

Time: 'The Protester' Is 'Person Of The Year'

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Protester" has been named Time's "Person of the Year" for 2011.

The selection was announced Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

The magazine cited dissent across the Middle East that has spread to Europe and the United States, and says these protesters are reshaping global politics.

Last year, Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg got the honor.

Time's "Person of the Year" is the person or thing that has most influenced the culture and the news during the past year for good or for ill. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke received the honor in 2009. The 2008 winner was then-President-elect Barack Obama. Other previous winners have included Bono, President George W. Bush, and Amazon.com CEO and founder Jeff Bezos.

Time said it is recognizing protesters because they are "redefining people power" around the world.

Gingrich Faces New Romney Attacks In Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — His attacks growing ever more personal, Mitt Romney on Wednesday questioned chief rival Newt Gingrich's temperament, spending habits and allegiance to both the GOP and the middle class while hecklers confronted Gingrich in the lead-off caucus state.

During a series of interviews while fundraising in New York, Romney told one media outlet that "zany is not what we need in a president" and another that Gingrich had "an extraordinary lack of understanding of how the economy works." To yet another, Romney mocked Gingrich's past accounts at a tony jeweler, saying: "He's a wealthy man - a very wealthy man. If you have a half-a-million-dollar purchase from Tiffany's, you're not a middle-class American."

Could U.S. Driver Abide Cell Phone Ban?

DALLAS (AP) — Junior Woods has a well-practiced routine for conducting business on the road: While driving throughout rural Arkansas, the electronics salesman steals a glance at his cellphone every so often, checking for text messages and emails.

Like millions of other Americans, Woods uses his car as a mobile office, relying on his phone almost every hour of every workday to stay productive and earn a living. So would drivers ever abide by a proposed ban on almost all cellphone use behind the wheel, even if it is hands-free? Could they afford to?

Those are just a few of the questions looming over a federal recommendation that seeks to rein in what has become an essential tool of American business.

Woods said the ban, if adopted, would devastate his sales. Because he lives in a rural state, his minimum drive is an hour and a half.

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In turn, Gevens sees Doby bringing a new vision.

"For Kevin, everything is a level playing field. He brings a fresh outside perspective and is open to new ideas," Gevens said. "We have spent a lot of time brainstorming. We are tweaking things for 2012."

And now, they're ready to take a swing at it.

FACING CHALLENGES

Some things couldn't be overcome this year, like the cold, wet spring and this summer's oppressive humidity and hail storms that kept golfers off the course.

However, course superintendent Rockie Wampol did a tremendous job of keeping the course groomed and in good condition regardless of Mother Nature's fury, Gevens said.

"We had two hailstorms within an hour, and it really beat up the greens," he said. "But Rockie really worked on it. People couldn't believe how nice the greens were after they were busted up so much."

Wampol made tremendous progress in just days, Doby said. "The golf course looked good after the hail storm. We got compliments on its condition," he said.

While not located along the Missouri River, Fox Run was nevertheless affected by this summer's historic flooding, Doby said. "It definitely affected how people spent their time and money," he said.

The economy has also made people cautious, shying away from spending money on golf, Doby said.

"South Dakota has fared better than the majority of the states," he said. "But it has (affected) the way people are spending their entertainment and discretionary dollars."

Doby remains committed to keeping golf affordable for all walks of life.

"When I started golfing, I worked farming, construction and a garbage truck at Platte," he said. "If I could afford (golf), anyone can."

Doby plans to lure people looking for fun, family time, more for their money and accommodating a busy lifestyle.

As part of that goal, he proposes "short rounds" of four or five holes.

"The PGA conducted a study with a Boston consulting firm. They found that 90 million people in the U.S. want to play more golf, but they don't have time," he said.

"The alternative is to shoot a short round with discounted rates. If you can only shoot four holes, that's OK. You can shoot over your noon hour and have your lunch waiting for you at the golf shop when you get done."

Doby points to an already successful local model for another sport.

"(Yankton city parks and recreation director) Todd Larson sees it a lot with basketball over the noon hour," he said. "People could also do (the short round) after work."

OFFERING A PLAN

Doby has set forth a package of proposals, winning the recommendation of the city's Fox Run Golf Advisory Board.

• Doby plans to focus on at-

tracting more families and younger golfers with special times and rates. He would also offer closer tee boxes for younger golfers.

"We could have 9 holes of family golf on weekends after 4 p.m.," he said. "For mom and dad and two kids, it's very cost effective."

Youngsters gain an appreciation for the game that lasts a lifetime, Doby said. "I knew someone in North Carolina who was still golfing at (age) 92," he said.

Yankton has turned out pro golfers, Doby said, pointing to Jim Ahern and Brian Kortan.

"Somewhere out there, you have a Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson," he said of budding area golfers.

• In keeping with his emphasis on time and money, Doby has proposed holding the line on fees and providing incentives for golfing at normally slower times, taking pressure off normally busy times. He would also like to increase senior walk-up play.

• Doby wants to encourage more people to use the driving range, benefiting the course in two ways. First, if people practice and improve their consistency, they will enjoy golf more and want to play more, which should produce more revenue for the course. Second, golfers could choose to use the driving range and not demand tee times during very busy course times.

• To increase the value of the season pass for those purchasing one, Doby proposes to make the pass valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Currently, the summer season pass runs from March 1 to Nov. 15, requiring the purchase of a winter pass if desired. The winter pass generated very little revenue, so the one year-long pass is viewed as an easy way to add value to the season pass.

• Fox Run has placed the purchase of a golf simulator on its wish list for this winter, Gevens said.

"The simulator offers a big screen that you can adjust to play like a certain course," he said. "You can golf with your buddies like you're at Pebble Beach. And you can add things like wind and rain for more challenges."

With the simulator, golfers would arrange tees times like playing on the course. They would pay the appropriate fee for 9 or 18 holes and could use Fox Run's food and beverage operation.

Some screens measure more than 100 inches wide, giving golfers a life-sized experience, Doby said.

"With the simulator, you can golf all year. We can use it for teaching and even run a golf league on it, just like they have dart or pool leagues."

• Doby wants to expand Fox Run's custom club fitting and repairing, using his specialized background in those services.

GETTING OUT THE MESSAGE

Marketing will play a crucial role in boosting Fox Run's season passes and finances, Doby said.

"We have a full events schedule," he said. "We are looking to bring a couple more high-profile events."

Doby has also blasted into cyberspace, using the information superhighway to promote Fox Run's message.

"We have refined and improved our e-marketing efforts. We are using email and social network sites," he said. "But we are still get-

Egypt's Seculars Desperate To Balance Islamists

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Associated Press

CAIRO — Overwhelmed by Islamists in parliamentary elections, the secular and liberal youths who were the driving force behind Egypt's uprising are scrambling to ensure their voices are not lost as a new constitution and government take shape.

Two Islamist blocs — newly emboldened after decades of repression under Mubarak's secular regime — won close to 70 percent of seats in the initial balloting on Nov. 28-29, while the revolutionary parties got less than 15 percent so far, according to an Associated Press tally compiled from official results. A power struggle is emerging between religious factions and the ruling military, with liberals appearing to be on the sidelines.

The second round of voting on Wednesday and Thursday and a final phase in January are not expected to alter the outcome, and Islamists may even boost their gains.

Without a doubt, the presence of the liberal youths behind the uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak will be meager in parliament and Islamists will be in control. But Wael Khalil, a member of one of the alliances born out of the uprising, Revolution Continues, said the fight for the future of Egypt will also be waged outside official institutions.

The most immediate and urgent concern for the revolutionaries is the drafting of the country's new constitution.

The new parliament will be in charge of picking the 100-member constituent assembly to draft the future constitution of the Arab world's most populous country. Many fear an Islamist-dominated



MOHANNAD SABRY/MCT

Egyptian voters lined around one polling station in the coastal city of Suez on Wednesday, the first day of the second round of Egypt's first post-Mubarak parliamentary elections.

parliament may lead to a document guided by strict Islamic principles.

Egypt's military rulers have clearly picked up on liberals' fears. Soon after the Islamist surge in the first round, they floated a new idea designed to prevent an Islamist-dominated parliament from monopolizing the drafting of the constitution. A member of the military ruling council said the parliament is not "representative" enough of the country, and that a parallel military-appointed advisory council, along with the government, would work with the newly elected house to choose

those who will draft the constitution.

Sameh Ashour, the head of the lawyer's union and a supporter of the revolution, has become a member of the military-appointed council.

Khalil said the military is trying to play the liberals and the Islamists against each other to improve its own standing. He said liberal groups shouldn't let their worries about the Islamists send them into the arms of the generals who helped lead Mubarak's old regime.

Some suggested it was time to build alliances with the dominant

parties in the parliament.

Prominent reformist columnist Ibrahim Eissa went as far as saying it is no point talking with the military, expressing a growing sentiment that the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood is increasingly seizing the reins in determining the future shape of Egypt.

The badly lagging secular and liberal groups were scrambling to keep Islamist parties from grabbing even more of the spoils in Wednesday's second round of parliamentary elections. They turned to celebrities and tried to adopt a more Muslim-friendly image.

Hours before voting started Wednesday dozens of volunteers crammed in a small room for a crash-course on election monitoring by one of the liberal parties.

One volunteer interrupted a detailed discussion of legal procedures, saying: "We don't have time. We want to save whatever we can."

Omniya Fikry, a voter in Giza province, home to the famous pyramids on the western outskirts of Cairo, said she was worried a dominant Islamic bloc would reproduce the one-party system that dominated politics under Mubarak.

"I came out to give some balance," Fikry said, adding that she was alarmed by Islamist candidates and clerics who have become increasingly vocal about wanting to impose strict Islamic rules on Egyptians.

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