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Federal authorities say informant's role crucial in exposing NYC airport plot

NEW YORK (AP) — Four men accused of plotting to bomb a fuel pipeline feeding the city's busiest airport were so taken by an informant that they were sure God had sent him to them, authorities said.

The informant made several overseas trips to discuss the plot against John F. Kennedy International Airport, even visiting a radical Muslim group's compound in Trinidad, officials said. He also joined the plotters on airport surveillance trips — where authorities were waiting, they said.

The suspects were convinced he was guided by a higher purpose: The ringleader believed the informant "had been sent by Allah to be the one" to pull off the bombing, according to a federal complaint.

Authorities said the plot, revealed Saturday, demonstrated the growing importance of informants in efforts to combat terrorism, particularly as smaller radical groups become aggressive.

Accused mastermind Russell DeFreitas, 63, is now in custody in New York, where he is due to have a bail

hearing Wednesday.

But two other suspects, Kareem Ibrahim and Abdul Kadir, a former member of Guyana's Parliament, were in Trinidad and will fight extradition to the United States, their lawyer, Rajid Persad, told a Trinidadian court Monday. The two made their initial court appearance there on one count each of conspiracy to commit a terrorist act against the government of the United States. The judge set a bail hearing for June 11 and an extradition hearing Aug. 2.

Former Liberian president boycotts war crimes trial

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Former Liberian President Charles Taylor boycotted the opening of his war crimes trial Monday and his assigned lawyer walked out of court in a dramatic opening to the first such case brought against a former African leader.

The trial was ordered to continue anyway, and the chief prosecutor outlined the horrific murders and muti-

lations of thousands of civilians in neighboring Sierra Leone by forces allegedly under Taylor's control in 1991-2002.

Defense lawyer Karim Khan said Taylor had fired him and wanted to act has his own attorney. Khan walked out even though the presiding judge repeatedly directed him to continue to represent Taylor, if only for the opening day.

Apologizing and defying threats of contempt of court, Khan gathered his files and left.

"This is not defense counsel making some cheap trick," Khan told The Associated Press outside court. Taylor "thought this was a railroad to a conviction and in those circumstances, he exercised his right to terminate my representation and to represent himself."

In presenting his case, Chief Prosecutor Stephen Rapp told how attackers would randomly murder people and enslave others to use as fighters, miners and farmers, Rapp said.

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Board of Regents Chairman J. Frank Miller III dies

Hours after participating in the Texas Tech Board of Regents meeting that approved an increase in tuition Friday, Chairman J. Frank Miller III died suddenly of a heart attack in Dallas.

The recently elected chairman was 55.

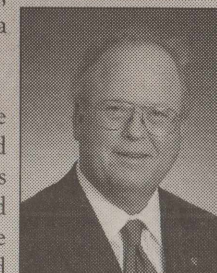
"This is devastating news for all of us in the Texas Tech family," Chancellor Kent Hance said in a statement released Friday. "Frank Miller was one of the best men I've ever known. He loved God, his country, his family and Texas Tech. He had friends all over the nation and everyone had the utmost respect for Frank."

Miller was appointed to the Board of Regents Nov. 18, 2003. Before he was elected chairman, he served as vice chairman from Jan. 31, 2005, to May 11, 2007. Miller's term was set to expire Jan. 31, 2009, according to a press release.

A press release shows Miller was chairman and chief executive officer of JPI Companies, a national apartment development company. Miller began his career at Southland Life Insurance Company and had nearly 30 years of experience in the real estate industry. Miller held senior management positions with Foster Mortgage Company and Las Colinas Corp. before founding JPI Companies. Miller served as president of Southland Financial Corporation's residential development and management subsidiary.

Miller and his wife, Kay, graduated from Tech in 1974, where Miller earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Miller lived in Dallas with his wife and six children, who range from ages 12 to 24.

Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement: "Texas Tech has lost a favorite son, a steward of pride for the university, and an honorable member of its Board of Regents. Anita and I send our sincerest condolences to Frank's family and our prayers are with the entire Texas Tech family."



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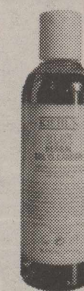


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Board of Regents increases tuition for fall 2007

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved a 4.79 percent increase in tuition and fees Friday that will help fund pay raises for faculty and staff members beginning in the fall.

Tuition will increase from \$85 to \$93.67 per semester credit hour, an increase of \$8.67 per credit hour. The increase in tuition and fees for a student taking 15 hours will be \$162 per semester or \$324 for a full year.

The tuition increase is minimal when compared to other universities in Texas, which was a goal Chancellor Kent Hance said he wanted to accomplish.

"(Students) are my first consideration," Hance said. "People are going to say it's only \$324, but \$300 here and \$300 there — it adds up, and students are borrowing a lot of money to go to school. We want them to get a great education, but we want them to spend as small amount as possible."

Fee increases approved include \$1 to the student service fee, \$1 to the student business service fee, \$5 to the student recreation fee and a 2.25 to 2.5 percent increase toward housing and hospitality depending on the type of housing selected.

Funding for pay raises will increase 2 percent for staff members and 3 percent for faculty members. Department heads will have the authority to increase pay for faculty members

based on merit, while staff members receive a 2 percent raise across the board, Hance said.

He used an example during the meeting to explain the difference between allocating money to faculty and staff members.

"It is more difficult for a department head to make this decision (on staff)," Hance said. "They're seeing the evaluation of students. They're seeing the evaluation of research and things like that for a staff member and we have all types of staff. For someone to say one guy that's cutting the grass is going to be above another one it is a tougher call, and I think it is harder to do than at the faculty level."

Student Government Association President Mason Moses said he acknowledges and respects what the Board of Regents agreed on.

"I mean of course in an ideal world you would like to see no increases, but you got to be realistic," Moses said. "You got to understand they are trying, and (the tuition increase) will also be good because faculty and staff will be getting salary increases, so they can appreciate that."

Hance said the tuition remains relatively low compared to other universities in Texas, which could bring in more students.

"I think (having one of the lowest tuitions) helps (Tech) in our recruiting," Hance said, "and that it enables us to say that if you're looking at Big 12 schools, you're going to

get your best rate of return on your investment in your tuition and fees at Texas Tech."

Moses agreed with Hance on the idea that tuition rates can help attract future students.

"We're staying right there below (other colleges) and maintaining our quality education at a better price, at a better deal," Moses said. "So hopefully Tech will be more attractive to students who are graduating or becoming seniors."

Shelly Jennings, a senior retail major from Corpus Christi, said she believes teachers deserve raises — just not out of students' pockets. She said tuition will continue to increase along with gas and the cost of living, but she reinforced that Tech does have lower tuition rates than most universities.

Danny Dobrinski, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Austin, said the tuition increase did not surprise him, and he said teachers should receive increases in their salaries because they play important roles in society.

"Lubbock is a great town, but it's hard to get people to come out to West Texas," Dobrinski said. "For recruiting purposes, you don't want to tell (students) to come out here if

(tuition) is higher than (the University of) Texas. Tech is a great school, but you're not going to get a bunch of people from Austin or Houston to come out if it's going to cost you."

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Percent Increase In Tuition

- UT San Antonio - 8.74 (\$3,349)
- UT Tyler - 7.49 (\$2,511)
- UT Arlington - 9.95 (\$3,568)
- UT El Paso - 6.67 (\$2,807)
- UT Dallas - 6.00 (\$3,885)
- North Texas - 3.94 (\$3,196)
- Texas Tech - 4.79 (\$3,541)

Sources: University of Texas El Paso Web site, University of North Texas Web site

Al-Qaida claims Iraq ambush last month

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida linked insurgents killed three American soldiers after capturing them last month in Iraq, according to a militant video released Monday that claimed to show footage of the ambush. The video offered no proof for its claims.

The clip, which was made available to The Associated Press by the Washington-based SITE Institute, showed confused and jerky night battle scenes, and later offered close-ups of two identification cards. It did not show the soldiers.

"The Americans sent 4,000 soldiers looking for them," said an unidentified voice on the video, which featured the logo of the media production house of the Islamic State of Iraq. "They were alive and then dead."

The body of one of the soldiers was found in Iraq's Euphrates River, but the other two remain missing. Family friends of the missing men said the U.S. military briefed relatives about the video over the weekend.

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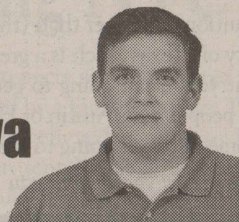
Carbon emissions: We're No. 1 (and with plenty of room to spare)

Over the weekend, The Associated Press released a story ranking individual states according to the amount of carbon they emit per year. If you haven't seen the story, I'll spare you from the traditional cliché "Everything's bigger in Texas," but suffice it to say: We're No. 1.

Not only are we No. 1, we did so with plenty of room to spare. Our 670 billion metric tons of carbon per year out-did the next two states, California and Pennsylvania, combined. If we were our own country, we'd rank sixth in the world for carbon emissions behind the United States, China, Russia, Japan, India and Germany.

It should be noted Texas came in 10th on the list for per-capita carbon emissions. The energy-producing gi-

Trey Caliva



whereas Texas keeps its energy production unhindered, California cripples its ability to create its own energy by instituting ridiculous emissions standards. Since the state evidently isn't reducing its energy usage — the liberals out there sure like to use up energy — California must purchase energy from other states, such as Wyoming and North Dakota.

Similar situations occur across the country; small states that have high carbon production per capita are also

the largest producers of energy in the nation.

The article praised California for being tougher on carbon emissions compared to the rest of the top states on the list. Yet, tough restrictions on emissions do absolutely nothing to help the environment and drive up energy and gas costs.

Californians are not using less energy; they just buy it from other states. In essence, they get all the benefits of having energy without the emissions to go along with it. The "use here, pollute there" policy in regard to energy is irresponsible, both morally and economically.

Unfortunately, environmentalists follow an equally unrealistic approach to energy policies. The clean tech-

nologies touted by environmental organizations and activist groups might be clean, but they also carry an astronomical price tag and don't produce the same amount of power as other technologies. Wind power — which, ironically, Texas leads the nation in — might be 100 percent clean, but it's not going to power a large city on its own.

Moreover, a large majority of Texas' carbon emissions come not from electricity generation but from the refining of oil into gasoline. Newer technologies could help reduce that industry's carbon emissions, but I don't think anyone wants to start paying \$5 a gallon for gasoline.

Could Texas and other polluting states cut down on emissions? Of

course, but such measures certainly would raise energy and gas prices across the country. People would lose jobs and the economy would suffer. Throwing your economy into turmoil in exchange for a small reduction in your carbon emissions hardly seems worth the cost.

Yet, reality be damned. Those seeking reductions in carbon emissions will continue to fight against common sense and reason. Thankfully, most of them don't live in our state. Until reason prevails, though, let us revel in cheaper prices, a sane state and in being No. 1.

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Gardening for a greener world: reconnecting with the environment

"Going Green" seems to be the buzz phrase as of late. TV shows, magazines and recent films now frequently address global warming and tout simple ways of becoming "greener."

As a certifiable tree-hugger — or, as an inhabitant of the plains, perhaps a more apt term might be grass-hugger — and lover of the earth, I, for one, am ecstatic the once-fringe group of so-called environmentalists is morphing into the mainstream.

It is about time our prevailing philosophy extends past the self-imposed barrier of our own species and spreads to all living things. At a minimum, we would be wise to more carefully consider our interrelationships with the other millions of species who share the earth.

An intimate way to examine our deep-rooted connection with the planet

Sarai Brinker



is to begin in our own backyard. In urban settings, our wooden furniture is sometimes the closest we get to nature.

Organic gardening can reconnect people with the natural environment. It allows individuals to be more active participants in natural life cycles, helps reduce energy expenditure, adds beauty to our surroundings and provides a pleasurable means of exercise — a bounty of benefits in addition to the literal fruits of a gardener's labor.

According to the Center of Sustainable Systems, the U.S. spends more

energy on transporting food from farms to dinner tables than France uses for all its energy needs. It makes sense: Our food supply is sprayed with an abundance of petroleum-based chemicals, then processed, packaged and, in many cases, transported thousands of miles before it makes its debut in your local supermarket.

Growing vegetables in the backyard is a small thing, but it bypasses much of the fossil-fuel drainage propagated by our current food distribution system. Not to mention, an organic gardener doesn't have to worry about ingesting pesticides and other chemicals as a side dish.

Planting our own food can also give us more variety and better-tasting food. A grocery store might have a selection of four or five varieties of tomatoes, but there are hundreds of varieties of toma-

atoes. The types sold in grocery stores aren't necessarily the best-tasting but rather the most-profitable, the most easily-grown and the most-transportable.

In fact, grocery store tomatoes aren't really "fresh." They are harvested prematurely while they are still green (less smooshing) then trucked over a great distance until they are stored in a grocery store where they are usually gassed with ethylene to hastily ripen them, which negatively affects their taste and texture. Vine-ripened tomatoes from a backyard garden almost always will be tastier.

Sticking with the tomato as an example, home-grown vegetables are often more affordable. A properly cared for tomato plant will produce on average 10 to 15 pounds of fruit. A packet of a dozen seeds usually costs about the same as the cost of a single pound purchased from the grocery store. You do the math.

There is another benefit to gardening in addition to cost-incentive, the positive environmental impact, better taste and nutritional quality (as if these were not reasons enough). That is the simple beauty of the process. Our lives are so highly mechanized; our cell phones, iPods and other extraneous contraptions ultimately form an artificial veneer constructed over the natural world.

It is a relief to feel good soil run through my fingers and watch green things grow. It is rewarding to be a part of something sustainable and simple in the midst of rampant over-consumption and mechanization. We may plant the seeds, but gardening helps connect us with our roots.

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WEEKLY MUSIC CALENDAR

Tuesday

Mason Server and Brent Atkins — Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen — 10 p.m.
Andy Wilkinson — La Diosa Cellars — 7 p.m.
Walt Driscoll — Orlando's — 7:30 p.m.
Randy Rogers and Wade Bowen — Wild West — 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Indigenous — Jake's Backroom — 7 p.m.
Joint Venture — The Blue Light — 9 p.m.
Angie Monroe and Company — Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen — 10 p.m.
Anthony Garcia — La Diosa Cellars — 8:30 p.m.
Alien Blakk — Texas Café — 10 p.m.
Cory Dutton — The Sting — 9 p.m.

Thursday

Casey Donahew — Jake's Backroom — 9 p.m.
Two Tons of Steel Summer Showcase Concert Series — Buddy Holly Center Courtyard — 5:30 p.m.
Jazz Alley — Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen — 10 p.m.
Spivey — La Diosa Cellars — 8:30 p.m.
Brad Leali — Stellas — 5:30 p.m.
Kelly Hasty and Friends — The Sting — 9 p.m.
Darren Welch and Jesse Ballew — Texas Café — 10 p.m.

Friday

Spivey — Melt — 10 p.m.
Flaw — Jake's Backroom — 7 p.m.
The 9th Annual Woodstock Camp-Out Benefit Concert — Lake MacKenzie — live music all night
Roger Creager — Wild West — 10:30 p.m.

Saturday

Spivey — Bar PM — 10 p.m.
Dr. Skoob and the Acoustic Groove with Los Sons of Bitches — Jake's Backroom — 9 p.m.
The 9th Annual Woodstock Camp-Out Benefit Concert — Lake MacKenzie — live music all day
Element — La Diosa Cellars — 8 p.m.

'Knocked Up' knocks it out of the park

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — A beastly guy sees a beautiful girl at a club. They spend the night drinking, dancing and laughing. The fact that they are polar opposites is masked by their state of inebriation. In light of the next morning, the beauty is horrified to find the beast still in her home and she attempts to forget the night ever happened. That is until eight weeks later when she realizes she's pregnant.

In the midst of a summer filled with big-budget sequels that fall short of expectation, "Knocked Up" is an intriguing surprise. "The 40 Year Old Virgin" writer/director Judd Apatow delivers an interesting spin on atypical romance with multi-faceted comedy and a talented cast.

Katherine Heigl and Seth Rogen

are the perfect beauty and beast couple. Alison Scott (Heigl) is a successful E! Entertainment correspondent who lives in her unhappily married sister's pool house. Ben Stone (Rogen) is a professional slacker.

Alison and Ben attempt to establish a relationship after the news of the pregnancy is revealed, but they are impeded by their diametrically opposed lifestyles and the tension from Alison's sister Debbie's (Leslie Mann) arduous marriage to Pete (Paul Rudd).

The film takes the audience through every hilarious and serious stage of pregnancy while the characters evolve. Pete and Debbie's severely troubled relationship serve as an admonition to Alison and Ben.

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Silverman a hit at MTV Awards

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Tech track sends 17 to national championships

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Sally Kipyego is on the verge of making history again.

Having already won the 2006 cross country title and the indoor 3,000 and 5,000 meter titles, Kipyego can become the first female in NCAA history to earn five individual championships in a single season if she wins the outdoor 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter runs at the 26th Annual Women's National Meet.

The Texas Tech track teams advanced 17 athletes to the NCAA Championships, which extend from Wednesday to Saturday at the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex in Sacramento, Calif.

"I'm excited definitely; I am very excited," Kipyego said laughing. "It's an opportunity to finish the year strong. Basically, it is my first NCAA outdoor championship, so I'm excited to just go and experience running with great athletes out there."

Kipyego is scheduled to run the 5,000 meters and the 10,000 meters.

Coach Wes Kittley said he has confidence Kipyego can finish in first place in both events.

"Sally hates to lose, and I think that if anyone can win that double," Kittley said, "the 10,000 (meter run and the) 5,000 (meter run) over three days in a row it is

her. I think a lot of people doubt (she can do it). I think, 'Is it tough? Sure. Can it be done? No doubt.'"

Kipyego said she feels the pressure to compete well in the 10,000 meter run. She said once she finishes the 10,000 meter finals Thursday, Friday's 5,000 meter finals will not be a problem.

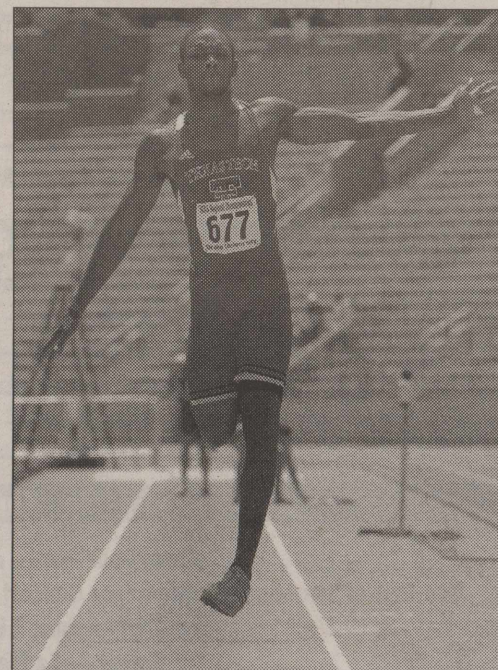
The only other national champion in Tech track and field history is Jonathan Johnson, who won the 2004 outdoor men's 800 meter run.

The No. 10 ranked women's team advanced eight athletes over six events. The women competitors include indoor All-American high jumper Lacy Wilson and pole vaulters Amanda Alley and Kelley Schulz. Irene Kimaiyo will run with Kipyego in the 5,000 meter run.

The men's team, ranked No. 19, qualified nine Red Raiders in eight events. Competing for the men will be 2005 and 2006 senior All-Americans Kevin Chelimo (10,000 meters), Zach Glavash (800 meters), Seth Harris (pole vault), Marlon Odom (110 meter hurdles) and Bryan Scott (400 meter hurdles).

Kittley said Glavash, Harris, Odom, and Scott have excellent chances to place in the top three at the least.

"I think they believe they can win, and I think that's what's different about this year than in the past," Kittley said. "They were hoping to be top three or four in the past. I think now they think,



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"Hey I can go win."

Other female athletes competing include D'Andra Carter and Patience Knight in the discus and Ozie Okolie in the women's hammer throw.

Rounding out the male competitors are Jamie Robinson in the javelin, Bobby Evers in long jump, Jansen Hyde in the 400 meter hurdles and Anthony Flemons in the triple jump.

Kittley said both teams have the opportunity to finish in the national top 5 because of their versatility.

"We've got a little bit of everything, and I think this group we have more (athletes) that can score," Kittley said. "That's what's different about (this team). We've had one or two (that can score) in the past, we'd take a lot of kids but maybe have one or two that maybe thought they could do something. I feel this team is different because a lot of people can score."

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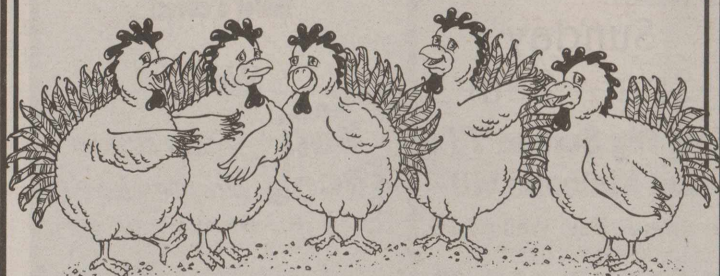
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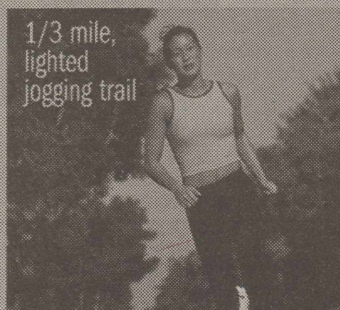
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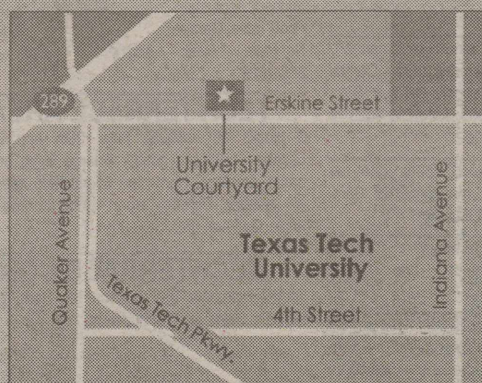


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Straight sets again for Nadal at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal's strokes are always accompanied by lots of grunting, so the French Open must be more difficult than his results make it look.

Still unbeaten at Roland Garros, Nadal completed the men's quarterfinal field Monday by sweeping Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

The two-time defending champion is 18-0 lifetime at the French Open, which seems to be getting easier for him: For the first time, he reached the final eight without losing a set.

"I played my best match of the tournament," Nadal said. "Lleyton is always a very good test and a very tough match because he is a winner. I'm happy with my game today."

A potential showdown looms Sunday between the No. 2-seeded Nadal and top-ranked Roger Federer, who seeks his first French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam.

Nadal's opponent Wednesday will be fellow Spaniard Carlos Moya, the 1998 champion.

"I prefer to lose against him than against any other player because he is a great friend," Nadal said. "He did a lot of things for me when I arrived on the men's circuit."

Moya declined to take credit for Nadal's dominance.

"I don't think he learned anything from me," Moya said. "And if

he did, he did it much better than me."

The other quarterfinal Wednesday will be between No. 125-ranked Igor Andreev and No. 6-seeded Novak Djokovic.

Andreev, who eliminated No. 3-seeded Andy Roddick in the opening round, advanced to his first major quarterfinal by rallying past No. 16 Marcos Baghdatis 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4. Djokovic swept unseeded Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (1) to reach the final eight for the second consecutive year.

"Last year, I honestly didn't expect to be in the quarterfinals," the 20-year-old Djokovic said. "I was pretty much satisfied with my achievement. This year is much different."

The marquee pairing in the women's quarterfinals Tuesday features two-time defending champion Justine Henin against eight-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams. It's a rematch of their contentious 2003 semifinal at Roland Garros.

Hewitt had beaten Nadal in four of their six previous meetings, but on clay the matchup of baseliners was a mismatch from the outset. Nadal won 16 of the first 20 points.

"He just hits the ball so much differently to anyone out there," Hewitt said. "His spin off his forehand — it's quite amazing. He can really work it over."

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