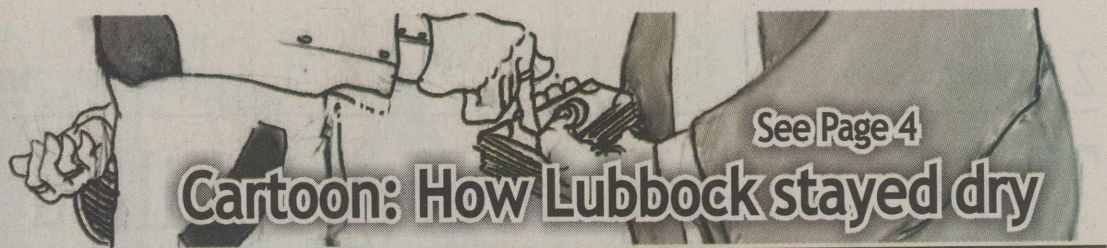


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### STATE

#### A&M president quits, replacement chosen

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University System regents have accepted the resignation of president Elsa Murano and named the CEO of their Galveston campus as interim president of the flagship school.

The 49-year-old Murano resigned Sunday, less than two weeks after a scathing performance review.

She was the first Hispanic and first female president in the 132-year history of Texas A&M, which didn't admit women on an equal basis until 1971.

The appointment of Bowen Loftin was announced Monday after the board of regents met in executive session.

### NATION

#### U.S., Mexico agree to secure legal travel, trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and Mexico have agreed to work together to secure legal travel and trade across the countries' shared border.

The agreement is outlined in a letter of intent signed yesterday by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexico's Finance Minister Agustín Carstens.

Officials say the agreement will improve communication and strengthen coordination on border enforcement.

The countries agreed to work on port security and improve the customs processes on either side of the border.

### WORLD

#### Britain's Brown allows inquiry into Iraq invasion

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown authorized a long-awaited inquiry into the Iraq war yesterday that aimed to examine mistakes made during and after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Lawmakers and anti-war protesters have repeatedly demanded that an independent panel scrutinize what they say are a range of errors made by Britain, the United States and other allies in prewar intelligence and postwar planning.

Brown's spokesman Michael Elam said the prime minister would tell Parliament later how the inquiry will be conducted.

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# Stepping up

After string of tough days at nationals, Tech's Carter wins title in discus

By CHRISTOPHER MARTIN  
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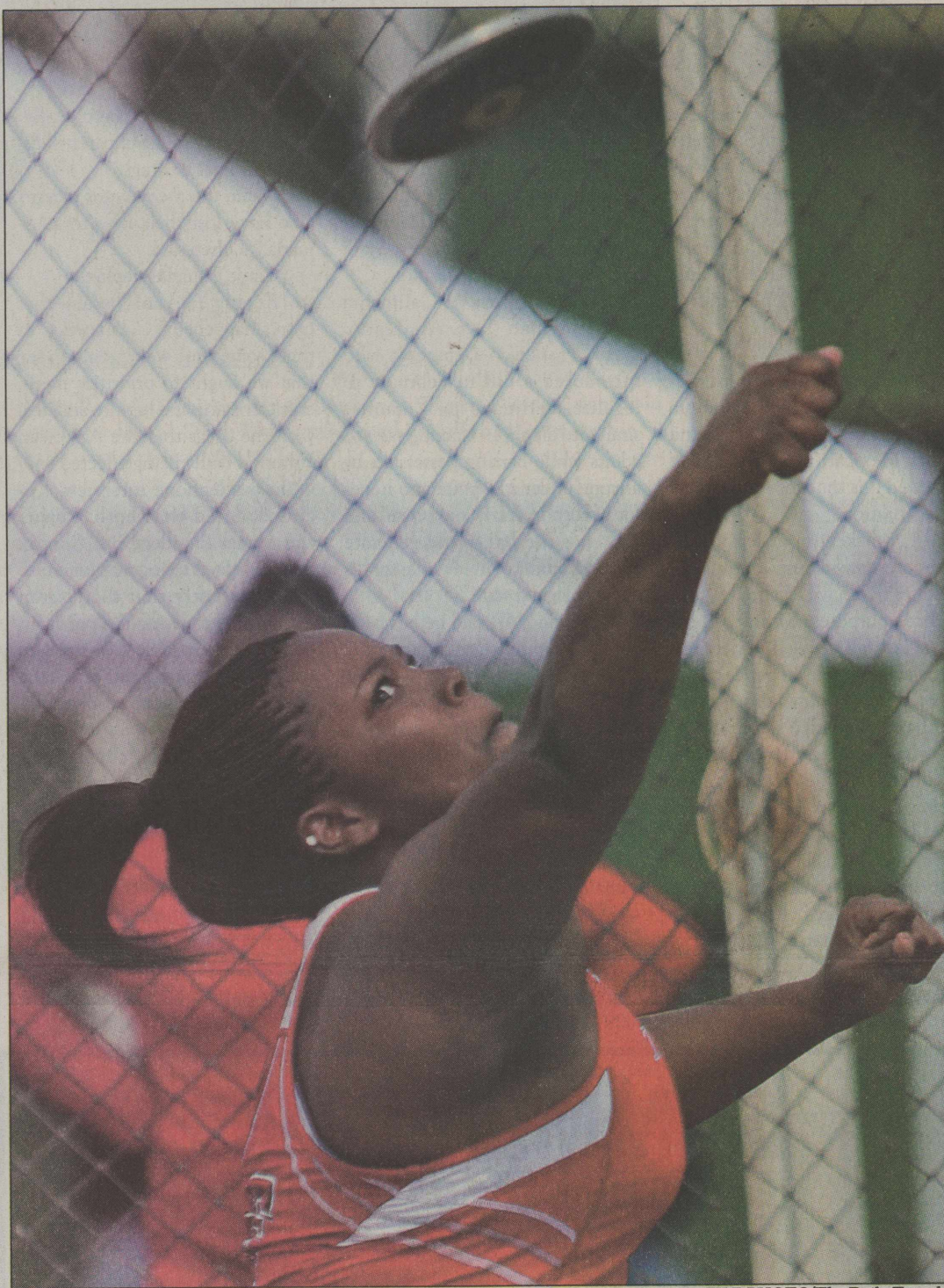
The 2009 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships was nothing short of an emotional roller coaster ride for the Texas Tech track team last weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

After the first day of the meet, three time All-American women's shot putter Patience Knight failed to advance to the finals in the last meet of her career. Senior Benjamin Harrison also failed to advance to the final round after winning the Big 12 Conference Championship in the shot put and breaking the school record two weeks in a row.

But perhaps the biggest disappointment at the national championships came during the semi-finals of the 400-meter dash when Gil Roberts pulled up because of an injury and failed to finish the race. Roberts had the second-fastest time in the nation coming into the meet and was a favorite to win the national championship.

However, a light began to shine on Tech's track program last week in the form of women's discus thrower D'Andra Carter. During the finals Saturday, Carter took the lead early with her first throw, but she was quickly bumped to second place after her first attempt was bested by Arizona State's Sarah Stevens.

But on her final throw, Carter regained the lead and won the national championship with a throw of 182 feet, 1 inch. Tech coach Wes Kittley said he never doubted Carter would be the national champion at the end of the week.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S D'ANDRA Carter won the national championship in the discus during the finals at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

"We were very excited for her, and I knew all along that she was the best discus thrower in the nation," Kittley said. "She just dominated the event from the

first throw to the last, so it was neat to see her compete as well as she did in the national limelight and bring a national championship home."

Carter is now the fourth track and field competitor in Tech history to win a national

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# Obama presses doctors to back health care overhaul

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — President Barack Obama bluntly told doctors Monday he is against their highest legislative priority — limiting malpractice awards — and earned a smattering of boos from an audience he was here to court for his health care overhaul plans.

Pushing anew to reshape the nation's health care delivery system and extend coverage to the millions who don't have it, Obama went before the annual meeting of the American Medical Association and took on others who take issue with parts of his plan as well.

Calling them "naysayers," "fear-mongers" and peddlers of "Trojan horse" falsehoods, Obama warned interest groups, lobbyists and others against using "fear tactics to paint any effort to achieve reform as an attempt to socialize medicine."

"There are those who will try and scuttle this opportunity no matter what," Obama said.

GOP Rep. Tom Price of Geor-

gia — a former orthopedic surgeon — reacted preemptively to Obama's speech by accusing him of seeking a "government takeover" of health care. Speaking to reporters on a conference call organized by the Republican National Committee, Price said a committee that Obama's administration has established to study the effectiveness of various medical treatments would turn into a "rationing board" to overrule doctors and deny patients care.

And Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., and other Republicans introduced legislation to ban the rationing of care on such a basis.

The economic stimulus legislation that passed over the winter provides funding for "comparative effectiveness research," and the GOP proposal would block the government from using the results to "deny coverage of an item or service" in a federal health care program.

Addressing the doctors in Chicago, the president said for the first time publicly that health care reform, including covering the almost 50 million Americans who have no insurance, would cost about \$1 tril-

lion over 10 years.

"That's real money, even in Washington," he said. "But remember: That's less than we are projected to have spent on the war in Iraq. And also remember: Failing to reform our health care system in a way that genuinely reduces cost growth will cost us trillions of dollars more in lost economic growth and lower wages."

Aides had said previously that the administration wants to keep the cost around \$1 trillion, while also acknowledging it might go higher.

Obama has taken steps in recent days to outline where money could be found.

He wants to cut federal payments to hospitals by about \$200 billion and cut \$313 billion from Medicare and Medicaid over 10 years. He also is proposing a \$635 billion in tax increases and spending cuts in the health care system as a "down payment" for his plan.

The president traveled to Chicago to talk to the 250,000-physician group in hopes of persuading doctors not to fight him on reform. The nation's doctors, like many

other groups, are divided over the president's proposals. Many are skeptical of his plan to create government-sponsored insurance as an option alongside private coverage.

They also want limits on jury awards in medical malpractice lawsuits — caps that Democrats, including Obama, have long opposed and Republicans led by former President George W. Bush long pushed for.

Obama drew hearty applause with a focus on the particular concerns of the medical profession: telling them any system that relies on them "to be bean-counters and paper-pushers" is out of whack and that his push to investigate best-practices and eliminate unnecessary procedures "is not about dictating what kind of care should be provided."

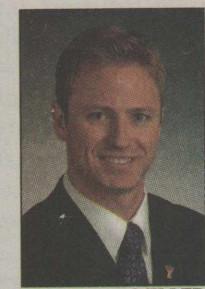
"I need your help, doctors," he said. "To most Americans, you are the health care system. The fact is, Americans — and I include myself, Michelle, and our kids in this — we just do what you tell us to do."

## Despite busy summer, Tech's student regent is getting head start

By ALEX YBARRA  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even though Kyle Miller has a full-time internship in Chicago this summer, the recently appointed Texas Tech system student regent already

has laid down some ground work.



MILLER

Miller, a second-year medical student who is pursuing a master's degree in business administration, became the second student from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center to serve on the Tech system Board of Regents after Gov. Rick Perry selected him May 29. Miller took the oath of office June 2 and succeeded former student regent Kelli Stumbo.

"I'll be able to work with the student government associations of Texas Tech, Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University," Miller said. "What that means for me is that being a student regent will allow me to communicate the means of the students at all three institutions to the administration in a positive and constructive manner."

Miller will be in Chicago working with Marshall Steele and Associates for the next five weeks, but he has been able to contact Student Government Association President Suzanne Williams, Health Sciences Center SGA President Cory Robertson and Angelo State representatives.

Miller said one issue he has discussed is the study space for students at the Health Sciences Center.

"It's already great," he said, "But we're growing so much over there, just like the rest of campus, that we look for some neat alternatives."

The initiative that Miller has shown relates to his excitement toward being the middle-man between the students and the Board of Regents. He said it's something he has looked forward to most since he was appointed student regent.

"That's how I'm embracing my role," he said. "I'm really filling some shoes, the way that Kelli Stumbo embraced the situation last year. I'm really looking forward to working with SGA at all three institutions. So far I've had some foundational meetings with them so I can be their voice on the board."

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance did not hesitate in complimenting Miller's versatility throughout the colleges.

"Kyle Miller is gonna be an excellent regent," Hance said. "I was very pleased, here's a guy that knows the Health Sciences Center, and I think he's gonna be an excellent regent. I've visited with him twice, and I think the governor made an excellent choice in selecting him."

Robertson said he has known Miller for a couple years and he recognized him as a leader from the beginning. Robertson added that Miller's activity bodes well for the future of the institutions.

"I think he's already gotten heavily involved even though he's in Chicago right now," Robertson said. "He's been real involved with little

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# Three foreign hostages killed in Yemen

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — At least three kidnapped foreigners have been killed in a remote Yemeni province, and security officials in the capital yesterday reported another six were also dead. The slayings took place in a region where al-Qaida militants have a strong presence.

There was confusion among Yemeni officials over the toll. Local officials in the northern Saada province where the nine foreigners were kidnapped confirmed only that the bodies of three women in the group were found. The Saada provincial council said the fate of the remaining six was unknown.

But Yemeni security officials in the capital, San'a, said the bodies of the other six were also found. The contradictory reports could not immediately be reconciled.

Still, it was a rare slaying of for-

eign hostages, and could be a sign of brutal new tactics by al-Qaida in Yemen, the Middle East's poorest nation and one of its most unstable. Al-Qaida has been strengthening in Yemen, taking advantage of the government's weak control in a nation where tribes hold sway over much of the countryside.

The nine foreigners — seven Germans, a Briton and a South Korean — disappeared last week while on a picnic in the restive northern Saada region of Yemen. The Germans included a couple and their three children.

The Yemen government said in a statement they all worked for World Wide Services foundation, a Dutch aid group working in the medical sector in Saada province for the past 30 years.

Shepherds found the remains

of three women from the group on Monday morning in the mountainous northern Saada province near the town of el-Nashour, known as a hideout for al-Qaida militants, according to a statement from the local council in the area.

"The fate of the other six abducted people is still unknown," it said.

A security official in the capital, however, said the other six had been found dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

A tribal leader in the area blamed al-Qaida for the kidnapping of the foreigners on Friday and their slaying. He also spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.

In the past, tribesmen often kidnapped foreigners to wrest concessions on local issues from the

government — including ransoms, the release of jailed relatives or even promises to build local infrastructure. But they usually treated hostages well and released them unharmed. Past abductions by al-Qaida, however, have ended with hostages' deaths.

Al-Qaida's presence has strengthened over the past year. Al-Qaida militants, including fighters returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, have established sanctuaries among a number of Yemeni tribes, particularly ones in three provinces bordering Saudi Arabia.

In Berlin, the Foreign Ministry said it could not confirm the reports that the Germans had been killed. A spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said that a ministry crisis team and the German embassy in San'a were working together to try and get more details.

## Miller

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things he's kind of looked at already.

With the school of medicine, he's already started getting involved with the new El Paso School of Medicine that's bringing in its first class here in about a month, not even a month.

"I know he's been working with some stuff for the undergraduate universities as well."

In the meantime, Miller will continue to juggle several duties at once, which, along with his internship, includes being an uncle and learning how to sail.

"We just went to see Ziggy Marley, Bob Marley's son, and for my niece and nephew, he was doing a family album which was cool songs about

the ABCs and stuff like that," he said. "It's been a nice change of pace from how hectic medical school was this past year."

Miller said he'll be back in Lubbock July 27 after his internship runs its course.

"I'm excited about this opportunity since I

went to undergrad at Tech, and all my education at Tech," he said. "I'm a Red Raider through and through. I bleed red and black, and I'm real excited about it."

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### KYLE MILLER

Texas Tech University Student Regent

# Momentum builds for broad debate on legalizing pot

NEW YORK (AP) — The savage drug war in Mexico. Crumbling state budgets. Weariness with current drug policy. The election of a president who said, "Yes — I inhaled."

These developments and others are kindling unprecedented optimism among the many Americans who want to see marijuana legalized.

Doing so, they contend to an ever-more-receptive audience, could weaken the Mexican cartels now profiting from U.S. pot sales, save billions in law enforcement costs, and generate billions more in tax revenue from one of the nation's biggest cash crops.

Said a veteran of the movement, Ethan Nadelmann of the Drug Policy Alliance: "This is the first time I feel like the wind is at my back and not in my face."

Foes of legalization argue that already-rampant pot use by adolescents would worsen if adults could smoke at will.

Even the most hopeful marijuana activists doubt nationwide decriminalization is imminent, but they see the debate evolving dramatically and anticipate fast-paced change on the state level.

"For the most part, what we've

seen over the past 20 years has been incremental," said Norm Stamper, a former Seattle police chief now active with Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. "What we've seen in the past six months is an explosion of activity, fresh thinking, bold statements and penetrating questions."

Some examples:

—Numerous prominent political leaders, including California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Mexican presidents, have suggested it is time for open debate on legalization.

—Lawmakers in at least three states are considering joining the 13 states that have legalized pot for medical purposes. Massachusetts voters last fall decided to decriminalize possession of an ounce or less of pot; there are now a dozen states that have taken such steps.

—In Congress, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, and Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., are among several lawmakers contending that marijuana decriminalization should be studied in re-examining what they deem to be failed U.S. drug policy. "Nothing should be off the table," Webb said.

—National polls show close to half of American adults are now open to legalizing pot — a constitu-

ency encompassing today's college students and the 60-something baby boomers who popularized the drug in their own youth. In California last month, a statewide Field Poll for the first time found 56 percent of voters supporting legalization.

That poll pleased California Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, a San Francisco Democrat who introduced a bill in February to legalize marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol — taxing sales to adults while barring possession by anyone under 21. Ammiano hopes for a vote by early next year and contends the bill would generate up to \$1.3 billion in revenue for his deficit-plagued state.

Ammiano, 67, said he has been heartened by cross-generational and bipartisan support.

"People who initially were very skeptical — as the polls come in, as the budget situation gets worse — are having a second look," he said. "Maybe these issues that have been treated as wedge issues aren't anymore. People know the drug war has failed."

A new tone on drug reform also has sounded more frequently in Congress.

At a House hearing last month, Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., chal-

lenged FBI Director Robert Mueller when Mueller spoke of parents losing their lives to drugs.

"Name me a couple of parents who have lost their lives to marijuana," Cohen said.

"Can't," Mueller replied.

"Exactly. You can't, because that hasn't happened," Cohen said. "Is there some time we're going to see that we ought to prioritize meth, crack, cocaine and heroin, and deal with the drugs that the American culture is really being affected by?"

In a telephone interview, Kucinich noted that both Obama and former President Bill Clinton acknowledged trying marijuana.

"Apparently that didn't stop them from achieving their goals in life," Kucinich said. "We need to come at this from a point of science and research and not from mythologies or fears."

Gil Kerlikowske, chief of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, has not endorsed the idea of an all-options review of drug policy, but he has suggested scrapping the "war on drugs" label and placing more emphasis on treatment and prevention. Attorney General Eric Holder has said federal authorities will no longer raid medical marijuana facilities in California.

# Pro-government shooting kills one man in Tehran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Gunfire from a pro-government militia killed one man and wounded several others Monday after hundreds of thousands of chanting opponents of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad marched in central Tehran to support their pro-reform leader in his first public appearance since disputed elections.

The outpouring in Azadi, or Freedom, Square for reformist leader Mir Hossein Mousavi followed a decision by Iran's most powerful figure for an investigation into the vote-rigging allegations.

Security forces watched quietly, with shields and batons at their sides.

A group of demonstrators with fuel canisters set a small fire at a compound of a volunteer militia linked to Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard as the crowd dispersed from the square. As some tried to storm the building, people on the roof could be seen firing directly at the demonstrators at the northern edge of the square, away from the heart of the rally.

An Associated Press photographer saw one person fatally shot and at least two others who appeared to be seriously wounded.

The United States was "deeply troubled" by reports of violence and arrests in Iran, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said, but he added that the U.S. knows too little about the conduct of the election to say for sure whether there was fraud.

The chanting demonstrators had defied an Interior Ministry ban and streamed into central Tehran — an outpouring for Mousavi that swelled as more poured from buildings and side streets.

The crowd — many wearing the trademark green color of Mousavi's campaign — was more than five miles (nine kilometers) long, and based on previous demonstrations in the square and surrounding streets, its size was estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.

Mousavi, in a gray striped shirt and talking through a portable loud-

speaker, had paused on the edge of the square — where Ahmadinejad made his first postelection speech — to address the throng. They roared back: "Long live Mousavi."

"This is not election. This is selection," read one English-language placard at the demonstration. Other marchers held signs proclaiming "We want our vote!" and raised their fingers in a V-for-victory salute.

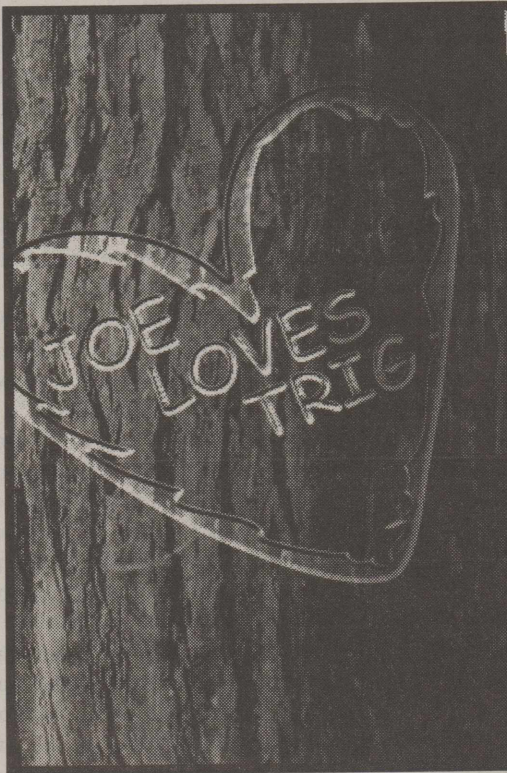
"We want our president, not the one who was forced on us," said 28-year-old Sara, who gave only her first name because she feared reprisal from authorities.

Hours earlier, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei directed one of Iran's most influential bodies, the Guardian Council, to examine the claims. But the move by Khamenei — who had earlier welcomed the election results — had no guarantee it would satisfy those challenging Ahmadinejad's re-election or quell days of rioting after Friday's election that left parts of Tehran scarred by flames and shattered store fronts.

The 12-member Guardian Council, made up of clerics and experts in Islamic law and closely allied to Khamenei, must certify election results and has the apparent authority to nullify an election. But it would be an unprecedented step. Claims of voting irregularities went before the council after Ahmadinejad's upset victory in 2005, but there was no official word on the outcome of the investigation and the vote stood.

More likely, the dramatic intervention by Khamenei could be an attempt to buy time in hopes of reducing the anti-Ahmadinejad anger. The prospect of spiraling protests and clashes is the ultimate nightmare for the Islamic establishment, which could be forced into back-and-forth confrontations and risks having the dissidents move past the elected officials and directly target the ruling theocracy.

The massive display of opposition unity Monday suggested a possible shift in tactics by authorities after cracking down hard during days of rioting.



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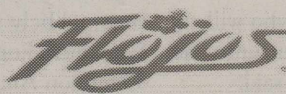
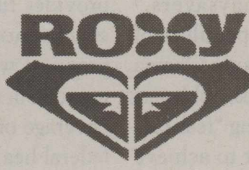
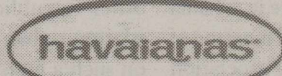
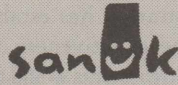
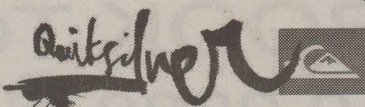
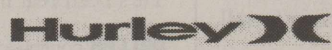
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# SKorea, U.S. discuss NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president said Monday that the country's alliance with the United States is key to resolving North Korea's nuclear and missile threats as he flew to Washington for a summit with President Barack Obama.

The summit scheduled for Tuesday comes in the wake of North Korea's weekend declaration that it would step up its nuclear bomb-making program. It also threatened war with any country that tries to stop its ships on the high seas as part of new U.N. Security Council sanctions passed in response to Pyongyang's May 25 nuclear test.

North Korea is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for at least half a dozen atomic bombs, and a U.S. government official said last week Pyongyang may be preparing for another nuclear test, its third. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the unreleased information and provided no details.

U.S. and South Korean intelligence were keeping a close eye on signs of an impending test.

## Rockwell wins Chef of the Year in region, up for best in Texas

By ALEX YBARRA  
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When he was just a child, Rocky Rockwell got his hands dirty in the kitchen, helping his grandmother feed all the workers on the family ranch in Weatherford.

"She cooked everyday for up to 50 people for lunch," said Rockwell, the executive chef for hospitality services at Texas Tech. "That was pretty much where I started. Throwing chickens in the yard, and she'd kill them and pluck them and cook them — helping her up there in the kitchen do everything. It was kind of a family affair."

Looking back on it, Rockwell said as a 5-year-old he was useless, dropping things and making messes. It ended up being the start of a life-long passion; a passion that won him Chef of the Year from the South Plains Chef Association last week for his work at Tech, where he has been for the past nine years.

"It's great as far as it's your peers that are voting for you," he said. "You've gotta feel good about it. It's not like a food critic from the outside that really doesn't know who you are voting for you. It's people that actually do the job that you do every day, so it's a good thing."

Rockwell is a member of the American Culinary Federation and the South Plains chapter of the Texas Chef Association.

He will travel to San Antonio Aug. 1 to receive the award, and he also could win Chef of the Year for the state of Texas. There are six chefs from other regions in competition for the award.

"It's basically time that we've given to the organization, recruiting other members," Rockwell said of the criteria involved in being selected. "We do a lot of charity stuff here in Lubbock so it's basically based off of that."

David Deason, associate director of university catering, said Rockwell is valuable because of his talent, particularly his creativity, which keeps certain officials within the administration guessing what their next meal will be.

"The Board of Regents for example, we're feeding those guys all the time, and we don't wanna give them the same thing all the time," he said. "He's really good about creating new menus and new ideas that they always seem to love."

Before he became a chef, Rockwell attended Tech as a bi-



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH EXECUTIVE Chef Rocky Rockwell is pictured in the kitchen at Wiggins Dining Complex on Tech's campus. Rockwell won Chef of the Year for the South Plains region, and he will receive the award Aug. 1 in San Antonio, where he could be named the top chef in Texas.

ology major and soon realized he didn't enjoy what he was doing.

"I started thinking I'm gonna be a teacher, 'What am I gonna do with this?'" he said. "I'm pretty dang close, even now, to graduating, but I just wasn't interested. There was no interest there or no passion. I sat down one weekend and figured out what I really love to do, and it was cook."

He found what is widely considered the best culinary school in the nation, what Rockwell called the "Harvard of culinary schools," the Culinary Institute of America.

He graduated first in his class from CIA, where the dropout rate is 50 percent, he said.

"They don't mess around," he said. "There's no calling in sick either. You just have to pay for that class and start over."

Rockwell paid \$50,000 for about two and half years there, and the days were brutal.

"It's a progressive block system, so it's not like a regular college day," he said. "A college day you'll be in class maybe four or five hours. This, you go to class at 6:30 in the morning and you're in class until 3:30 in the afternoon, every day, even Saturdays."

Rockwell's résumé prior to joining Tech includes a fellowship with the American Bounty Restaurant Kitchen at the CIA campus, working at the Dallas Country Club as an apprentice, and the Four Seasons Hotel at West Palm Beach, Flor.

"Somehow I got back to Texas while visiting friends here in

Lubbock," he said. "Next thing you know, I'm the executive chef here for hospitality and decided to stay. I've been here going on nine years now. I've been a lot of places and met a lot of people, but this is a nice place to settle down."

For someone who graduated in the top of his class at a premier culinary institute, cooking macaroni and cheese for students at Red Raider Orientation this past week could be seen as not living up to expectations.

But Rockwell is comfortable, for the moment.

"You can see that as a let-down," he said. "But when you look at your quality of life, you have most weekends off, benefits. That's the challenge most chefs have, they gotta figure out exactly what kind of life they

wanna lead."

For chefs at top-notch restaurants, Rockwell said their lives are hectic, with little room to enjoy the fruits of life.

"They work 100 hours a week," he said. "They make a little better money, but they don't have any time to use it. When I worked at the Four Seasons, I literally worked six days a week from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. every week."

"There was no breaks, there was no nothing, you have zero life. I don't regret it because I did it. I experienced that. There's always part of you that wants to cook that higher-end food."

Rockwell said when he's done at Tech, he can see himself going solo or teaming with friends to open a restaurant or catering business outside of Lubbock.

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## Idol auditions attract thousands in Mass.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Thousands of "American Idol" hopefuls made it through the rain — and the cold — hoping to find their singing respected by the judges as Season Nine auditions kicked off near Boston.

Braving showers and unseasonably cold winds, some contestants showed up around 3 a.m. Sunday at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. They formed a line that eventually stretched the length of the stadium and into the parking lot.

Host Ryan Seacrest said the bad weather may have been a plus for contestants since it likely reduced the field of competitors. "If you're auditioning, you want pouring rain, you want freezing weather," Seacrest said. "It makes the weak stay home."

His advice: Show up, sing well, move on.

The kickoff auditions attracted around 7,000 contestants from all over the East Coast, including New England, New York and as far south as North Carolina.

Contestants wore high heels, cowboy hats, and sported umbrellas declaring that they were the next

big thing. But to move on, they had to convince the first round screeners that they were worthy of a call back.

"It would mean the world to me," said Brittany Edgett, 25, a resident of "four or five towns" in New Hampshire. "I'm just trying to make a better life for me and my daughter and my boyfriend ... trying to get a little better in life than what we've been dealt so far."

Besides having talent, courage and perhaps a thick skin, auditioners must also be between the ages of 16 and 28 and eligible to work in the United States.

Tiffany "Shorty" Dorsey, 20, of Walpole, Mass., believed she had all that. While waiting in line for more than four hours, the 20-year-old used gel and other chemicals to fashion her hair into a faux mohawk. She promised to sing and dance to "Play That Funky Music" for the judges.

"I've got my friends with me. I'm loving it," Dorsey said.

Others fought to keep up with their planned wardrobe as the rains came. Melody Nardone, 26, of Buffalo, N.Y., called the weather "treacherous" while she struggled to keep her makeup fresh. "My mascara was running," Nardone said.

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## National arts test scores offer clouded picture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can you identify the musical instrument whose solo begins Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue?"

Half the country's eighth graders could, correctly answering "clarinet" on national tests.

Results were issued Monday for music and art, assessments last given to students in 1997. Yet the report raises more questions than it answers.

It says, for example, that music and art are more available to students than in 1997, but it doesn't say how many students are taking music and art classes. It doesn't say how kids are doing in dance and theater, because there wasn't enough money to test on those subjects and because a small number of schools offer them.

And it doesn't say how the recession and budget cuts rippling through the nation's schools are affecting arts education.

"The debate that has to happen now is, what is the value of music and arts in K through 12 education?" said Eileen Weiser, a classical pianist and a member of the board that oversees the tests.

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## Campus construction unappealing during summer

There was a brief moment during my freshman year as I walked to class that I realized the stark contrast between the Texas Tech campus and Lubbock. Growing up across the street from Tech afforded me the opportunity to develop an understanding of the campus most other students don't enjoy.

However, as I walked across Memorial Circle I realized just how gorgeous the campus is, particularly compared to the rest of the city. The freshly planted gardens and perfectly manicured lawns provide a landscape comparable to the greenest of campuses. Tech's well-planned grounds showcase unique Spanish-style architecture that outshines the dull and sometimes outdated architecture surrounding the university.

**Ben Jones**



These days however, the campus has turned into something quite different. As many students have left town for the summer, the campus has turned into a construction zone. Yellow machines dot the campus, parking lots have turned into dirt piles, two-way streets have turned into one-way streets and worst of all, the once green grass is now a weed-ridden yellow. While the university grounds crew is undoubtedly working as hard

as ever, the problem seems to revolve around a planning standpoint.

For most prospective students, summer seems to be the time when high school juniors and seniors can get to know their college choices. Students from around the state use this opportunity to visit Lubbock and Tech, many for the first time. With these visits, Tech constantly is compared to other universities across the country, and in most cases, other Big 12 Conference rivals such as Texas A&M, the University of Texas and Oklahoma University.

This summer, students enter the Tech campus greeted by a fenced off Memorial Circle and steel beams protruding from the ground. While it should be noted that much of the campus is unblemished, first

impressions often make or break a prospective student's view of a potential university. And it seems a bit ironic that while these construction projects are to help maintain the university with the hope of attracting future students, they seem to do just the opposite. One can't help but feel turned off by the various projects around campus.

Unfortunately, campus construction is both necessary and inevitable. Tech's Web site maintains that the university has been under construction since 1924 when construction of the Administration building began, the first building on campus. Furthermore, some projects simply must be undertaken during the summer months. For example, summer

to renovate and update university residence halls (Horn and Knapp Halls are both being outfitted with new windows, carpet and paint this summer). And again, projects such as the new \$70 million Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration will take years to build, yet offer prospective students the anticipation of the best and newest academic experience.

However, with projects such as the tunnel restoration at Memorial Circle, why not do them when school is actually in session? The hard-hat areas and fenced-off sidewalks would be much more fitting in the winter, when the rest of the campus environment has died off. The spring and summer months represent the university's most beautiful and important

periods. As new students are greeted by the warm Lubbock air and vast Tech campus, they also should be met with a well-manicured, construction-free campus.

While moving campus construction out of the summer months doesn't stop the construction itself, it does give the university a key edge from an aesthetic standpoint when it comes to recruiting and greeting prospective students and incoming freshmen. And in Tech's quest to increase enrollment, every student counts. Tech has a beautiful campus, now let's show it off.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Jason Hoskin's article, "Discovery Institute offers plenty to discuss," is not only full of mistakes but it badly misstates my correspondence with him.

When Mr. Hoskin asked me, "What is your position on school vouchers or tax breaks?," I replied succinctly and clearly: "To my knowledge Discovery Institute does not have an official position on those issues; I don't think they're issues we deal with much." Yet Mr. Hoskin's says I called vouchers "too radical for our tastes," when I made that comment before he'd asked anything about vouchers, and he'd only inquired about our position on his extreme proposal of "complete privatization of education."

Mr. Hoskin insinuates that I believe "a conspiracy exists among the scientific community," but no "conspiracy" is necessary to explain why many evolutionists dogmatically oppose teaching students about scientific views that differ from their own. The existence of such intolerance is not uncommon — Mr.

Hoskin himself displays it: He supports pro-Darwin only curricula, he labels any science that challenges Darwin as "creationism," "religion," and "not science," and he even suggests research institutions should disfavor Ph.D.s who doubt evolution.

His repeated use of the "creationist"/"creationism" label (over 20 times) makes me think Mr. Hoskin doth protest too much. And contra Hoskin's claim, scientists affiliated with Discovery Institute and other Darwin-skeptics have published a variety of peer-reviewed scientific articles supporting intelligent design (ID) or challenging neo-Darwinism. A partial list is available at <http://www.discovery.org/a/2640>. Mr. Hoskin's also wrongly insinuates that Discovery Institute supports pushing ID into public schools, making no mention that I told him: "Our policy recommendation is to not mandate alternatives to evolution (like intelligent design), but to require teachers to discuss both the scientific evidence for and against

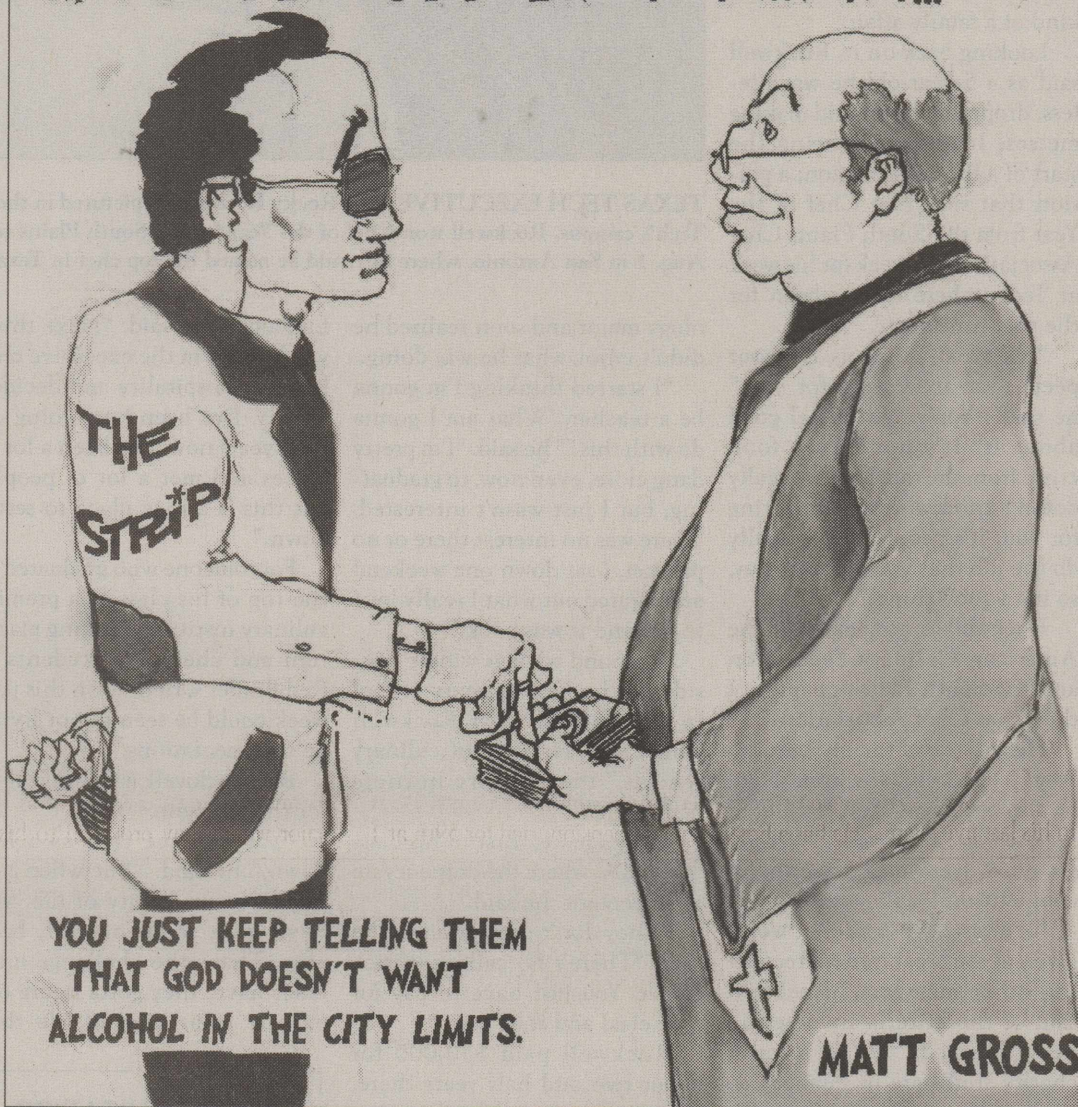
evolution."

Leaving his other errors aside, Mr. Hoskin apparently wishes to spin Discovery Institute's non-support for his radical call to abolish all of public education into an evil plot to "ram ...religious views down the throats of impressionable students." If Mr. Hoskin feels the need to invent nefarious "creationist" cabals in order to justify his own viewpoint, so be it.

He seems so desperate to paint Discovery Institute as the boogymon that he is inventing policy positions where we don't have them, and ignoring policy positions and scientific publications where we do have them. Thank you for your consideration.

■ Casey Luskin is a policy analyst at the Discovery Institute in Seattle. He has a master of science in earth sciences from University of California, San Diego and a law degree from University of San Diego.

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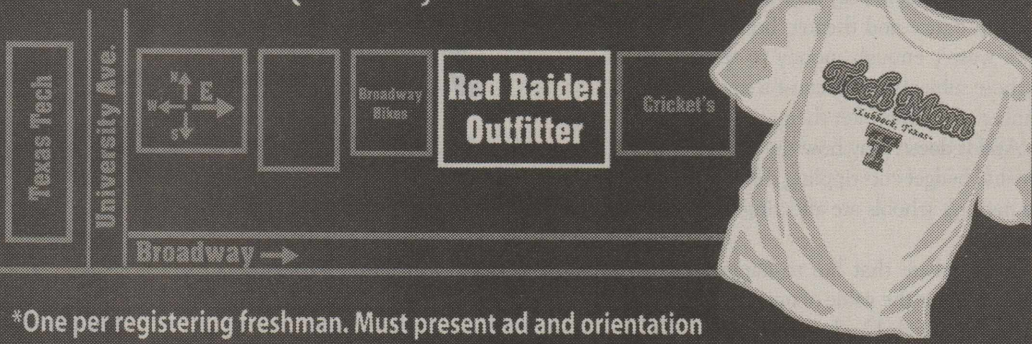
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# Rookie Nordqvist easily wins LPGA

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. (AP) — Watching the ease in which Anna Nordqvist won the LPGA Championship, it seems likely the 22-year-old rookie from Sweden won't have too long a wait before cashing another first-place check.

Unflappable demeanor? Check. Consistent irons? Oh, yes. Steady putter? Absolutely.

Playing in only her fifth professional tournament, the steely nerved Swede shot a 4-under 68 Sunday to win the LPGA Championship by four strokes over Lindsey Wright.

Nordqvist finished at 15-under 273 in the tournament's final stand at Bulle Rock Golf Course. After letting a five-shot lead dwindle to one, Nordqvist sank a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 14 and essentially clinched her first career victory with a 35-foot putt for birdie on No. 15.

Wright, who shot a 70, kept waiting for Nordqvist to panic in her first major tournament as a professional.

It never happened.

"It was amazing. Under that amount of pressure, not being in that position before and in a major and being a rookie? You can't get any better than that," Wright said. "She really didn't falter today. She didn't show any nerves at all."

Throughout the week, Nordqvist appeared more nervous in the interview room than on the course. So after her advantage fell to a stroke, her mindset never changed.

"I just kept being patient. I think that's really what paid off at the end," she said.

Nordqvist completed the final four holes of the suspended third round at 7:30 in the morning, then teed off as part of the final twosome shortly after 2:30 p.m. She took a two-shot lead into the fourth round, quickly increased the margin and held on to earn the \$300,000 top prize.

"It was almost like a little bit of a match-play event coming down the stretch," Wright said. "I thought she was really holding it together,

and I thought, she's not giving this championship away. I have to go for it."

Wright gave it her best shot, but it wasn't enough. Nordqvist was just too good.

"She's a phenomenal player," Wright said.

Nordqvist said this week she patterned her game after Swedish great Annika Sorenstam. Now, like Sorenstam, Nordqvist's first win on the LPGA Tour is in a major tournament. Sorenstam broke into the win column in 1995 at the U.S. Women's Open.

Sorenstam went on to enjoy a lucrative career. There's no telling how Nordqvist will fare, but she's sure off to a heck of a start.

Nordqvist celebrated her birthday Wednesday, shot a 66 on Thursday, took the lead in the second round Friday and held on to it throughout the weekend.

"Obviously, it's a great feeling. It's been an incredible week," Nordqvist said. "I had so much fun."

Her best previous finish this year was a tie for 17th in the Corona Championship.

Looking surprisingly fresh and calm, Nordqvist birdied No. 1 and opened up a four-shot lead with an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 6. All week long her putting had been precise, and Sunday was no exception.

"I feel like the last couple weeks I've been putting well," Nordqvist said. "Making putts gives you confidence, and I felt very confident on the greens. I saw the lines."

The gap widened to five shots when Wright bogeyed 7, but birdies by the Australian on Nos. 8, 9 and 12, combined with Nordqvist's lone bogey on 13, cut the gap to one.

Nordqvist rebounded with her birdie-birdie salvo, leaving the final three holes a mere formality.

The LPGA Championship will get a new sponsor and a new home in 2010. The memory of this one, however, will linger.

## Track

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title and the first in a field event. After earning All-American status for four straight years and winning a national championship during her senior season, Carter said her experience at Tech truly was magical.

"My entire four years at Tech have been the best four years of my life," Carter said. "I think it is finally starting to hit me that I'm not a Texas Tech athlete anymore, I was happy to finish on such a good note but it is a bitter-sweet feeling."

Even after the success Carter has enjoyed throughout her career at Tech, she said she is always proud to give credit to the person who truly is responsible.

"I just thank the Lord after every performance because without him I wouldn't have been able to do it," Carter said. "You have to put God first and keep him on your mind because he blessed you to have the talent that you do and it's important not to forget that."

Kittley said except for Carter's national title, his team fell short of expect-

tations, especially Robert's unfortunate injury in the 400-meter dash.

"It was just devastating, I can't lie about that," Kittley said. "He was healthy all year until the very end and it was a freak thing. He just caught a strain in his quad and he just couldn't go anymore."

"Overall, we should have done better than we did. I thought some of our players who were coming in ranked high would have performed better, it was not one of the best meets we have had this year."

After coaching a national champion this season and leading a fairly large group of athletes to the NCAA championship meet, Kittley said he still expects even bigger things from his team next season.

"We have a great group recruited in both men's and women's for next year," Kittley said, "and even though we lost some good athletes, we have a good recruiting class of kids for next year. We also expect our athletes who were at the national meet this year to improve as well."

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*My entire four years at Tech have been the best four years of my life.*

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Texas Tech track team  
National champion in discus

# Gay earns US Open berth with victory at St. Jude

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — As a Southern boy, Brian Gay knew exactly what winning at Hilton Head in April meant: A trip to the 2010 Masters.

Having to win the final PGA Tour event before the U.S. Open to earn a trip to Bethpage Black? It's just not something he really thought about until clinching that berth with a wire-to-wire victory at the St. Jude Classic Sunday.

"I played well and won, I knew I would go," Gay said.

So the man who had originally planned for a week off is changing his itinerary — and quickly.

"Right now I don't know if we're going home first or what we're going to do, whether we spend tomorrow traveling, going home and repacking," Gay said. "Get to work on Tuesday I guess."

Gay heads to New York with his third PGA title, having won twice in his last five events. He has a hot

putter, needing only 100 putts and scoring in the 60s all four rounds with 66s in each of the final three. He beat David Toms and Bryce Molder by five strokes, removing all suspense with three of his six birdies over the first six holes.

"It was a pretty good golf tournament except for one guy stealing the show," said Toms, the tournament winner in 2003 and 2004.

Gay had an 18-under 262 total and the third-largest margin of victory in the event's 52-year history. Toms finished with a 65, and Molder had a 70. John Senden (64), Paul Goydos (68) and Robert Allenby (69) tied for fourth at 12 under.

"I didn't even get close to catching him," said Molder, who had his best finish on tour.

Phil Mickelson, in his first event since announcing wife Amy has breast cancer, and John Daly, returning from a six-month PGA Tour suspension, tied for 59th at 1

over. Mickelson closed with a 75, and Daly shot a 70.

Gay grabbed the \$1,008,000 winner's check and became only the fourth wire-to-wire winner here and first since Justin Leonard in 2005.

He did it with his putter, rolling in his final putt from 5 feet for birdie on No. 18 to clinch his win. He celebrated with a fist pump, a high five with his caddie and hugs and kisses with his young daughters and wife. But his bigger puts came with a 20-footer on No. 4 and a 30-footer on No. 6. He also had a 17-footer on 9.

"The greens are perfect," Gay said. "I love the Bermuda grass. You read them right, you make a lot of putts. Very true and grew up on it. I always enjoy putting on Bermuda."

Gay played it safe with six straight pars on the back nine before his final birdie to earn a trip to a major where Gay proposed to his

wife. That was in 1996 at Oakland Hills in Gay's only tour event at a time when he was working his way up the tours.

"That was fun," Gay recalled. But Gay, a two-time All-American at Florida, missed the cut the last time the Open visited Bethpage. He's never been as long off the tee as his fellow competitors, and he finished last here in driving distance — averaging 265.8 off the tee.

"Straight will be good. Drive it straight. I think it'll be OK, but it's pretty long," Gay said.

Mickelson will be working on his putting before the Open starts after needing 120 in Memphis.

He spent the week trying to figure out how to play golf and deal with all the emotions resulting from his wife's illness. He accomplished that even if the results on course didn't. He started the final round 10 strokes behind Gay and had a round highlighted by a triple bogey.

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## Tech athletics to host Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in the fall

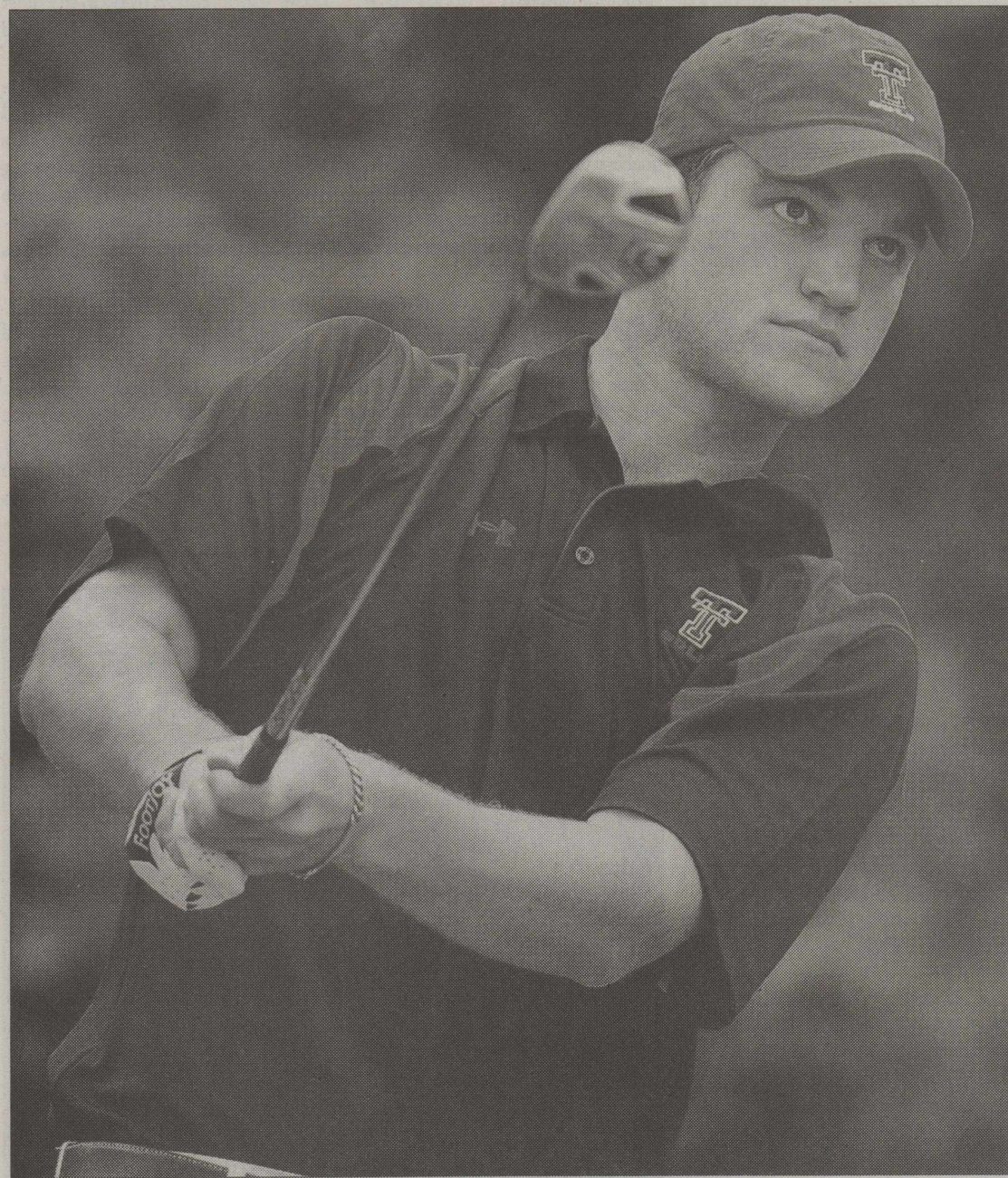


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THE TEXAS TECH golf team will host the Isleworth Intercollegiate Invitational in October. Pictured is Brian Scherer, a member of the golf team, at the National Golf Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. The team finished 23rd in the tournament, tying with UCLA.

By **CHRISTOPHER MARTIN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Athletic Department recently announced the Tech golf team will be the host for the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in Orlando, Fla. in October.

This event will feature seven of last seasons top 10 finishers and will be played on Isleworth Country Club, designed by Arnold Palmer, which has featured numerous PGA Tour events.

Tech coach Greg Sands said hosting the event this year will be an honor because of the quality of the field as well as the possibility of a visit from one of the biggest golf names of all.

"This is the premier college tournament in the country, so for us to put our name on that as the host is a tremendous asset," Sands said. "Plus, sometimes Tiger Woods even comes down to watch the tournament so it creates a lot of excitement."

The Isleworth Collegiate Invitational was established in 2004 and is designed to give collegiate golfers a chance to play on a PGA Tour caliber golf course against the top collegiate golfers in the nation.

As this year's host, Tech will ensure all teams are able to arrange travel to Orlando as well as hotel accommodations throughout the tournament.

Tech also will be in charge of finding sponsors for the tournament and working with the coaches of each team to ensure all their needs are met.

Tech finished third in the tournament last year so Sands said his team knows how to play at Isleworth, which should make hosting the event even more special.

Sands said his players are excited to play in the event for next year because of its unique format.

"I think it is cool that a lot of big names on the PGA Tour come out to watch," he said, "and that is what makes this tournament very unique and I couldn't be more excited to host it."

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## Penguins' Stanley Cup parade draws a lot of fans

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Just call it the city of champions.

Four months after celebrating the Steelers' sixth Super Bowl victory, Pittsburgh Police estimated 375,000 people converged downtown again for a parade, this time in honor of the Stanley Cup champion Penguins. People lined streets — in some places standing 20 deep or crowding onto multilevel parking garages — to get a glimpse of the team and the cup.

One woman, who initially said her name was "The Greatest Pittsburgh Penguins Fan Ever" but then noted most people call her Alison Coyle, drove eight hours from her home in Brick, N.J. to attend Monday's parade. Arriving in Pittsburgh at 2 a.m., the 45-year-old thought she might get some sleep, but was so excited she was up by 6.

"I would give both my arms and both my legs to be here," Coyle said, donning a Sidney Crosby jersey and holding her camera above her head to try to get a better shot of the players.

The Penguins won their third Stanley Cup Friday in a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings. The parade followed the same route that drew an estimated 300,000 fans in February for the Steelers Super Bowl XLIII victory.

"This is great and there's gonna be many more," said Andrew Mehlich, 30, of Pittsburgh, who attended the parade with several family members.

Chanting "Let's go Pens," fans honked plastic horns and cheered. Team captain Crosby held the cup in the air as he rode in the back of a

truck alongside goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

"Thank you guys," Crosby told the crowd. "What can I say? I mean the support you guys have given us, the support you have showed ... You deserve to be called the city of champions. You deserve the Stanley Cup."

One fan carried a handwritten sign: "Nothing like a Fleury in June." Others had homemade aluminum foil replicas of the prized cup and threw black-and-gold confetti — the team's colors — along the parade route. Forward Maxime Talbot jumped out of a car to shake hands with fans.

"It's a holiday for Pittsburgh," said Michelle Solkoy, 31, of Pittsburgh, who took the day off work and brought her 4-year-old daughter, Kendall, to the parade.

Betti Labbe, 40, and her husband Joe Szekeres, 44, of Frederick, Md., drove to Pittsburgh Sunday night. Szekeres is a lifelong Penguins fan who attends about five games a year — but his wife needed a little more coaxing.

"It was them or divorce so I picked the Penguins," Labbe said.

Melanie Milko, 46, who's from the Pittsburgh suburb of West Mifflin and said she used to cut former Penguins star Jaromir Jagr's mother's hair, said Monday's celebration was better than the fan rallies held after the 1991 and 1992 championships.

"There's a lot more respect for hockey everywhere," said Milko, who painted the numbers of her 10 favorite players on her fingernails for the parade. "Hockey's it."

## Cowboys starting minicamp

CARROLLTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys know where they have to be this week.

The Cowboys yesterday open a mandatory offseason minicamp.

Sessions will be held at a nearby high school facility, Standridge Stadium in Carrollton. The Cowboys practice facility at Valley Ranch collapsed May 2, leaving 12 people hurt.

The Cowboys scouting assistant paralyzed when the team's practice facility collapsed last month attended the start of minicamp.

Rich Behm, paralyzed from the

waist down in the May 2 accident, sat in the pressbox to watch the first practice session of the Cowboys' only mandatory minicamp. He was in a booth with other team scouting officials.

The minicamp, like other offseason activities since the accident, is being held at a high school stadium a few miles from the team's Valley Ranch complex. The Cowboys expect to return to Valley Ranch after training camp, which opens next month in San Antonio, with practices starting July 29.

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17 Six-pack makeup

18 1963 international treaty subjects

20 Dietary claim

22 Kind of chop

23 Politicians' dilemmas

26 Varnish ingredient

27 Vacation site

28 "You've got the wrong person"

30 Alphabet trio

31 Mil. troop unit

34 Lightweight bayou vessel

37 Heavy gamebirds

39 Triumph

40 Drench

41 Soft & ... Henkel brand

42 Supportive calls

44 Senior's "Absolutely!"

48 Basic teaching styles

51 They usually involve undercover work

54 Not necessarily against

56 Expand the viewed area, in a way

57 Cowboy boots and Stetson hats

60 Cholesterol initials

61 Offensive comment

62 Pricey timepieces

63 Conk out

64 Notice

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1 Italy's ... Coast

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4 Employees

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6 Positive particle

7 Deadeye's forte

8 Lateral beginning

9 It might be picked

10 Dig deeply

11 Capital ESE of Beirut

12 Drop in the ocean

13 One of the reputed Dead Sea Scrolls writers

19 Spot for a screwdriver

21 Metallic money

24 Having caught on

25 Brouhaha

29 Rubs the wrong way

32 MMCX halved

33 Time to attack

35 Antipoverty agcy.

36 Drywall mineral

37 Records in detail

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39 Pushes forward

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43 Maker of Boulevard motorcycles

45 Tristan's love

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52 Title character not in the cast

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65 Quirk  
66 Dawn deity

## Officers hurt as LA fans celebrate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Downtown celebrations after the Los Angeles Lakers' championship win turned ugly as darkness fell, with some throwing rocks and bottles that left five police officers with minor injuries.

Police also said Monday that police cruisers were damaged, windows on public buses were smashed and fires were set in the street. Seventeen people were arrested Sunday night after police declared the gathering an unlawful assembly, authorities said.

Five officers had minor injuries, Sgt. Andy Mathes said. One of the officers was taken to a hospital and the others were treated at the scene.

Reinforcement officers were called in from throughout the city to help disperse the crowd, officer Karen Rayner said.

Television footage showed people jumping on police cars, rocking vehicles attempting to pass through the crowd, setting small trees on fire and throwing bricks at empty buses. A gas station and a shoe store were looted, police said.

Chief William Bratton told KNX radio Monday that police planned to watch the video in an attempt to identify vandals and make further arrests.

Bratton commended his officers for showing restraint despite "a lot of provocation from a number of knuckleheads," he told KTTV-TV.

"It's not easy to stand there when cowards in the middle of the crowd are throwing rocks and bottles at them," Bratton said.

The 17 arrests were for disturbing the peace, arson, outstanding warrants and other infractions, Rayner said.

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