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Baylor denounces noose in tree on Election Day

WACO (AP) - Baylor University officials said they are investigating "deeply disturbing" incidents the day Barack Obama was elected the nation's first black president, including an apparent noose hanging from a tree.

"These events are deeply disturbing to us and are antithetical to the mission of Baylor University," interim president David E. Garland said in a statement Wednesday. "We categorically denounce and will not tolerate racist acts of any kind on our campus."

NATION

Minnesota race heads into automatic recount

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - A slugfest for nearly two years, Minnesota's U.S. Senate race headed into a new round Wednesday as the campaigns girded for an automatic statewide recount to determine whether Republican Sen. Norm Coleman's bare lead over Democratic challenger Al Franken would stand.

Coleman declared himself the winner of Tuesday's election, but Franken said he would let the recount play out, hoping it would erase the incumbent's 475-vote lead out of nearly 2.9 million ballots. State officials said the recount wouldn't start until mid-November and would probably take weeks.

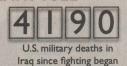
WORLD

Hamas fires rockets at Israel after 6 killed

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers scrambled Wednesday to contain fallout from the deadliest outbreak of violence since a truce brought an uneasy peace to the area five

Gaza militants pounded southern Israel with dozens of rockets to avenge raids that left six militants dead, but the guns quickly fell silent with neither side appearing to have much to gain from renewed hostilities.

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Alcohol passes Terry County, Lubbock next

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Fifty-eight percent of registered Terry County voters voted in favor of an alcohol expansion issue that Lubbock County voters will decide for themselves.

Terry County's expansion of alcohol sales proposition began in a similar way to Lubbock County's expansion of alcohol sales propositions which will be voted

Terry County citizens applied to start a petition to allow packaged beer and wine to be sold in the county, said Debbie Reid, the Chief Deputy Clerk of Terry County. The petition needed 888

official signatures.

Reid said only registered voters of Terry County were allowed to sign the petition. Consequently, approximately 100 additional signatures from voters not registered in Terry County were disqualified and not counted.

Lubbock County will have two alcohol-related petitions on the May ballot including the expansion of beer, wine and distilled spirits sales in Lubbock County and the expansion of the sale of mixed drinks in restaurants.

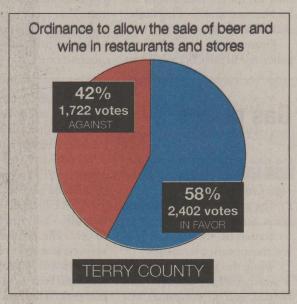
"What is encouraging for us was that Terry County got to vote on this issue," said Norma Johnson, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's vice president signatures to become a proposition on of legislative affairs and a member of

the ballot and the petitions received 890 Let Lubbock Vote — a political action committee interested in bringing to vote Lubbock's alcohol sales issues but not for or against the actual implementation of new liquor laws.

The Lubbock County expansion of alcohol petitions began simultaneously Oct. 1 and needed 18,747 signatures. Less than two weeks later, Eddie McBride, a staff supporter of Let Lubbock Vote and President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said Texas Petition Strategies, the firm hired to gather signatures for Let Lubbock Vote, had acquired more than 23,000 unofficial, unverified signatures for each respective petition.

The Terry County petition drive be

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Obama picks Clinton alum Emanuel chief of White House staff

By DAVID ESPO & NEDRA PICKLER ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama pivoted quickly to begin filling out his new administration on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been cloaked in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job. While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect within hours of an electoral college landslide.

With hundreds of jobs to fill and only 10 weeks until Inauguration Day, Obama and his transition team confronted a formidable task complicated by his anti-lobbyist campaign rhetoric.

The official campaign Web Site said no political appointees would be permitted to work on "regulations or contracts directly and substantially related to their prior employer for two years. And no political appointee will be able to lobby the executive branch after leaving government service during the remainder of the administration."

But almost exactly one year ago, on Nov. 3, 2007, candidate Obama went considerably further than that while campaigning in South Carolina. "I don't take a dime of their money, and when I am president, they won't find a job in my White House," he said of lobbyists at the time.

Because they often have prior experience in government or politics, lobbyists figure as potential appointees for presidents of both parties.

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Oil, gas prices fall; experts say relief could be short-lived

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Gas prices dropped around Lub-

not last long according to gas and oil prices down. oil price experts.

are dropping because of falling demand from the American public.

countries increased as well as demand in the United States, he said, needed to fulfill demand.

Summers said the correlation they are low. between the price of oil and the

the national economy.

With the economy threatening consumption from drivers. bock to less than \$2 per gallon after recession, Summers said, people several weeks of quickly decreasing stopped driving as much to avoid prices, but that gas pump relief may the higher gas prices, which drove stations rose Wednesday for the first

Charles Bolton, owner of local additional increases today. Peter Summers, an assistant company Bolton Oil, said the deprofessor of economics at Texas crease in gasoline and oil prices helps costs associated with higher prices.

Higher gas prices mean more costs Because demand for oil in other for the gasoline as well as higher costs for credit card transactions, he said.

Consumption from Bolton Oil the Organization of Petroleum Ex- gas stations went up 10 to 12 percent take advantage of the prices while people start buying gas.

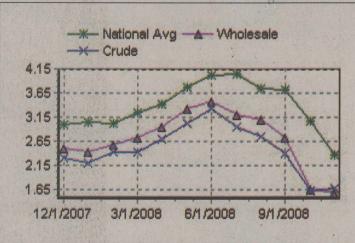
and the price of oil is a reflection of gasoline prices. However, if prices broader economic trends instead of stayed the same for a longer period of time, it would level off increased

> Despite gas reaching prices less than \$2, Bolton said, costs for his time in two weeks, and he expects

While he is not able to predict the price gasoline will level off at, Tech, said oil and gasoline prices his company because they have less he said, a good compromise between oil companies and consumers would be around \$2.40 or \$2.50 per gallon. However, he said his company is at the mercy of the refineries when it comes to setting prices.

porting Countries could not keep in the last three weeks, Bolton said, and demand affect the price of oil, increasing production at the rate because he believes people want to prices eventually will rise again when

Because his company operates at a gas prices occurred in the mid-1970s, tional money toward finding new oil overall state of the economy has local level, he said, it allows it to see he said, when oil companies had a sources and replacing machinery. changed in the last several months, benefits almost immediately of lower production surplus in oil after con-



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Summers said because supply sumers stopped buying because of site, the oil crisis of the 1970s will

A similar rise and fall in oil and hesitant to continue placing addi- companies and the consumers. According to the OPEC Web

not happen again because the orga-Because of that instance, Sum- nization learned that if prices are too mers said, oil companies are more high or too low, it harms both the

Several conditions were unique to

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On the morning after making history, the man elected the first black president had breakfast with his wife and two daughters at their Chicago home, went to a nearby gym and visited his downtown

Aides said he planned no public appearances until later in the week, when he has promised to hold a news conference.

As president-elect, he begins receiving highly classified briefings from top intelligence officials Thursday.

In offering the post of White House chief of staff to Emanuel, Obama turned to a fellow Chicago politician with a far different style from his own, a man known for his bluntness as well as his singleminded determination.

Emanuel was a political and policy aide in Bill Clinton's White

House. Leaving that, he turned to investment banking, then won a Chicago-area House seat six years ago. In Congress, he moved quickly into the leadership. As chairman of the Democratic campaign committee in 2006, he played an instrumental role in restoring his party to power after 12 years in the minority.

Emanuel maintained neutrality during the long primary battle between Obama and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, not surprising given his long-standing ties to the former first lady and his Illinois connections with Obama.

The day after the election there already was jockeying for Cabinet

Several Democrats said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who won a new six-year term on Tuesday, was angling for secretary of state. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss any private conversations.

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the time period that allowed the oil crisis to occur, according to the organization's Web site.

The current fall in gasoline prices, Summers said, is a positive for consumers, including airlines and transportation businesses.

While the large-scale demand is unresponsive in the short run, he said, and oil companies will suffer for a while, demand eventu-

ally will climb over time. Because of the economic downturn, it may take longer than usual for demand to reach its regular rate.

Nationally, gasoline prices dropped to \$2.36 per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report Web site. That price is more than 50 cents cheaper than gas prices were one year ago. Crude oil prices dropped to \$65.30, according to The Associated Press, more than \$80 less than peak oil prices in July.

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gan April 10 and, just like the alcohol petitions in Lubbock, had 60 days to gather enough registered Lubbock County voter signatures.

Reid said the petition and subsequent proposition met stiff competition from a political action commit-selling beer and wine in the tee in Terry County.

run," she said.

A Lubbock County-based PAC, Truth Against Alcohol Sales, was established in September to inform Lubbock County voters of the nega-

tive aspect alcohol can have on one's life, according to a previous article in The Daily Toreador.

Now, Terry County stores and restaurants can file for liquor licenses with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Reid said. The process to receive their licenses will take approximately 60 to 90 days.

Reid added that all entities county must be 300 feet away "It was a very tough, controversial from churches, public and private schools and hospitals.

> The county seat of Terry County, Brownfield, is approximately 40 miles southwest of Lubbock.

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Toys for Tickets gives students options, opportunities to service Lubbock community

By HALIE HARTMAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After a year of difficulty in gathering toys for needy children in the Lubbock community, the Lubbock Marine Reserve is asking for additional help from the community and the Texas Tech campus.

Last December, when the Marines were running out of toys for the children in their Toys for Tots program, they started giving away presents they bought for their own

"Literally, the Marines started going out to their cars, where they had toys for their own families, and bringing them in," said Sgt. Joseph Bennett, the Toys for Tots coordinator in Lubbock.

This year he expects the need will be even greater.

The Marines' goal for this year, Bennett said, is to collect 18,000

"We feel like there is going to be a greater need this year than there has been in previous years, because of the economic downturn," he

said. "As a result, we want to make blocking handicap spaces or displaysure that we have plenty of toys for the kids because we actually came up short last year and that is a very disappointing thing for us. It's an incredibly crushing experience to not have enough toys.'

Bennett said Tech will provide a lot of help for Toys for Tots this year. One of the ways the school contributes is through Toys for Tickets, a campaign sponsored by University Parking Services that runs Nov. 5

The campaign allows students to buy a toy to donate in place of paying an outstanding parking ticket. The toy must be of equal or greater value than the amount of the citation, said Heather Medley, the University Parking Services' marketing and training coordinator.

"And then if they want a citation dismissed," she said, "then they can come into the office with their receipt and their toy and have it dismissed."

There are a few exceptions, said Lee Sonnenberg, associate director of University Parking Services. Tickets given out for parking in or ing a stolen, forged or altered permit are not eligible for the program.

While the Toys for Tickets campaign is going on its third year. University Parking Services has been involved with the Marines' Toys for Tots Foundation for longer.

'We have actually been a dropoff location for Toys for Tots for quite a while," Sonnenberg said. "We just decided to do the Toys for Tickets program as an incentive to get more toys donated because students are more likely to go out and spend their money on a toy rather than a ticket."

All donated toys go to children in and near the Lubbock area, Bennett said, and will be distributed to children Dec. 22 and 23 at the South Plains Fair Grounds.

University Parking Services encourages participation in the campaign, Sonnenberg said. Toys can be donated and dropped off at any of the entry stations on campus or inside the office.

"Once a box is filled up, we'll call the officer and have him come pick it up," Sonnenberg said. "And

it's always nice to have to call him two or three times before the end of the program."

Bennett said 44 Marines from Lubbock currently are in Iraq, and as a result the program needs more community support this year.

Along with participating in the Toys for Tickets campaign, he said, students can get involved with Toys for Tots by gathering donations and starting their own

Bennett said he would love to hear from any students or organizations that would like to help with Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots is important to him, Bennett said, because he cannot imagine a child not having some sort of gift on Christmas.

"I think the most important thing is that kids, all kids, have Christmas," Bennett said. "That they all have that smile on their face on Christmas morning. There's just nothing like that."

Anyone wanting information about Toys for Tots can contact Bennett at 806-763-2853.

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Leaders, citizens across world celebrate Obama victory

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — For many

I would," said Joseph Ochieng, a residents picked up the president-36-year-old carpenter who lives in elect's half brother Malik and carried Kenya's sprawling Kibera shantytown, a maze of tin-roofed shacks and dirt roads.

Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki declared a public holiday Thursday in the country of Obama's late father, 23, a Kenyan business student who allowing celebrations to continue joined hundreds of others for an that no person anywhere in the world through the night and into a second day. From Europe and Asia to the Middle East, many expressed amazement that the U.S. could overcome centuries of racial strife and elect an African-American president.

Scenes of jubilation broke out in across Africa and the world, Barack the western Kenya village of Kogelo, he spent most of his childhood raised Obama's election seals America's reputa- where many of Obama's Kenyan relation as a land of staggering opportunity. tives still live. People sang, danced in his father. But for the world's poorest "If it were possible for me to get the streets and wrapped themselves continent, the ascent of a man of him through the village.

"Unbelievable!" Malik Obama shouted, leading the family in chanting, "Obama's coming, make way!"

election party that began at 5 a.m. should not dare to dream of want-Wednesday at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Kenya, Michael Ranneberger.

"I think this is awesome, and the whole world is backing him," Ndimu said as people raised glasses of champagne.

pride and hope.

Tributes rolled in from two of Africa's groundbreaking leaders. Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president, said Obama gave the "He's in!" said Rachel Ndimu, world the courage to dream.

> "Your victory has demonstrated ing to change the world for a better place," Mandela said in a letter of congratulations.

Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf — the first woman elected to did not expect to see a black Ameri- Middle East and a financial crisis.

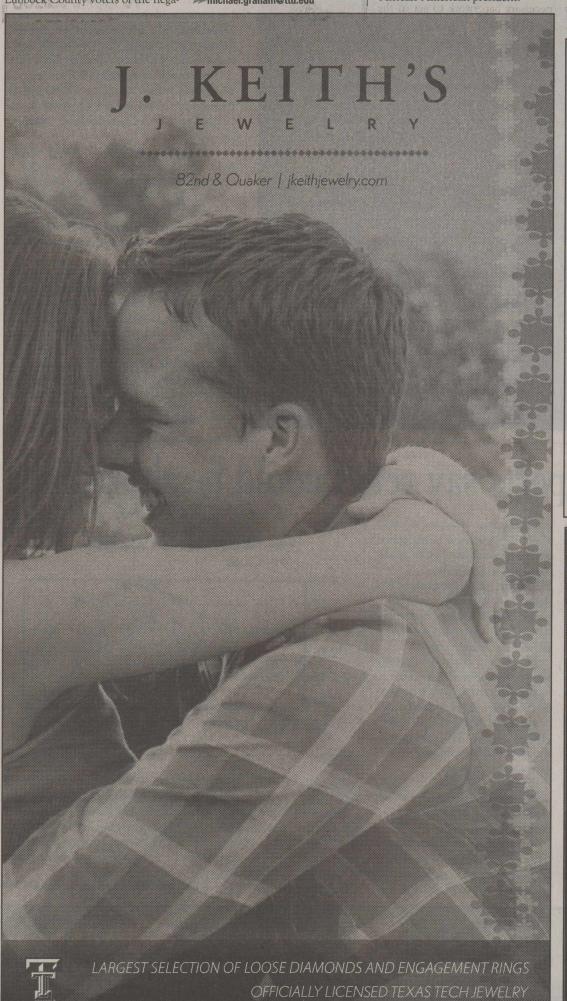
Obama was born in Hawaii, where can president in her lifetime.

"All Africans now know that if by his white mother. He barely knew you persevere, all things are possible,"

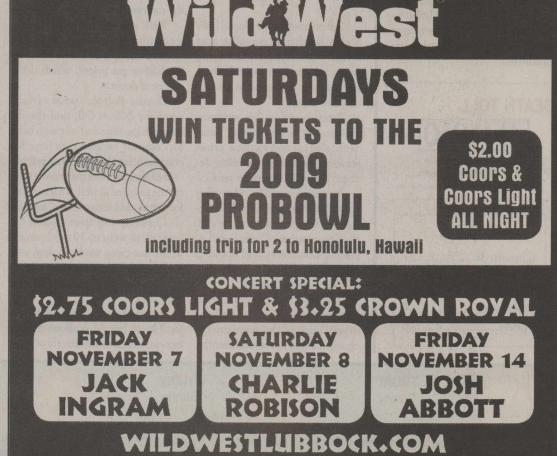
In Indonesia, where Obama lived to the United States on my bicycle, in U.S. flags. A group of exuberant African heritage to America's highest as child, hundreds of students at his office was a source of immeasurable former elementary school erupted in cheers when he was declared winner, pouring into the courtyard where they hugged, danced in the rain and chanted "Obama! Obama!"

> In Britain, The Sun newspaper borrowed from Neil Armstrong's 1969 moon landing in describing Obama's election as "one giant leap for mankind.'

Yet celebrations were often tempered by sobering concerns that Obama faces momentous global challenges — wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the nuclear ambitions of head an African country — said she Iran, the elusive hunt for peace in the







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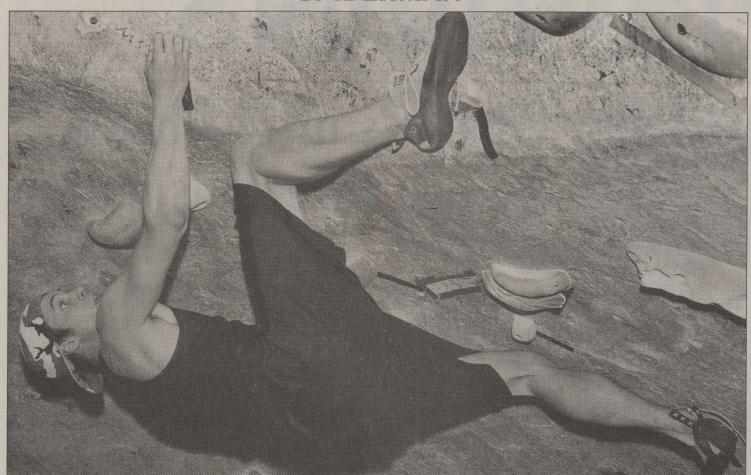


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SOPHOMORE JACE HASSOLDT, a history major from Colorado Springs, Colo., hangs on to the wall Wednesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student

Ambassadors to speak at Tech's International Cultural Center

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Recreation center.

Bringing a worldly perspective to campus, two ambassadors from different countries will speak at Texas Tech's International Cultural Center.

The ambassadors will participate in a panel discussion hosted by the center at 5:30 p.m. today, in the building's auditorium located at 601 Indiana Avenue.

Ambassador Frances Cook, the former U.S. Ambassador to Oman, and Ambassador Hunaina Sultan Al-Mughairy, the Omani



Ambassador to the United States, will discuss a variety of issues pertaining to both the U.S. and abroad, said Jane Bell, director

of operations at the center.

Cook is a three-time U.S. ambassador, Bell said. She has served as an ambassador to both Burundi and Cameroon, as well as Oman.

"She is a fascinating woman with a long and distinguished

said. Mughairy is an economist and has an extensive

background in business, Bell said. She was the first female to represent an Arab country in the U.S.

"She has been a very strong advocate for U.S. and Oman free trade agreements," Bell said.

The discussion will be led by former Ambassador Tibor Nágy,

career," she vice provost for Tech's Office of International Affairs, Bell said. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask the ambassadors questions during the

> "This will be a very important and interesting program from two estimable women," Bell said.

There will be a reception immediately following the event in the center that everyone is encouraged to attend, she

The event is free and open to the public.

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License plates offer scholarship money

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources raised \$8,500 for scholarships by selling license plate.

The program, started in 2004, sells license plates to those interested in increasing scholarship funds for agriculture students. The plates feature a picture of a cotton boll and the phrase, "Fabric of our lives."

The plates cost an additional \$30 on top of regular license plate costs, \$22 of which goes to scholarship funds to be split between Tech and Texas

John Burns, dean of the college, said the program helps increase scholarship funds for the college, which already rank higher in total amount of money than any other college at the university.

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money towards the

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TEXAS COTTON

GINNERS ASSOCIATION

positive thing

The university gave \$1.7 million in scholarships this year and \$1.5 million last year, he said, and the amount given in scholarships continues to increase each year.

Don Harris, owner of a Lubbock appraisal company, said he originally thought of the idea when he noticed a Tech customized license plate and thought a license plate to similarly benefit agricultural students would be a good idea.

Harris' wife, who owns a fabric shop, designed the license plates, he said, and each

of them has a customized version of the plates.

It took about two or three years to get the program "off the ground," Harris said, and he had to raise about \$12,000 to start the program.

Aaron Nelsen, director of communications for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association, said the program would financially help students enrolled in the college so they can graduate.

"Anytime you can put money towards the further education of young people," he said, "I think it's a positive thing."

Nelsen said Tech was chosen as one of the universities to receive money from the program because a large number of leaders in the cotton industry graduated from Tech.

Burns said the college has a combined endowment of \$18 million and hopes to raise that number to more than \$25 million. The college gave 1,414 scholarships to 676 students this year.

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House Speaker Tom Craddick on ropes after legislative elections

mounted for powerful House Speaker the very least, Democrats had nar-Tom Craddick on Wednesday, a day rowed their minority status to within for speaker, Democratic Rep. Tracy necessary paperwork to get in the after his Republican party lost three two seats. seats in the House and possibly a

can and two Democrats — as rumors times. swirled of party-switchers and shift-

ing alliances. uncertainty of its partisan makeup venes in January. weakens the iron-fisted grip he's held

on the chamber since 2003. three seats in the House, giving "It's over." Republicans a 76-74 edge if current trends hold. But two races remained caucus meeting Wednesday aftertoo close to call and Democrats hope noon to plan their postelection builder Bob Perry.

AUSTIN (AP) — Troubles way and balance power at 75-75. At and energy.

In the last five years, Republicans fourth depending on the outcome of have squandered a 26-seat majority an expected recount in Dallas. that had given them free rein in the It's a growing list by the moment," Meanwhile, three new speaker chamber and made Craddick the King said candidates emerged — one Republi- first Republican speaker in modern

At least one Republican and sev-Craddick remained the apparent Craddick on the way out in an front-runner to lead the chamber internal race that won't be officially for the next two-year term. But the decided until the Legislature reconder-area district is the largest in

dick," said House Democratic Ritter, a conservative Democrat Texas Democrats gained at least Caucus Chairman Jim Dunnam. who might be able to bring Repub-

a Dallas-area recount will turn their strategy with an air of excitement

Asked who would be his choice Houston have previously filed the King of Eagle Pass indicated his running. party's disarray.

"I don't know who's running.

Veteran Democratic Rep. Pete Gallego of Alpine and Rep. Allan Ritter, D-Nederland, declared their eral optimistic Democrats declared intention to run for speaker early Wednesday.

Gallego, whose sprawling borthe state by far, has strong support "Stick a fork in Tom Crad- from traditional Democratic groups. licans onto his team, has been the Democrats trickled into a House recipient of one of the GOP's most generous donors, Houston home-

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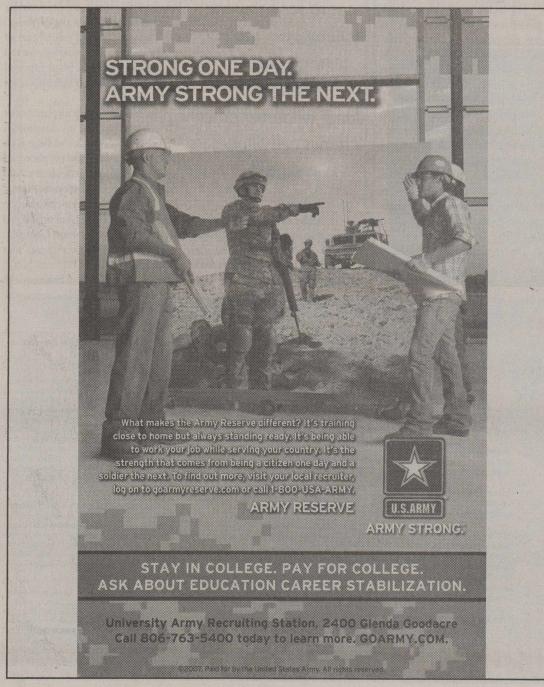
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PINIONS

Witnessing history on election night

Juesday night, I was in a group of about a dozen people gathered around a tiny television, passing around two bottles of \$12 sparkling wine. Barack Obama, recently elected, was giving his victory speech in Chicago, and we were watching in near silence.

Obama began, "who still doubts that thing they perhaps had not felt in a America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our Nixon Cooper, a 106-year-old Aftime; who still questions the power rican-American woman who had of our democracy, tonight is your voted that day in Atlanta, and in doanswer."

He gave a flawless speech, not once stumbling over a word. His slavery; a time when there were no voice would have played well on a cars on the road or planes in the sky; radio broadcast a century ago; it is when someone like her couldn't vote powerful, and clear and virtuous, for two reasons — because she was a for Lubbock Democrats, is like what like Charlie Parker's saxophone. Live woman and because of the color of it's like to be a Tech football fan footage of audiences in Martin Luther her skin. King, Jr.'s Baptist church and a Kenyan village flashed on the screen.

referring to his daughters, "I love you both so much, and you have earned struggle and the progress; the times complacent. If what my friends and the new puppy that's coming with us we were told that we can't, and the to the White House."

It doesn't get more charming American creed: Yes we can."

bilities we must deal with, including contemplation. two wars and an economic crisis, but conveyed cautious optimism: "The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America — I have never been more will get there. I promise you - we as a people will get there."

in and around Grant Park cheered energetically, with a sincere belief



"If there is anyone out there," in the future of their country, somelong time.

> ing so, he told the story of America: "She was born just a generation past

"And tonight," he continued. "I think about all that she's seen "Sasha and Malia," Obama said, throughout her century in America — the heartache and the hope; the

He named some of the responsition to sink in, jubilation turned into self-new leader.

"What am I going to do now?" It seemed Obama had conveyed so much poise and accomplishment, he forced us to think, "What have I been doing to better my country?" This is plumbers, Republicans and Demohopeful than I am tonight that we what great leaders do, they inspire.

"Let's go sweep up the streets for Obama," someone joked, acting Braden is a senior natural An estimated 250,000 people out the sweeping of a broom with history and humanities major enthusiasm.

We walked to Schooner's, the eric.braden@ttu.edu.

neighborhood bar. "Obama shots for all," someone declared, and soon we were dropping shot glasses filled with blue liquid into red-and-white drinks. Don't ask me what was in them.

"Yes we can! Yes we can!" yelled a friend as he walked in and came over to our two tables, doling out high-fives along the way. The buzz was contagious, sometimes erupting in animated toasts and cheers. People Obama told the story of Ann regularly checked their cell phones as they received mass text messages like "We did it!" and "Wahoo!"

But eventually the crowd dispersed and slowly drifted home.

In Lubbock County, 68 percent of the vote went to John McCain, and 31 percent went to Obama. That's what we're used to. So this moment, right now - we're used to being the underdog, and it feels kind of strange, and totally great of course to be a winner for once.

But this nation is anything but I felt Tuesday night is not an isolated people who pressed on with that event — and I feel certain it wasn't - then we are a nation eager to ac-As the gravity of the night began complish new things, inspired by a

As Obama said in his victory "I mean damn," a friend said, speech, this is not the change we seek, not yet. We have only potential so far. There's no need to wait until Jan. 20. It's time to get to work, America. Community organizers and crats, all.

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Obama's ultra-liberal agenda threatens nation

By ALEXANDER PHERSON DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

stand how we got here. After Lan election saga that lasted almost two years and frayed our collective sanity, Tuesday's events might dysfunction.

in Americans, and no amount of lost - or failed to gain - by electing Barack Obama, dare I say, the next president of the United States.

It's easy to scratch our heads he was culpable. at this moment and wonder how this could come to pass. How did a freshman senator with not a shred of legislative achievement to his credit, who is friends with the most radical elements of society, come to occupy to the highest office in the universe at the most consequential time in

It saddens me to consider the injustice. Like many elections, this one was fought and won in the media, but never was a candidate so much supposed to show restraint in endorsing candidates.

In all fairness, Obama deserves give them an ear. most of the credit. Never did a politician have such a belief in his own aptitude, nor did one boast about it the way Obama did. From romanticizing about using the Brandenburg Gate as the backdrop for his European Tour, consolation. to cheering, "we are the ones we've been waiting for," he has already anointed himself among our greatest politicians, indeed our greatest childhood heroes.

But even this man, inclined to the soggiest displays of narcissism, would have to admit that his opponent

waged a valiant campaign given what will look like: he was up against.

I don't think I will ever under- to "aggressively pursue an agreement the major taxes --on income, capital John McCain took him at his word. But a massive salt lick. Obama proceeded to abjure from that be evidence of permanent cognitive promise in June to eventually amass a Doctrine," a superbly misnamed project Whatever the diagnosis, this private contributions. Having stayed to political programming by stipulating election has brought out the worst loyal to public funding and having to that "coverage of controversial issues face a recalcitrant media, McCain had to by a broadcast station be balanced and

America passed up a hero in John McCain, a man whose capacity for the in unionized elections, preventing empresidency should never have been questioned, who appreciates the challenges on reforming the Soviet Union.

Now, as we confront these challenges, we are led by a man with the incipient experience of 143 days in the Senate - an amateur whose foreign policy is rooted in naive convictions of everyone working together and multilatin the pockets of the people who are eralism. Fanatics will stop at nothing to immigrants. Since the number of docdestroy us, and we played right into their tors will not expand to keep up with the hands by electing a man who's willing to huge influx of patients, we are likely to

> Soon, the afterglow that comes from electing Obama will fade and the people who hung on his every word like Pavlov's dogs will realize the

> We are now committed to an ultraliberal agenda the likes of which have never been seen in American politics. It is an agenda that strikes a blow to justice in every sphere and threatens to dismantle the fabric of this great

Here's what an Obama presidency liberal revenge.

1. The most monumental taxes in In the primary season, Obama agreed decades. Obama plans to increase all with the Republican nominee to pre- gains, estate, dividend, death, etc., efserve a publicly financed election," and fectively turning the government into

2. A restoration of the "Fairness staggering \$600 million in public and that will purge the laissez-faire approach recompense will justify what we have fly against an overwhelming headwind. fair" - according to government stan-In the end, though, McCain's cam- dards of fairness. It's specifically aimed paign was doomed by the economic crisis at stemming conservative supremacy in and people's perception that somehow, talk radio (the only medium we have any claim to).

> 3. The elimination of secret ballots ployers from opposing unionization.

4. Supreme Court justices who'll we face abroad - a nuclear Iran, Islamic bring new meaning to "loose confascism and a resurgent Russia with eves structionism." These men or women will trample on the Constitution with a judicial philosophy predicated on "empathy" instead of justice.

5. A government-run, universal health care system, which will extend health care to 50 million uninsured people, including over 10 million illegal see a rationing of health care.

This nightmare is not far off. At this point, it looks as if the Democrats will get the 60 seats they need to prevent a Republican filibuster, meaning that they profundity of their error. But that is no can do practically anything. By virtue of this election, and by virtue of the pentup desire for innovation in Congress that has been building in the last eight years, we should all expect a radical turn to the left - no checks and balances, no safety valve, no temperance. This election meant all or nothing, and we're about to get a huge and unhealthy dose of

American democracy under Cell phones dangerous AND lame attack from electoral fraud

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new president seems like a good time to ponder another choice: What kind of society do you want to live in? Do you want to live in one that respects and protects individual rights or one that doesn't? You may be surprised to hear that right to property, freedom of speech do so. He no longer acts by right, but these are your only two choices.

Sure, there are an almost unlimited variety of social systems. There are to one's life. monarchies, democracies, theocracies. There is socialism, communism, fascism and a variety of other mixed systems. But all these systems are variations on one theme: All regard the individual as a serf.

Each is based on the idea that such as a "right to a job." individuals must serve some higher representatives deem it necessary. This is true regardless of whether the cause is the majority will, a god, the czar, the collective, the race or the nation.

Only the United States was is Obama uncomfortable with? founded with the express purpose of principle of individual rights. Thus the alternative of individual rights "redistributive change." vs. serfdom. =

ica's unique system of rights. We are to act freely and keep one's property slowly and steadily moving away from is the opposite of having one's propa rights-protecting society toward one erty expropriated and redistributed. that systematically violates rights. but that they don't understand what Americans, wants to have his rights rights are and what they require.

Most people think rights come impossible. from society - that we all get to-

rights; it does not create them.

A right is a principle recognizfundamental right, the right to one's henceforth conditional on other own life. All other rights, such as the people's willingness to allow him to and of the press are derivatives, or by permission. expressions, of the fundamental right

from restricting an individual's freedom of action. There is no such thing acts by permission, not by right. as a "right" to the goods of others,

cause and should be sacrificed to concept of rights. Barack Obama, that cause when and if society or its for instance, claims "health care is a right" and lamented that the Supreme Court "didn't break free from right, like the Founders intended, the essential constraints that were or by permission as determined by placed by the Founding Fathers in the king, majority or Obama? This the Constitution." What constraint is the basic, unavoidable choice.

placing individual sovereignty above tion is a charter of negative liberthe state and collective. Only the ties. [It] says what the states can't United States was founded on the do to you ... but it doesn't say what ... governments must do on your America stands not as one system behalf." As a consequence, "one among many, but as a repudiation of the tragedies of the civil rights of all other systems. It forms a basic movement," he concludes, was that alternative among social systems: they were not able to bring about

But rights are in fact the opposite Today we have all but lost Amer- of wealth redistribution. The ability These two phenomena cannot be The reason is not that Americans packaged under some woozy uswant to be moving in this direction, age of "rights." Obama, like most and destroy them, too. But this is

The principle of individual rights gether and decide what rights people forms a basic alternative underlying should have. But this cannot be all social systems. Either society true. Rights, by definition, are those adopts individual rights as its guid-

actions one cannot take without perinciple or it drops the principle mission — i.e., by right. The source entirely. It's not possible to protect of rights is not society, but the nature rights sometimes. To claim an indi-The day after choosing a of man. A proper society recognizes vidual has a right to his life but that his earnings may be redistributed as society sees fit, is to repudiate his ing and sanctioning an individual's rights entirely. His ability to pursue freedom of action. There is only one his life and retain his earnings is

Acting by permission is the basis of every oppressive social system Rights require nothing of other throughout history. Whether a king people except in the negative sense decides to free some peasants or the they require that others refrain majority allows Socrates to live, the principle is the same: The individual

In the coming months, as a new administration quarrels over who Some people take issue with this to tax, regulate, bailout and subsidize, consider the basic alternative: Should individuals pursue their life, liberty and property as a matter of Pretending the choice does not exist In his words, that "the Constitu- will achieve the usual results: no cake

By RACHEL EVERSOLE DAILY EASTERN NEWS (EASTERN ILLINOIS U.)

astern Illinois University resident Bill Perry and the Faculty Senate have been discussing a campus-wide cell phone policy concerning classrooms. While this is a great idea to implement at Eastern, the overall problem is more than just a learning disruption. Cell phones are taking over our campus, state, country and world, and not for the better.

Just look around. You are hardpressed not to see someone holding one, talking, texting, checking messages or doing whatever other things cell phones can do today. It's not only annoying to hear someone's one-sided conversations, disrupting to hear the click-clacking of text messaging (don't think others can't hear you!) and the killing of the concept of true communication, it can also be quite dangerous. There is a reason many states are choosing to implement no-cell-phones-while-

Chicago is one of the cities Advocates for Cell Phone Safety, driver because of their recklessness? It And that is the way it should be.

drivers on cell phones are twice as is a wonder there are not more injuries slower reaction time to the signals phone usage. they do detect and they increase their legally intoxicated.

Tust look around. You are hard-pressed not to see someone holding one, talking, texting, checking messages or doing whatever other things cell phones

or no, not even bothering to look up from their phones to see what may phone illegal. According to the of their safety and the safety of the in danger of my possible carelessness.

can do today.

likely to miss a traffic signal, have a reported on campus connected to cell I can tell it is somewhat of a genera-

risk of causing a crash by 400 percent tion gap issue that causes my dislike for - the same as if the driver were driving the cell phone. In high school, I did not have one, and none of my friends But pedestrians are in danger too. had one either. If we needed to speak You do not know how many students to one another, we would call from our home phones, go over to each other's houses or wait for the next day at school. Trust me, the oh-my-gosh gossip got passed quickly enough around our small community that a cell phone would have been pointless. It wasn't until I moved out of my parent's house that I bought a pay-as-you-go cell phone so I could call in case of an emergency. The minutes cost too much to use my phone frequently, and having a phone wasn't that important to me anyway.

Yes, I do have a real cell phone now. I bought it after I put my daughter in day care and went back to college. Kids get sick all the time, and my phone allows me to be reached in a hurry. And I don't want to be a hypocrite. Sure, I field an occasional phone call while on driving laws, especially to those dart off across the street, crosswalk break between classes, but only if it is someone I know who wants more than just to say hi. Otherwise, I can wait enforcing hands-free legislation be coming. Sure, pedestrians have until later to call them from home, to make driving while using a cell the right of way, but at the expense where no one else has to hear me or be

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first official appearance as first family- Adam Glassman, creative director at elect will be long remembered for many Oprah magazine. weighty historic reasons, but it could also signal another new beginning: An er Oprah Winfrey, attending the entirely different fashion sense in the Obama victory party in Grant Park, White House.

The Obama family took the stage ties at the waist.) in Chicago Tuesday night in colorcoordinated outfits, all with touches credibly democratic when it comes of red or black.

suits or demure pastels here: Instead he added. she wore a striking red-and-black dress designed by well-regarded, but not-somainstream, Narciso Rodriguez.

President-elect Barack Obama wore the same style dark-navy suit custom- he thinks she — not a stylist — is

made by Hart Schaffner Marx that he wore at the Democratic Convention, the company says, accompanied with a deep red, striped necktie.

Older daughter Malia wore a red bubble-hem dress, while the younger Sasha wore a black dress with an oversized bow on the front.

Together, they made a pleasing picture of coordination

and confidence, style-watchers say.

"One of the things about Michelle and Barack is that they have classic Daily, but it's fodder to fuel further American style," said Pamela Fiori, connections. editor in chief of Town & Country.

White House, they'll continue that favorite of Michelle Obama's, albeit and dress in a lot of American design- a more modern version. ers — it certainly has been the case so far. She says on TV that she's wearing great in — a curvy sheath, but she an outfit from J.Crew," she said. "You still makes a powerful visual statehave to appreciate her honesty and ment. She wants to project a bold sense of style.'

Michelle Obama also has worn wild," Foley said. some relatively new names on the fashion scene, including Thakoon Panichgul and Maria Pinto. She also wore off-the-rack style by White House Black Market on "The View."

"You know what I think is amazing? She likes fashion but she doesn't

NEW YORK (AP) — The Obamas' really let fashion wear her," observed

(Longtime Obama supportwore a long green Agnona tunic that

"She (Michelle Obama) is into fashion. She doesn't just do the For Michelle Obama, no stuffy old guard, she represents the new,"

The straight-from-the-runway Rodriguez dress highlighted both her attractive figure and her savvy sense of style, Glassman said. He also said

> calling the shots about her look.

It's worth noting, especially amid all the comparisons to the Obamas and Kennedys that Rodriguez also designed the wedding dress that Caroline Bessette wore at her wedding to John F. Kennedy Jr. That could

be a coinci-

dence, said Bridget Foley, executive editor of W magazine and Women's Wear

The sheath-dress silhouette "I hope as they move into the that Jackie made famous is indeed a

"She took a dress shape she looks image ... but it's not over the top

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Community luncheon discusses racism, hate

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech community - a melting pot of ethnicities, nationalities and beliefs — came together Wednesday to talk about hate.

About 35 faculty, staff members and students gathered in the Education building for a free luncheon presentation of the documentary film "Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium" and a follow-up conversation about hate and racism in our society sponsored by Tech's Office of Student Diversity Relations.

"Sometimes people are scared to talk about hate and racism," said Sofia Rodriguez, the department's director. "They don't want to offend."

The lunch discussion was the first of a "World on Wednesday" program, which will take place one Wednesday

Rodriguez said the diversity relaacademic colleges and departments at Tech to provide educators and students with opportunities to interact outside left to die. And in 1999, the year the of the classroom and discuss issues documentary was produced, two high concerning global diversity.

month addressed hate crimes in Amer- Columbine High School in Littleton, ica by exploring the murders of James Colo. Byrd Jr. and Matthew Shepard, and the student shooting at Columbine boo topics, because hate is across the High School.

In 1998, Byrd Jr., a disabled black more than skin color.' man, was dragged to death behind a pickup in Jasper, Texas.

a gay college student from Wyoming, groups, because people gravitate to was beaten, tied to a fence post and other people similar to themselves.



tions office plans to work with various SOFIA RODRIQUEZ, DIRECTOR of Student Diversity Relations, leads a discussion on the documentary "Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium" after viewing the film at a luncheon Wednesday in the Education building.

school seniors killed 12 students and a The documentary presented this teacher before committing suicide at

> "We have to talk about these taboard," Rodriguez said. "Diversity is

Wes Moorman, a senior marketing major from Georgetown, said it is easy During that same year, Shepard, to fall into the trap of dividing into

"But we need to learn more about others," he said, "and reach outside of our own group.'

Moorman said it is easier to step

over the lines that divide college students, because divisions of groups are less apparent. "Cliques definitely happen at

Tech," he said, "but I don't see it as often.

He said existing divisions may be brought about by people who are comfortable with the same group of friends and forget to look beyond their own groups.

Peggy Johnson, the associate dean for teacher education, said now is an ideal time to exercise understanding.

"We had an election where many people were divided by the candidates," she said. "Now is the time for us to pull together and look at what we have in common."

Rodriguez agreed that people need to focus on the "ties that bind" instead of those that divide.

"We have to be able to step outside our comfort zone," she said, "if we're going to assist other people,"

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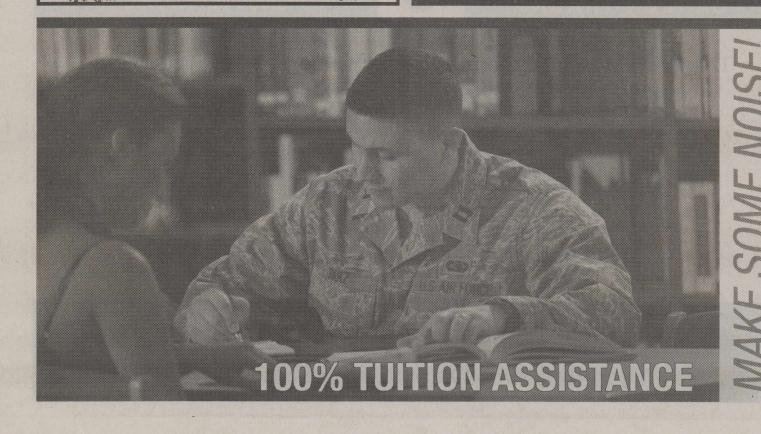
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the study found subjects' brain volume decreased as their alcohol consumption increased. This included moderate alcohol consumption, which was thought to produce lower rates of cardiovascular diseases.

"At least with respect to brain volume," she said, "there doesn't collage students has turned one Tech seem to be any protective benefits of alcohol."

The study, which was funded drinking. by the National Institute of Aging, found that former drinkers occupied aged 77.8 percent.

Alice Young, a professor of psychology at Texas Tech, said brain shrinkage may impact memory and cognitive function.

"There's a fair bit of data that causes problems with the ability to stinence in between. plan, to solve problems quickly and to thing to another," she said.

Young, who teaches pharmacol-Health Sciences Center, said many other studies use rodents to study alcohol consumption, not humans. effects of chronic alcohol consump-

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Researchers control how much alco-tion, he said, but it is unclear whether hol rodents consume, which yields more accurate results than surveying unobserved or self-conscious adults about their alcohol consumption.

Young adults' brains do not develop fully until they reach their early 20s, she said, and alcohol consumption prior to this age raises the most concerns among researchers.

Alcohol consumption among researcher's attention toward the long-term effects of binge alcohol

Michael O'Boyle, a professor of human development and family studnearly 78.6 percent of their cranial ies at Tech, said his research focuses macology and neuroscience at Tech, space while moderate drinkers aver- on students who engage in binge drinking, which is different from chronic alcohol consumption.

O'Boyle, who also teaches pharmacology and neuroscience at Tech, said binge drinking refers to heavy alcohol consumption two or three suggests heavy alcohol consumption times per week with a period of ab-

"We're looking at some of the be able to switch attention from one by-products of that particular drinking pattern," O'Boyle said. "Basically what we want to see is what extent ogy and neurosciences at Tech's these binge episodes relate to chronic alcohol consumption."

Many studies have examined the cells is unlikely.

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or not the intermittence of binge drinking causes the same physiological problems.

Brain volume naturally decreases at a rate of about 2 percent per decade, O'Boyle said.

What the study by Boston reachers and other studies suggest is higher alcohol consumption accelerates the natural process of brain shrinkage.

But, O'Boyle said, the evidence is not yet definitive, and not all brain shrinkage leads to dementia, Alzheimer's or other neurological

Peter Syapin, professor in pharsaid brain shrinkage may not be preventable or reversible.

"In the case of alcohol-induced brain damage and shrinkage, it looks like part of the problem is the development of inflammation in the brain," he said. "The shrinkage is due to the fact that you lose cells in your brain."

Some evidence suggests cells may regenerate in certain parts of the brain, such as the hippocampus, Syapin said, but alcohol-related damage occurs mainly in the front of the brain, where regeneration of brain

Although studies suggest some correlations between cognitive function and brain size, he said, researches are uncertain whether or not improving cognitive function will decrease or reverse brain shrinkage.

Au said she and her colleagues still have many questions about the nuts and bolts of alcohol consumption's effects on the brain.

But for now, she said, their study shows that people who drink alcohol - relative to the amount they con- consume more alcohol." sume — have smaller brains.

Survey says:

Men — 3 percent Women — 5 percent

Men — 25 percent

Women — 33 percent

Men — 38 percent

Women — 45 percent

Men: 19 percent Women: 12 percent

Men — 15 percent Women — 5 percent

"The next step is to look at whether alcohol causes an increase of brain atrophy," Au said. "We want to know if it's shrinking because of alcohol or if people with a higher than normal rate of brain shrinkage

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Yahoo's fate unclear as Google abandons ad deal

WASHINGTON (AP) -Google Inc. has scrapped its Internet advertising partnership with struggling rival Yahoo Inc., abandoning attempts to overcome the objections of antitrust regulators and customers who believed the alliance would give Google too much power over online commerce.

The retreat announced Wednesday represented another setback for Yahoo, which had been counting on the Google deal to boost its finances and placate shareholders still incensed by management's decision to reject a \$47.5 billion takeover bid from Microsoft Corp. six months ago.

To Yahoo's dismay, Google backed off to avoid a challenge from the U.S. Justice Department, which said it would sue to block the Yahoo deal to preserve competition in Internet advertising.

"The arrangement likely would have denied consumers the benefits of competition — lower prices, better service and greater innovation," said Thomas Barnett, an assistant attorney general who oversees the Justice Department's antitrust division.

Without Google's help, Yahoo now might feel more pressure to renew talks with Microsoft and ultimately sell itself for much less than the \$33 per share that Microsoft offered in May. Yahoo shares closed Wednesday at \$13.92, gaining more than 4 percent in a move reflecting investor hopes that Microsoft might renew its pursuit.

Surrendering the chance to sell ads on Yahoo's popular Web site won't be a significant financial blow for Google, which already runs the Internet's largest and most prosperous advertising network.

The Mountain View, Calif.based company's main incentive for entering the deal was to keep Yahoo out of Microsoft's hands. Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin also wanted to help Yahoo founders Jerry Yang and David Filo, who had encouraged them to turn their search engine into a business more than a decade ago.

But the capitulation marks a rare comedown for Google, which had been insisting for more than four months that the Internet would be a better place to do business if it were allowed to work with Yahoo. "We're of course disappointed

that this deal won't be moving ahead," David Drummond, Google's in a statement.

chief legal officer, wrote on a company blog. "But we're not going to let the prospect of a lengthy legal battle distract us from our core mission. That would be like trying to drive down the road of innovation with the parking brake on."

Yahoo said it wanted to fight the Justice Department in court, though it played down the impact Google's retreat would have on its turnaround efforts.

"This deal was incremental to Yahoo's product roadmap and does not change Yahoo's commitment to innovation and growth in search," Yahoo President Sue Decker told Yahoo employees in a Wednesday memo. "The fundamental building blocks of a stronger Yahoo ... were put in place independent of the agreement."

Google's management took a risk by agreeing to the Yahoo partnership in June, knowing the move would increase the government's scrutiny of Google's market power. Even though it is now walking away empty-handed, Google figures to remain in regulators' sights as it tries to expand.

"For the first time, Google has run into real opposition to its marketplace goals," said Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, a consumer advocacy group. "Google is aware that its aggressive moves in the online advertising business are potentially contributing to damaging its brand. The perception of Google has changed."

The collapse of the Google-Yahoo alliance could become a coup for Microsoft.

Although it has publicly said it's no longer interested in buying Yahoo, Microsoft spent a lot of time and money trying to keep Google and Yahoo from coming together.

The world's largest software maker provided evidence that helped persuade regulators that the partnership would diminish competition. Microsoft also helped orchestrate the campaign that prompted major advertisers to lodge complaints against the partnership.

"The Department of Justice's finding is significant for advertisers, publishers and consumers, who voiced overwhelming concern about this illegal deal to law enforcement and policymakers," Brad Smith, Microsoft senior vice president and general counsel, said

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Tech men's cross country tries to improve Big 12 meet in middle of rebuilding year

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

There is nothing else left to do but improve for the Texas Tech men's cross country team.

Following a ninth place finish at the Big 12 Conference Championships on Saturday, the Red Raiders hope to move on by using the meet as a building block in a developing year.

Nathan Milles said the team ran poorly, but there are positives the team can draw from.

"Aside from Gilbert (Limo), we had an awful week," he said. "We really just had to re-evaluate ourselves as a team and kind of re-assess our season."

Limo finished 12th in the Big 12 meet with a time of 24:39.98 seconds, less than a minute behind first-place runner German Fernandez from Oklahoma State.

Gilbert Limo said Oklahoma State was the most difficult competition with four athletes finishing in the Top 5.

"I didn't do as expected," he said. "I did good for the first three miles, but in the fourth mile my legs

very hard."

The Big 12 Championships had four of five nationally-ranked conference teams finish in the Top 5 including No. 2 Oklahoma State, No. 16 Colorado, No. 21 Iowa State and No. 22 Texas A&M. Texas dropped out of the rankings after the meet.

"We are a young team," Milles said. "We have all of this high school experience which is great, but we are on a different level now. Our top runners have a year of college running under our belt, which is kind of challenging."

Currently, the Top 5 runners for Tech — who are counted for team scoring in cross country — are three sophomores and two juniors: Limo, Milles, Logan Culotta, Corry Higgins and Jake Szot.

Milles said the Red Raiders are trying to stay positive and focus on the regional meet ahead.

The Tech men will prepare for the NCAA Mountain Region Championships on Nov. 15. They ranked No. 14 out of 15 teams in the regional rankings of the United

got tired. Plus, the competition was States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the regional meet will give his younger team experience and maturity.

"We are just going to keep working," Murray said. "Basically, this time of year you are just trying to sharpen up. You don't go out there and just do anything crazy. Keep them pumped up and excited."

The Red Raiders can compete better, Murray said, but as of right now the team is learning lessons and improving through each meet.

To date, the Tech men won the Cloudcroft Tri-meet on Aug. 29 and placed second in the Red Raider Invitational Sept. 19 behind South Plains. The Red Raiders also finished eighth at the Cowboy Jamboree on Oct. 4 and placed sixth at the Chile Pepper Festival on Oct. 18.

"We realize we are not going to perform amazing at regionals," Milles said. "This is definitely a rebuilding year, but we are going to run to the best of our abilities."

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Rojmar and Carvalho head to ITA Indoor Championships for doubles competition

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

Although the fall season is Oct. 11 in Tulsa, Okla. over for the Texas Tech men's

Christian Rojmar and Ra- today. ony Carvalho begin play in Charlottesville, Va.

The tournament consists nation, Tech coach Tim Siegel not be the focus for Rojmar and

to be the 16 best doubles teams fell in the first round. in the nation. You can't shoot same thing, 'It's just another into the event. game against Texas."

The duo qualified for the In- win one out of three that means >>kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

tennis team, one of its doubles for the tournament by focusing well, they can win the tournateams has unfinished business. on strictly doubles leading up to ment."

"I think they're ready to play," ITA National Intercollegiate lot of work to do to get better and Indoor Championships today better for the spring, but I think as at the University of Virginia in far as preparation for this tournament, they are ready to go."

The freshman Carvalho will the top doubles teams in the be competing in the event for the said, but the competition can- will be competing in the event to. for the second-straight season, as "It's just another tourna- Szumanski entered last year's are, they have a lot of room to ment," he said. "It just happens tournament as a No. 3 seed and improve, that's for sure. That's

it any other way. Just like in this tournament would be a step turning serves - he could be that football, I'm sure that's how in the right direction, Siegel said, much better volleying and being coach Leach would say the the tandem has its goals heading more aggressive. I think overall

"I think no matter what, if they fully they'll play well."

door Championships after reach- they've beaten somebody ranked ing the semifinals in the ITA in the Top 15 in the country," All-American Championships he said, "but our goals are a lot higher. I think that they have a Siegel said they have prepared chance to go out and if they play

Rojmar knows what it is like to be ranked among the top doubles the doubles portion of the he said. "They've obviously got a teams in the nation; he and Szumanski spent much of last season inside the Top 15 in the country.

While Siegel said he believes Rojmar and Carvalho are already one of the top tandems in the country, their ability to get betfirst time in his career. Rojmar ter is something he looks forward

"They just keep getting bethe and former Red Raider Bojan ter," he said. "As good as they what's exciting, because I think Even though any victory in Raony — as good as he is in rethey're excited to play and hope-

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OSU presents most balanced offense Tech has faced all year

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

If Oklahoma State's Dez Bryant played basketball he would definitely be called a ball hog.

OSU's quarterback Zac Robinson has completed 129 passes this season and Bryant has caught 60 of those for 1,054 yards and 15 touchdowns. The next closest total is tight end Brandon Pettigrew's 21 receptions, and after that no one has more than nine catches.

"He's been huge," said Robinson, whose No. 8 Cowboys play No. 2 Texas Tech at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. "He's kind of what gets us going sometimes when we're looking for a big play. We know we can either try to hit him deep or just throw a screen pass that he turns into 15, 20 yards."

However, Bryant — who had 171 yards and four touchdowns against Iowa State last week — is not the focal point of OSU coach Mike Gundy's offense, the running game takes care of that. Oklahoma State has run the ball 68 percent of the time this year, averaging 273.5 rushing yards per game — fifth in the nation.

Running back Kendall Hunter leads the Big 12 Conference with 1,220 rushing yards with 11 touchdowns and a 6.7 yards per carry average.

can give or run on a high percentage of run plays. He's able to do that quite a bit."

Robinson is second in the nation thrown for 2,082 yards, 20 touchdowns and only five interceptions despite a lowly 187 passing attempts.

result is the best offense the Red Raiders have played all year, Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin Mc-

"It's the most balanced football team that I've seen," McNeill said. "They have the best combination of skill position players that we've had an NFL receiver, an NFL tight end, two NFL type quality running backs downs in four games this season. and a really good offensive line."

At OSU in 2007, Tech went up and down the field for 718 offensive yards behind quarterback Graham Harrell's 626 yard, five touchdown get it. That's the fun thing about Dez performance, but could not pull off is he has a lot of ability to go up and yards of their own — 366 rushing in a 49-45 Red Raider loss.

A year later, McNeill has simplified the defense while sparking "He does the option a lot of times, a level of intensity no defense has it's an option read," Tech defensive shown since Tech coach Mike Leach coordinator Ruffin McNeill said of became coach in 2000. The defense, Robinson managing the run. "He which ranks first in the Big 12 in total defense, allows 98.7 rushing yards per game — 78 yards less than last season.

Gundy attributes a year of experiwith a 192.5 passer rating, having ence to the growth of an offense that is fifth in the nation averaging 45.3 points per game.

"We've got some maturity at key Add up the weaponry and the positions, our quarterback is starting to gain quite a bit of experience,' Gundy said. "Our tight end is experienced. The offensive line has a lot of reps and in-game experience."

Robinson and Bryant are the equivalent of Harrell and Michael Crabtree, minus a few pass attempts. Along with games in which he had to go against as a group. They've got 236, 212 and 171 receiving yards, Bryant has scored three our more touch-

"He's so good at getting the ball in the air," Robinson said. "He knows where I'm gonna try to put it, and he's gonna make the adjustment and go the win as the Cowboys had 610 get the football as well as catching the deep route."

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ZAC ROBINSON WAS one of three Oklahoma State players to rush for 100 yards against Texas Tech in the 2007 matchup.

Iowa State attack too much for Tech volleyball team, loses in straight sets

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

Facing a quick team can lead to a competitive than the first. quick finish.

Texas Tech volleyball team (5-20, 0-14 State (16-9, 8-6 in Big 12 play) 3-0 Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"They were just moving it too quick for us to see, really," Tech setter Karlyn Meyers said. "They had a couple really good hitters that ran really quick offenses and that's not something that every team in the country runs, so you kinda just gotta watch for it."

what the Red Raiders wanted to avoid: a slow start.

a Hayley Ball kill and an Iowa State hit- 2-0 in the match. ting error, Tech could not sustain momentum as they allowed kill after kill ranks third in the Big 12 with 14.13 Cyclones regained the advantage at >>>kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

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The second set proved to be more

The Red Raiders once again started That proved to be true when the out 2-0 behind a Becca Baldwin kill and an Iowa State hitting error. The in Big 12 Conference play) lost to Iowa Cyclones answered back with the next two points to knot things up at two.

points and scoring runs.

Iowa State called a timeout while tied at 20 to cool off Tech and stop the 3-0 run it was on. Just as the rest of the set had been back and forth, the last five points were no different.

Tied at 23, the Cyclones blocked a kill attempt from the Red Raiders and After scoring the first two points on Jen Malcolm to win 25-23 and go up confidence to know they can compete.

jumped out to a 6-3 lead but were "We've been there. It's just a matter of from a potent Iowa State attack that unable to hang on to the lead as the pulling it through and finishing it."

kills per set. The Cyclones eventually 7-6 and did not allow Tech to see

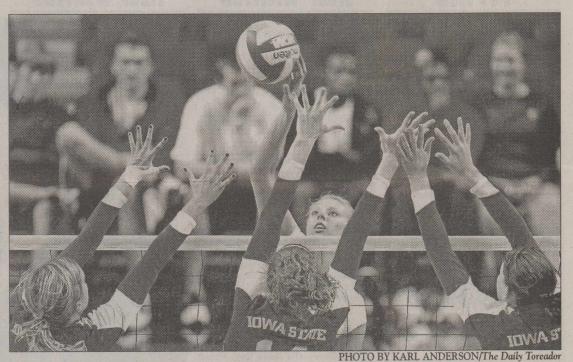
When it looked as though the Red Raiders might be able to comeback and steal a win after outside hitter Hayley Ball's 11th kill of the match, a service error by setter Caroline Witte gave the Cyclones the win.

Henson lived up to her bidding as The rest of the set played out in one of the top hitters in the Big 12 as similar fashion as the teams traded she tallied seven kills in the final set to bring her match total to 16.

"We just came together and were like, 'we have to get fired up,' because everyone is sick of losing and it's obvious so we just gotta come together," she said. "I think we did pretty well, we just gotta finish it out now.

Ball said after seeing how close the followed it with a kill by middle blocker final two sets were, it gives the Red Raiders

"It's frustrating for everyone I think, In the final set, the Red Raiders but we know we can do it," she said.

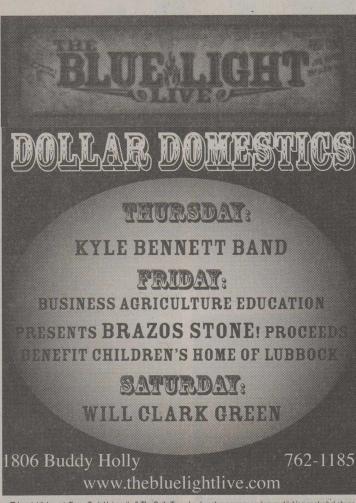


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