be able to ing to a more advantageous space >> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

Texas Tech's student-run res- have more students in those at Jones AT&T Stadium provides taurant, Skyviews, will undergo classes," he said. "It'll benefit plenty of benefits. a change of scenery August from that point. Plus I think Shane Blum, chairperson for interested in going into the sta- than what we have now.

However, the arrangement dining space for the community." located in the ast side of the sta- does not mean the restaurant dium, which is being renovated will be open for dining during been an issue with a sprawling Techfootball games on Saturdays. space at Skyviews' regular loca-Blum said not only will stu- Skyviews will operate for lunch tion, so the commuter parking dents be working with state- Monday through Friday with and limited space on campus of-the-art equipment, but they classes called dinner series on could be too small. also will have more room in the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurskitchen and dining areas. The day nights. Sodexo, who takes cause they'll park on the east kitchen will be seven to eight care of concessions, will handle side of the stadium over there, times larger than what Skyviews the food service for the stadium which is currently some com-

"We teach three classes over location is a nice one, but mov-smaller parking area."

"If you look at the bigger picof 2010 when it moves from people who might be interested ture in terms of a newer facility, a the sixth floor of the Bank of in going to the stadium for a din-larger facility," he said, "it really America building to Jones AT&T ing experience would be, for the meets the needs of the students community I guess is my point, and the department a lot more

Plus the community, it'll be a larger

However, parking never has

"Parking will be smaller bemuter parking or something," Blum acknowledged the view Blum said. "So we're aware that what's available after college. at Skyviews' Bank of America we're gonna have to deal with a

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

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.

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 of sending spies to manipulate the

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

"The families of our staff have country's June 12 election. Followers been unable to carry out their lives as 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 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.

FREE BIRD



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

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

US and NATO will not fight near Afghan homes

KABUL (AP) — The U.S. commander in Afghanistan will has pressed U.S. forces for years are in imminent danger, said U.S. to break away from fights with militants hiding among villagers, 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.

soon order U.S. and NATO forces to reduce civilian casualties, but his pleas have done little to stem the problem. The U.N. says U.S., an official said Monday, announcing NATO and Afghan forces killed one of the strongest measures yet to 829 civilians in the Afghan war remove themselves from the area last year.

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 saving troops may attack insurgents hiding in Afghan to resort to deadly force."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai houses if U.S. or NATO forces military spokesman Rear Adm. Greg Smith.

"But if there is a compound they're taking fire from and they can safely, without any undue danger Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who 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

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Immigration agency says backlog virtually gone

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.

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

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DALLAS (AP) — FBI name 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

> ing 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 Gregory 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, "The FBI has made great strides more than half had been waiting for ... and shown it's capable of sustain- 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

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BIZ WEEKLY

Perez Hilton says he was punched

after he allegedly punched celeb- show. rity blogger Perez Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub.

Fergie and will.i.am at the Cobra court Aug. 5. nightclub early Monday morning and was punched outside by Polo Eyed Peas declined comment.

TORONTO (AP) — Police Molina, the band's tour manager. have charged the tour manager of They were at the club following the Black Eyed Peas with assault a Sunday night video awards

Molina turned himself in and has been charged with assaulting Hilton said he got into an Hilton, Toronto Police Constable argument with band members Tony Vella said. Molina is due in

A spokeswoman for the Black

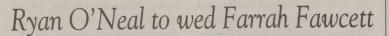
Quaids settle with hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grace and Thomas Boone. Documents show actor Dennis born twins with an overdose of November 2007. blood thinner.

evenly between the twins, Zoe twins.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Quaid and his wife have agreed has also agreed to provide free to a \$500,000 settlement with a medical care for any issues arishospital that sickened his new- ing from the Heparin overdose in

The drug can be fatal to in-A petition filed in Los Ange- fants, but the Quaids and the les Superior Court in May shows hospital aren't aware of any the settlement will be divided lingering health issues with the



NEW YORK (AP) - Ryan O'Neal says he plans to marry Far- airs Friday. rah Fawcett, who is struggling to overcome cancer.

for ABC's "20/20" that he asked his Redmond. longtime companion to marry him and "she's agreed." O'Neal says they tress is "fighting for her life," but

Walters' interview with O'Neal

Fawcett was diagnosed in 2006 with anal cancer that has spread to The 68-year-old actor says in her liver. The "Charlie's Angels" star an interview with Barbara Walters and O'Neal have a 24-year-old son,

O'Neal says the 62-year-old acwill tie the knot "as soon as she can despite her declining health, they will "absolutely" get married.

US soprano, Ukrainian pianist win \$50K

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An Los Angeles. American soprano singer and a Ukrai-

Leah Crocetto, a 29-year-old first- announced during the weekend. year fellow with the San Francisco tion at the University of California, known as the Spanish prize.

She also received two separate nian pianist have won top honors at a \$3,000 prizes, including the people's competition that combines elements of choice award for the weeklong com-"American Idol" and classical music. petition whose \$252,000 in prizes were

Dmitri Levkovich, a 29-year-old opera, won the \$50,000 first prize in the pianist from Ukraine, won the \$50,000 vocal portion of the third annual Jose first prize in the piano competition. Iturbi International Music Competi- He also won a separate \$3,000 award

Madonna's adopted daughter leaves Malawi

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP) — Saturday.

The airport employee, speaking matter, said 3-year-old Chifundo "Mercy" James left late Friday headed Malawi to be given a child. to London, with a stop in neighbor-Malawi, was reportedly accompanied on the flight by a nanny, a child nurse and a third aide.

The person familiar with the Madonna's new daughter has flown adoption, who also was not auout of her native Malawi on a private thorized to discuss the matter pubjet headed for London, an airport licly, said the girl known as Mercy employee and a person familiar with should have reached London on Madonna's adoption proceedings in Saturday morning. Madonna has this southern African country said homes in England and in the United States.

Malawi's highest court had granton condition of anonymity because ed the adoption June 12, overturning he was not authorized to discuss the an April lower court ruling that Madonna had not spent enough time in

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



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

"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 I think we can win at the national the region next year...

ERICA CRESWELL Rodeo team member

representation 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

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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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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.

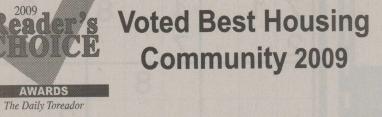
The skateboarding icon, also known for his popular brand of skateboarding video games, posted photos to his Web site and Twitter

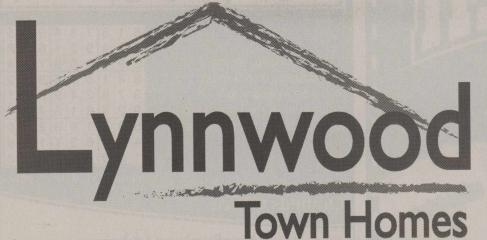
One photo shows Hawk on his skateboard with his hands in the air in what appears to be a hallway.

"...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

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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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, welleducated 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 from going into place. The ruling was Association quickly turned down end of the 1993 season.



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 postseason 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 certainly a victory for players, who market teams have seen a steady rise ben.jones@ttu.edu.

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

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.

■ Jones is a sophomore the offer, letting MLB's collective could continue to perform and be economics major from bargaining agreement run out by the paid at their market value, and small Lubbock. E-mail him at



Artist fills Dallas house with works

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

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,"

The Rachofsky House, designed

DALLAS (AP) — The new 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 onebedroom 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 bequeath 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 enjoying Albenda's exhibit, which unfolds over three floors. "It's almost like this kind of gradual build," he

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.

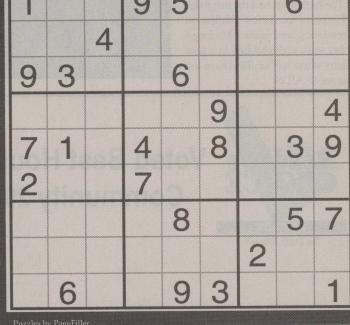
Rachofsky said the installation in the library especially stands out. In the space, a white wall bookended with floor-to-ceiling windows draws the eye from a towering magnolia hedge outside, across the interior white wall to colorful canvases adorned with plant names like periwinkle.

The works in the bedroom feature canvases with the madeup words including "zwack" 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,"

Glover holds on for 2-shot win at US Open

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) - In a for a decade. final hour packed with emotion, Lucas Glover played a steady hand to win the U.S. Open.

So many amazing stories belonged to contenders all around him Monday at Bethpage Black, from Phil Mickelson's stirring bid to win for his beloved wife as she battles breast cancer, to David Duval coming out of nowhere and almost winning for the first time in eight years.

Glover kept his cap tugged low and played the kind of golf that wins a U.S. Open under any conditions.

He made only one birdie in the rain-delayed final round, and it could not have been timed any better. Glover holed a 6-foot putt on the 16th hole to break one last tie for the lead, then held on with pars to close with a 3-over 73 for a two-shot victory.

"It was a test of patience, that's for sure," Glover said. "It was just heart

today.' It was sheer heartache for Mickelson.

His wife, Amy, is due to have surgery for breast cancer next week. She left cards and text messages asking him to bring home the silver trophy from a U.S. Open that has taunted Lefty

The New York gallery came to life when Lefty rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 12th, and he followed with an approach to 4 feet on the par-5 13th for an eagle that suddenly gave him a share of the lead.

Right when it was in his grasp, though, Mickelson let it slip away cruelly caught the back of the lip and

He missed a three-foot par putt on the 15th hole, and another par putt from eight feet on the 17th that ended his dream finish. Mickelson closed with a 70 and wound up in a three-way tie for second with Duval and 54-hole leader Ricky Barnes.

Mickelson left Bethpage Black with the wrong kind of distinction. He set the U.S. Open record with his fifth runner-up finish.

"Certainly I'm disappointed," Mickelson said, "but now that it's over, I've got more important things

"And," he added, then paused, "oh, well."

Even more stunning was the revival

The former No. 1 player in golf came to the U.S. Open as a qualifier who had plunged to No. 882 in the

world. Showing remarkable resiliency throughout the week, Duval recovered from another big number - a triple bogey from a plugged lie in a bunker - and surged into a share of the lead

with three straight birdies. Tied for the lead with two holes to play, his 5-foot par putt on the 17th spun 180 degrees out on the other side. He shot 71 for his best finish on the PGA Tour since he won the British Open eight years ago.

"I stand before you certainly happy with how I played, but extremely disappointed in the outcome," Duval said. "I had no question in my mind I was going to win the golf tournament

Barnes, who set the 36-hole Open scoring record, never had much of a chance. His swing got him into more trouble than he could handle as he went out in 40, 5 over par, and never quite recovered until it was too late. He shot a 76.

That left Glover the most unlikely

The 29-year-old from South Carolina, who chews tobacco and listens to Sinatra, had not won since holing out a bunker shot on the final hole at But this was no fluke.

Once he was handed the lead by Barnes' collapse, Glover was rock-solid on a water-logged course. And when he hit two of his best shots of the final round to the 16th green for his lone birdie, it made for an anticlimactic finish to a U.S. Open that had more delays than drama.

It was the first time the U.S. Open ended on a Monday without a playoff since 1983, courtesy of relentless

Glover finished at 4-under 276, earned \$1.35 million and will move inside the top 20 in the world ranking.

He pulled his cap over his head when he walked off the green and into the arms of his wife, Jennifer, stopping to hug his parents. He had enough strength left after a long week to hoist the silver trophy no one expected to

"I hope I don't downgrade it or anything with my name on there," Glover quipped. "It's an honor, and I'm just excited and happy as I can be to be on here."

For the first time in five years, all the major trophies belong to someone other than Tiger Woods.

Federer beats Lu in first round; new roof stays open during match

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) -The new roof wasn't tested. Roger Federer was - briefly.

The retractable roof stayed open Monday for the first match on Centre Court at Wimbledon, and Federer fell behind early before charging past Yen-hsun Lu of Taiwan, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

In his first match since winning the French Open, Federer failed to convert his first four break-point chances, then lost serve to trail 3-2. But he immediately broke back, broke again in the final game of the opening set and dominated from there.

"I'm very happy with my first round," Federer said. "I thought it was a very solid performance."

Seeking his sixth Wimbledon title, Federer won for the 41st time in his past 42 matches at the All England Club. The lone loss came in last year's final to Rafael Nadal, a match hailed by some as the sport's best ever.

The tournament began in cloudy but dry weather. When it rains, the translucent roof on the 87-year-old stadium will be closed so play can continue.

"I guess the moment will come that I'll play indoors here," Federer said. "But you don't really hope for it during the match."

The No. 2-seeded Federer is a strong favorite to win his 15th major title, which would break the record

he shares with Pete Sampras. Advancing on the women's side were 2002-03 champion Serena Williams and 2004 winner Maria Sharapova. No. 17 James Blake was the first seeded player eliminated, but fellow Americans Mardy Fish and Vince Spadea advanced.

Federer made his entrance sporting a sleek new white warmup outfit with gold trim that included a jacket with a turned-up collar, a vest, slacks and two-toned shoes. The crowd roared when he appeared, and he responded with a wave and smile.

There were more cheers - and a few whistles of approval - when he removed his jacket to reveal the vest.

"Kind of a little bit more modern look - a bit more military jacket this time, but obviously staying true to Wimbledon with the white colors," Federer said. "I hope people like it."

Africans coming to America for basketball

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) - Growing up in Nigeria, Robert Ojeah fretted over the demands of everyday life, the sort of things that shouldn't be a burden to a child.

Would he have a roof over his head that night? What was he going to do for money? Where was his next meal coming from?

"We would catch animals. Cook them, roast them, eat them," he said. "Rabbits. Snakes. Squirrels."

No matter what life dealt him, Ojeah kept growing. And growing. All the way up to 6-foot-10, with muscles upon muscles on a hard-as-a-rock, 220-pound body that's still only 16 years old.

Meet basketball's new wave.

At the top is Tanzania's Hasheem Thabeet, a 7-2 center who played at UConn and is expected to be one of the top picks in Thursday's NBA

He and Ojeah are part of a vanguard of African youngsters who have found their way, through hoops, from a continent mired in poverty to America - landing on the rosters of high school, AAU and college teams across the land.

The sacrifices are immense. These players are little more than children when they leave behind family and friends, landing in a new country, a new culture. But as difficult as the journey is, the rewards can be even greater. They inspire many to try.

"When you go back to Africa with a degree from an American school, you are somebody," said Dikembe Mutombo, one of the earliest of the African exports, whose long NBA career finally ended last month at age 42 when he injured his knee in a playoff game with the Houston Rockets.

At the highest level, the numbers are still minuscule: seven native Africans (including Chicago's Luol Deng, who left Sudan to escape a civil war and considers himself British) were in the NBA this season, making up less than 2 percent of the league's

Kahne snaps 37-race winless streak

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) - Kasey Kahne figured a spot in the Chase for the championship was an unrealistic goal just two months ago. He wasn't running well, Richard Petty Motorsports was behind in its development, and the competition was steadily pulling away.

Then came a strong five-race stretch, punctuated by Sunday's win at Infineon Raceway. It came at a road course, of all places, and snapped Kahne's 37-race winless streak.

It also moved him up two spots in the standings to 13th, just three points away from a berth in the Chase. "The Chase is what we work for

every year. We need to have a car in that Chase," he said. "We've run strong for the last six races ... top-five, top-10 material. Haven't finished there, but we've been there, and (Sunday) we did. "I know we have a great opportunity

if we keep showing up and working as hard as we have been to make the His win brought team co-owner

Richard Petty to Victory Lane for the

a Petty-owned car won a race was John Andretti's 1999 victory at Martinsville. So his return trip was special, in

first time in over a decade. The last time

large part because it gave a much-needed boost to struggling Richard Petty Motorsports. Caught in the financial crunch of Chrysler's bankruptcy, the team had a recent round of layoffs and companywide salary reductions, and Kahne had been openly critical of the team's slow development on an improved Dodge

"I feel just as good as (Kahne) does," The King, clad in his trademark cowboy hat and sunglasses, said before he sipped on a congratulatory glass of red wine. "It's great, man. It's great."

Petty's race team teetered on the verge of collapse at the end of last season and needed a January merger with Gillett-Evernham Motorsports to secure the storied NASCAR team. Rebranded as Richard Petty Motorsports, the four-car organization kicked off the season with a strong showing at the Daytona 500.

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will remain free on bail after a judge Williams' clash with police. on Monday rejected a prosecutor's seven years ago.

Prosecutors asked the judge to required. reconsider the sentencing delay due law, saying he has become "unpredictable."

on Williams during an altercation in and charged with assault for alleg- not a threat to the public. edly punching someone in a barroom divorce papers claiming he was abusive and had a drug problem.

Retired NBA star Jayson Williams note was found in the hotel room after

But State Superior Court Judge request to revoke the bail and send Edward M. Coleman noted that him to prison for covering up the Williams hasn't been convicted of shooting of a hired driver more than anything since his 2004 trial and in 2000. continues to show up to court as

"It doesn't make sense to me, to Williams' recent run-ins with the frankly, to move ahead with the sentencing," Coleman said. He also denied prosecutors' request to increase In April, police used a stun gun bail from the original \$250,000.

a New York hotel room, and in May said his client didn't start the bar fight, count. he was arrested in North Carolina didn't hurt anyone at the hotel, and is

"He was not the aggressor and the 2002 shooting. dispute. Earlier this year, his wife filed actually defended himself," Hayden said of the bar fight.

Following the hotel incident, Hunterdon County Assistant Hayden said Williams voluntarily

the conditions of his bail," Hayden

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

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 dead-Williams' attorney Joseph Hayden locked on a reckless manslaughter

> A retrial is pending and Williams has been free on bail since

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

Prosecutor Seana Pappas told the checked himself into a hospital for court Williams no longer lives in New treatment and is currently getting a racial slur to describe Williams Jersey and hasn't updated his new ad- counseling.

Kahne win masks serious issues at RPM

to realize he was no longer NASCAR's

ignoring the obvious, refusing to accept lieve it was his last victory celebration. 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 keep coming back," he said. "I drove and I won in '84, and then didn't win anymore. It finally dawned on me Richard Petty Motorsports, the team may be some time before Petty gets 'You're not good enough doing your born in January from the merger bejob to win anymore race, so you'd better tween Gillett-Evernham Motorsports

sitioning into management at Petty Enterprises. There were three wins in of the show. the first nine seasons, but none since

eight winless seasons for Richard Petty to an April, 1999 victory at Martinsville Victory Lane cheered him as if Elvis

In the long, lean decade that fol-He spent the last decade once again lowed that last win, Petty refused to be-

> "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 would have won New Hampshire," "I'm a hard-head. That's the reason first time in 364 races by winning on the he said. road course at Infineon Raceway.

and Petty Enterprises. The four-car He did, after the 1992 season, tran- organization is a whole lot more Gillett than Petty, but The King is still the star

Clad in his cowboy hat and dark tive product.

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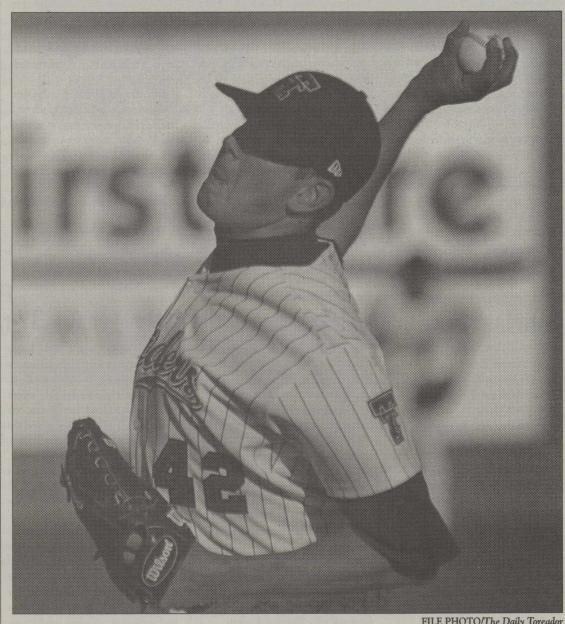
SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — It took John Andretti drove the famed No. 43 sunglasses, the fans surrounding himself had just crashed the party. Petty sipped some celebratory red wine and soaked up the moment he always believed was right around

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

Only the reality is, unless Kahne It was a breakthrough victory for gets on some sort of hot streak, it 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 competi-

Jayson Williams to remain free on bail 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.

By CHRISTOPHER MARTIN STAFF WRITER

When most people receive a excitement.

he was thrilled to arrive at their enough." spring training complex in Peoria, Ariz., Friday morning.

news that he would be playing moved either to Pulaski, Va., or

Baseball draft.

"I watched the draft, but things if anything was actually going to pressure. However, when Brian Cloud happen," he said. "So when they Mariners Thursday afternoon and I couldn't say 'yes' quick

The former Tech pitcher the Mariners and begin working signed a free agent contract with out with their rookie ball team the Mariners Friday, and Cloud in the area. After spending some said he was happy to receive the time in Arizona, Cloud will be

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baseball once more after not be- Everett, Wash., to play on either ing selected in the Major League one of the Mariners' minor league

Even though Cloud was not phone call that forces them to didn't quite work out, and I kept selected in the draft, he said he pack their bags and move across hearing things from teams want- was confident he will be able to the country in less than eight ing to sign me as a free agent, work his way up to the major hours, they do not feel immediate but I was beginning to wonder leagues and perform well under

"It doesn't matter if you were a was contacted by the Seattle called I was thrilled to death, 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 Cloud traveled to Peoria, performance," he said. "They will Friday to sign his contract with '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

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