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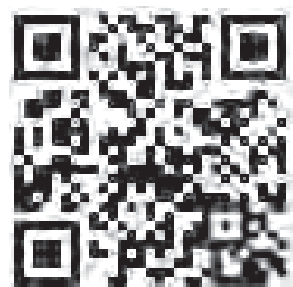
Don't miss the screening and discussion of the documentary "White Wanderer" from 4 to 6 p.m. today in the SUB Den. Visit <http://mzungumovie.com> for more information.

### Film fanatics

Lt. Gen. Derald Lary, previously the inspector general of the U.S. Air Force and a 1954 Baylor graduate, will speak to students in the AFROTC Leadership Lab at 5:15 p.m. today. Lary, who retired from the Air Force in 1989, was commissioned from one of the earliest classes in Baylor's AFROTC history.

### View the poverty

Take a look at 300 visuals representing global poverty in the interactive photography exhibit "Enkya|Tomorrow" from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Thursday at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center.



# Obama secures second term in office

By DAVIS ESPO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama won re-election Tuesday night despite a fierce challenge from Republican Mitt Romney, prevailing in the face of a weak economy and high unemployment that encumbered his first term and crimped the middle class dreams of millions.

"This happened because of you. Thank you" Obama tweeted to supporters as he secured four more years in the White House.

The president sealed his victory in Ohio, Iowa, New Hampshire and Colorado, four of the nine battleground states where the two rivals and their allies spent nearly \$1 billion on dueling television commercials.

Ultimately, the result of the brawl of an election campaign appeared likely to be the political status quo. Democrats won two more years of control of the Senate, and Republicans were on track to do likewise in the House.

Romney was in Massachusetts, his long and grueling bid for the presidency at an unsuccessful end.

The two rivals were close in the popular vote.

Romney had 45.2 million votes, or 49 percent. Obama had 45 million, also 49 percent, with 65 percent of precincts tallied.

But Obama's laser-like focus on battleground states gave him

the majority in the electoral vote, where it mattered most. He had 284, or 14 more than needed for victory. Romney had 200.

Yet to be settled were battlegrounds in Florida, Virginia and Nevada.

The election emerged as a choice between two very different visions of government — whether it occupies a major, front-row place in American lives or is in the background as a less-obtrusive facilitator for private enterprise and entrepreneurship.

The economy was rated the top issue by about 60 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places. But more said former President George W. Bush bore responsibility for current circumstances than Obama did after nearly four years in office.

About 4 in 10 said the economy is on the mend, but more than that said it was stagnant or getting worse more than four years after the near-collapse of 2008. The survey was conducted for The Associated Press and a group of television networks.

Democrats got off to a quick start in their bid to renew their Senate majority, capturing seats in Indiana and Massachusetts now in Republican hands.

In Maine, independent former Gov. Angus King was elected to succeed retiring GOP Sen. Olympia Snowe. He has not yet said which party he will side with, but Republicans attacked him in



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The crowd cheers as President Barack Obama is projected to win re-election against Gov. Mitt Romney at an election party on Tuesday in Atlanta, Ga.

television advertising during the race, and Democrats rushed to his cause.

Polls were still open in much of the country as the two rivals began claiming the spoils of a brawl of an election in a year in which the struggling economy put a crimp in the middle class dreams of millions.

The president was in Chicago as he awaited the voters' verdict on his four years in office. He told reporters he had a concession speech as well as victory remarks prepared. He congratulated Romney on a spirited campaign. "I know his supporters are just as engaged, just as enthusiastic and working just as hard today" as

Obama's own, he added.

Romney reciprocated, congratulating the man who he had campaigned against for more than a year.

Earlier, he raced to Ohio and Pennsylvania for Election Day campaigning and projected con-

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# Cruz gains Texas seat; Dems take Senate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas overwhelmingly elected tea party-backed Republican Ted Cruz to the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, completing the former state solicitor general's once seemingly impossible rise from virtual unknown to the first Hispanic to represent the Lone Star State in the Senate.

"With Ted Cruz's win, it is going to be the same thing as Obama winning in 2008. Anyone can win. This shows it, whether you're white, black, Asian, Hispanic. That's what America is all about," said Andy Snelling, a Shreveport, LA native who attended the McLennan County Republican watch party at the McLennan County Republican headquarters located at 539 Valley Mills Drive in Waco.

The 41-year-old Houston attorney beat Democrat and former state Rep. Paul Sadler to replace retiring Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas. Sadler was in Austin and said in a subdued concession speech, "I am proud to stand in front of you and say we have a new senator-elect whose name is Ted Cruz."

Cruz has vowed to limit spending and shrink the size of government and promised to do so again during his victory speech in Houston, saying if President Barack Obama is re-elected, "the next four years will be challenging indeed."

"If President Obama means



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Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Ted Cruz celebrates with his wife Heidi during a victory speech Tuesday in Houston. Cruz defeated Democrat Paul Sadler to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

what he says on the campaign trail, if he is interested in working to bring people together to reduce the deficit and get people working, then I will work with him," Cruz said. "But if he is re-elected and intends down this same path, then I will spend every waking moment to the fight to stop it."

In a subsequent phone interview, Cruz added he thought it "is unfortunately likely" that Obama "will insist on continuing down the same path of the past four years."

"If he does change, that will be a shift in course and it would be a shift I would certainly welcome," he told The Associated Press. "But it is not likely."

Ban Adams, a Waco native who attended the McLennan

County Republican watch party, said he believed Cruz would come to represent the Hispanic community in its entirety— conservative and liberal.

"I think a lot of the Hispanic population is more liberal leaning, but they will see Ted Cruz in there and he will become a representative not only for conservative Hispanics, but for liberal as well," Adams said. Adams said he believed Cruz would be able to "bring something to fix the Senate."

Others disagree.

Alisa Petree, a Baylor alumna who lives in Waco, attended the McLennan County Democratic watch party at the Papa Rollos Outback building located at 703 N. Valley Mills Drive.

"I think if Sadler would have been chosen that educations and educators would've been better represented by Texas," she said.

Maggie Walker, a Waco resident, said she is concerned about the status of women's healthcare under Cruz.

"I think Ted Cruz is not for a lot of things for women, like Planned Parenthood and all of that. He's just not given women rights as far as women taking care of their own bodies and everything, he doesn't believe in that."

Cruz was just one senator in the midst of a larger national battle. Democrats and Republicans struggled for controlling majority of the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, even as the heated battle for the presidency raged.

Democrats won a narrow majority in the Senate on Tuesday, snatching Republican-held seats in Massachusetts and Indiana and turning back fierce, expensive challenges in Virginia, Ohio and Connecticut to maintain the control they've held since 2007.

With a third of the Senate up for election, Republicans were undone by candidate stumbles, with GOP hopefuls in Missouri and Indiana uttering clumsy statements about rape and abortion that did severe damage to their chances and the party's hopes of taking over. The losses of Senate seats in Massachusetts and Indiana, combined with independent Angus King's victory in the Republican-held Maine seat, put

the GOP too far down in their already uphill climb.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., spoke of conciliation.

"Now that the election is over, it's time to put politics aside and work together to find solutions," Reid said in a statement. "The strategy of obstruction, gridlock and delay was soundly rejected by the American people. Now they are looking to us for solutions."

At the time of publication, Democrats held a 53-47 edge in the Senate, including the two independents who caucus with them. Republicans needed a net gain of four seats to grab the majority. Shortly, after 11 p.m., Democrats gained a lock on 50 seats, enough to keep control once President Barack Obama won re-election.

The caustic campaign for control of the Senate in a divided Congress was marked by endless negative ads and more than \$1 billion in spending by outside groups on races from Virginia to Montana, Florida to New Mexico. The outcome in Ohio and Virginia was closely linked to the presidential race. Republicans and Democrats in Massachusetts, North Dakota and Montana hoped that energetic campaigns and personality would lead to ticket-splitting by voters.

At the same time, Republicans drove toward renewed control of

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# Competition season hits for ProSales students

By CURTIS SCHROEDER  
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

At Baylor, the fall signals the clashing of helmets on the gridiron, cooler weather and for ProSales students, the launch of sales competition season.

Casual observers may not understand why Baylor's professional sales majors travel to seven universities across the country each year to engage in these com-

petitions. It is this out-of-class learning that is the life-blood of the ProSales major and what equips students with the skills and experience to become successful salespeople as they enter the work force.

"Sales competitions are a foundational element of our students' college-to-career transition," said Andrea Dixon, executive director of the Center for Professional Selling. "We explain

to our students that taking a tennis class doesn't make you a tennis player. While you can learn the fundamentals of the game in a class, you really become a tennis player when you participate in a tennis tournament and internalize the game.

"It's the same situation for ProSales. We can teach students the sales process in the classroom, but engaging in sales competitions gives our students the opportuni-

ty to internalize the sales process and become a sales professional," he said. "Prospective employers see our intentional approach for the college-to-career transition as a serious value-add as they look to hire the next generation of sales professionals in their companies."

The season kicked off on Oct. 15-16, when 10 ProSales students competed in the first round of the World Collegiate Sales Open. The WCSO is a four-round competi-

tion based out of Northern Illinois University that begins in October and concludes in February. Students in the competition serve as sales representatives for the Adobe Connect Pro product, and complete a series of exercises that mirror real world sales processes. Corporate executives judge each round, and the first round required competitors to complete

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# For America's sake let's all support President Obama

## Editorial

On Nov. 4, 2008, the United States elected its first African-American president, Barack Obama.

Tuesday, after a tight race against Republican candidate, Mitt Romney, Obama was re-elected to a second term as commander in chief.

We congratulate president Obama (as well as first lady, Michelle Obama) on his second term and wish him luck in this economically ambiguous time.

Obama's emphasis on jobs in the working and middle classes and stronger health care reforms are important achievements to work toward in this time of growth and change after a devastating recession.

This has been an extremely close race, and both candidates put in the work to warrant congratulations on both sides. Battleground states like Florida, Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and Ohio made this race an exciting and suspenseful one to watch as the night wore on.

What we will remember from this election is that it was the most

expensive campaign in American history, reaching over \$1.6 billion. As usual, every new turn in the election increased the money in ads, tours and bigger campaigns.

We will remember the eventful debates and the frantic fact checking that went with them. We will remember the serious rifts created between friends, families, peers and co-workers on Facebook with politically aggressive posts.

But it also goes without saying that we will remember that America's first African-American president was elected by popular vote as well as in the Electoral College for eight years.

The question remains, however, of whether civility will reign in our political atmosphere regardless of which candidate individuals voted for.

In a country where families have been separated due to aggressive views posted on Facebook, friends and coworkers have ended relationships because of opposing endorsements of presidential candidates. It is becoming more apparent that it is harder and harder for political campaigns to be run with respect and decorum on both sides and without sensationalism in the media.

Now that this election is over, one can only wonder whether these rifts in society will mend quietly as if they never happened, or continue and build into the resentment and bitterness that only brings the country down as a whole.

We live in a country where we get to determine a large part of our history in a conscious decision to vote.

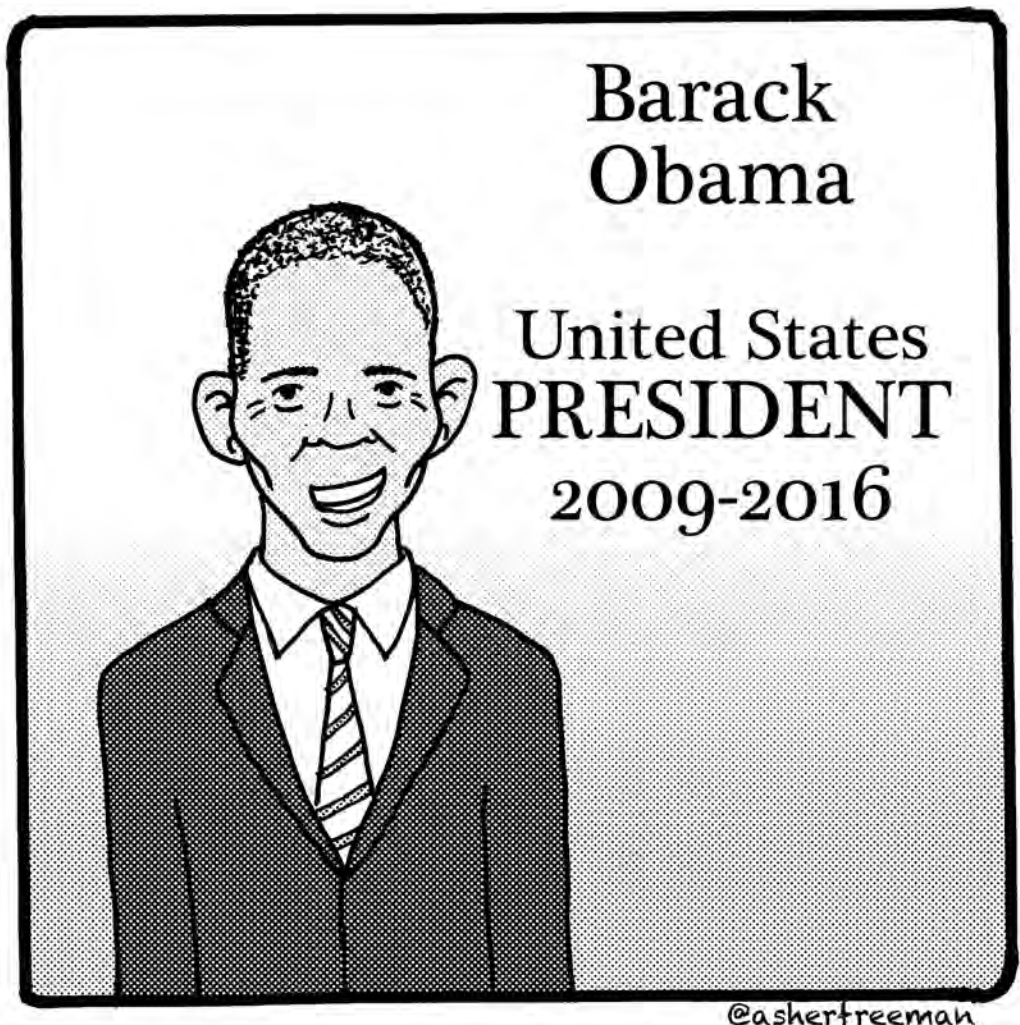
Now that we have made that decision, we must stand by it in solidarity.

Let's try to get past the gridlock that our government has been experiencing over the past few years and support the president that we elected.

Whether you voted for Obama or Romney, this is a call for respect and civility in debates and political decision-making. The election is over, and we must live with these decisions (for the next four years, at least).

It's time to stop bickering and casting blame for arbitrary details that ultimately don't matter. It's time to start the next four years with enthusiasm and a passionate drive to make things better for our country.

In short, let's try to get something done.



# Today's conservatives long for the divided days of yesteryear

Well, I sure got that one wrong.

Four years ago, on the eve of the last presidential election, I wrote in this space of how the country has spent much of the last three decades "re-litigating" the 1960s, arguing over the changes wrought in that decade.

As far as social justice is concerned, of course, the 1960s stand second only to the 1860s as the most profoundly transformative decade in American history. It was in those years that black folks came off the back of the bus, women came out of the kitchen, Hispanics came off the margins and gay people first peeked beyond the closet.

Conservatives have been trying to repeal the decade ever since, a crusade that seemed to reach its greatest clarity and lowest depth in the rush to define a certain jug-eared senator from Illinois who was, in 2008, running for president. He stood to become the first black man to hold that

job. This was not an incidental thing.

For his supporters, it helped



Leonard Pitts Jr. | Guest Columnist

make him the embodiment of "hope" and "change," the renewal of inchoate liberal promises that died with Robert F. Kennedy. For his detractors, it was the realiza-

tion of every paranoia-drenched, racially tinged threat to the white picket fences and Mom's apple pie of status quo.

"You know what I hope Barack Obama is?" I wrote in 2008. "I hope he is reconciliation — the end of the 1960s at long last. And the beginning of something new."

He wasn't. That's what I got wrong.

There are, after all, many words you could use to describe the period from 2008 to now. "Reconciliation" is not one of them. To the contrary, the nation has endured a four-year temper tantrum of shrillness and ferocity nearly unparalleled in history. You have to go back to the 1960s, or maybe even the 1850s, to find a time when America was this angry with itself.

Far from putting the '60s to rest, we have seen a fresh assault on what had previously been considered the settled gains of that era. I mean, who could have pre-

dicted this election season would see debates on women's reproductive health? Or, that we'd have to defend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965? Or that the state of Arizona would ban ethnic studies classes? Or that there would be a new attack on the right of public workers to unionize? And that's not to mention the new onslaught of coded racial slurs. They still say Obama wasn't born in the U.S.A. Just the other day, Mitt Romney surrogate John Sununu, honest to God, called him "lazy."

Lord, have mercy. It's like they can't help themselves.

"Restore Our Future" goes the name of a conservative super PAC. It seems increasingly obvious, though, that the idea here is to restore our past.

Except, it's less a real past than a collective yearning for the perceived simplicity and normalcy of yesterday. And it is not "ours" in any sense, belonging instead

to the collective memory of those who had the color, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation that signified rightness back in that mythic long ago.

In a word, it is not real — and never was.

Yet the power it holds over conservative minds is proved in the decibel level of the temper tantrum, the desperate fury of the resistance.

We have seen rocks flying through windows and weapons taken to presidential speeches. We have seen the president called the antichrist and accused of favoring white slavery. We have seen brazen schemes of voter suppression that must have Fannie Lou Hamer spinning in her grave.

Now, finally, we see Election Day. You will find no words about reconciliation here this time around, no suggestion the 60s might finally be at an end. Just a lament for the naive optimism that made such a suggestion pos-

sible — and for a nation where, these days, optimism is often devalued by rage.

It turns out the mythic past dies harder than anyone ever knew.

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# Political advocacy has no place at Baylor homecoming festivities

## Lariat Letter

Dear Baylor student at the homecoming pep rally:

First of all, I applaud you for wearing your Baylor Line jersey and for showing Baylor spirit.

I feel it important that, despite our losing record, the fans still exhibit pride for the university. However, there were two things that I did not approve of and, frankly, found inappropriate for a pep rally.

The first, and most abhorrent, of these infractions was your "Romney/Ryan: Believe in America" sign.

Now, as you are certainly aware, there is a Republican majority at Baylor; perhaps this is why you felt it acceptable to display such propaganda. That being said, a homecoming pep rally is not the correct venue for the display of political messages.

While I understand that it is your right, as per the First Amendment, to proclaim your affinity for Governor Romney, I believe that a little more modesty in your presentation was needed.

A pep rally is held to focus on the university, the team and, most importantly, the fans.

Alumni and current students alike are attending the event to show support for the men who will put their bodies on the line the next day, men who proudly wear the green and gold they fight so diligently for. Your antics distract from the intended focus of the pep rally, causing those of us that are there to support Baylor to avert our attention towards you.

Now, given the nature of your actions, this was clearly one of your intentions. My only question is, why?

Baylor is, without doubt, a Conservative hotbed. If your primary objective is to convey to the

voting masses that Mr. Romney is the ideal choice for the office of the president, I fear you are preaching to the choir.

Not all Baylor students, of course, feel that Mr. Romney should be the next President of the United States. These students may not wish to be associated with the idea that all of Baylor university supports Mr. Romney.

If you had perhaps taken a minute to think about the consequences of your actions, you might have realized that by wearing your Line jersey and appearing at a Baylor event, you are representing the university. As a representative of the university, it is your responsibility to uphold certain standards so that the university can be painted in a positive light. Unfortunately, you failed miserably.

Your second infraction was your costume dog head. For those who may be reading this that did

not have the joy of witnessing in person, I shall do my best to describe it. Imagine Pluto at Disney World, the costumed character who walks around taking pictures with happy visitors. Pluto has a large grin on his face, elongated black ears, a couple of whiskers and a bulbous nose.

Got the picture? Pluto looks pretty happy, doesn't he?

Now take the image and strip away the professionalism that went into making the costume. Take away the grin, the cheerful demeanor, and what are you left with? The costume dog head you, dear Baylor student, were sporting at the pep rally. Again, my question is, why?

Are you ashamed of supporting Mr. Romney? Did you feel that an oversized orb would garner more attention for your cause? Personally, if I were to do something as tasteless as what you did, I would be ashamed to show

my face. At the same time, a costumed head is a great deal more visible than an uncovered one, so I will assume that this is why you wore the costume. That being said, if you do not have the courage to raise your political message without covering your face, you need to reconsider your vote and leave the signage at home.

In conclusion, the homecoming pep rally is supposed to be about Baylor university, the place many thousands call home.

Our tradition transcends elections, partisanship, and politics. Baylor university has numerous reasons to celebrate. All I ask is that you please refrain from interrupting this celebration of our great university with your plebeian pageantry.

*Jordan Sakakeeny  
Sophomore  
Colleyville*

## Lariat Letters

Have an opinion?

Then send it to the Lariat

Letters to the editor should include the writer's name, hometown, major, graduation year, phone number and student identification number.

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# Representatives for districts 17, 22, 12, 56 decided

## Flores wins U.S. Congress

By LAUREAN LOVE  
STAFF WRITER

Incumbent Bill Flores earned a second term in the U.S. House Tuesday defeating Libertarian Ben Easton. Flores received 85 percent of the vote.

No Democrat ran opposed to the incumbent. Flores was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for his first term in November 2010.

When asked what the next four years hold for him, Flores responded by breaking down the possibilities of the presidential election. He expressed strong support for Governor Romney, but not so much for President Obama.

"If President Obama is reelected then it will be a little bit more of what we have had to do the past two years. Essentially continue to try to do everything we can to slow down his agenda, which is hurting the middle class and hurting the private sector and the service of what I call is the firewall to try to protect the American people," Flores said.

Flores represents the 17th Congressional District of Texas, serving on the House Budget, Natural Resources and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

"He has proven he can do the job and I am very pleased that he was reelected," said Texas House Representative, Charles "Doc" Anderson. He has to cover a lot of ground, but he has been willing to do that and he has done a good job. We look forward to him serving again. The folks we have for Texas are really a good group of guys so Bill fits right in with that."

Never having held an elected public office before November 2010, Flores entered the Republican primary against 10-term Dem-

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incumbent Chet Edwards.

Flores said this year's campaign was a lot smaller in scope compared to the couple million dollars they spent last year on advertising. He was able to spend more time helping other candidates like Francisco Canseco in Texas District 23, Randy Weber in Texas District 14 as well as a candidate running for senate and a couple of state races.

"It allowed me to be able to use my network of influences and contacts and ability to help other people," said Flores.

Opposing the incumbent during this year's election is Libertarian candidate Ben Easton.

Easton received his BA in Philosophy from Washington and Lee University in 1981.

Easton currently resides in Austin, Texas.

Although the odds were favored in the incumbents favor Ben Easton is still proud of his accomplishment as a Libertarian candidate.

"However, do I believe Texas would do well to elect a Libertarian congressman," asked Easton. "I would say certainly, yes. I think



Flores

that - my philosophy - my platform, which is the libertarian platform, is the very best that there is, and that's why I'm proud to be a libertarian. I'm proud to be the candidate."

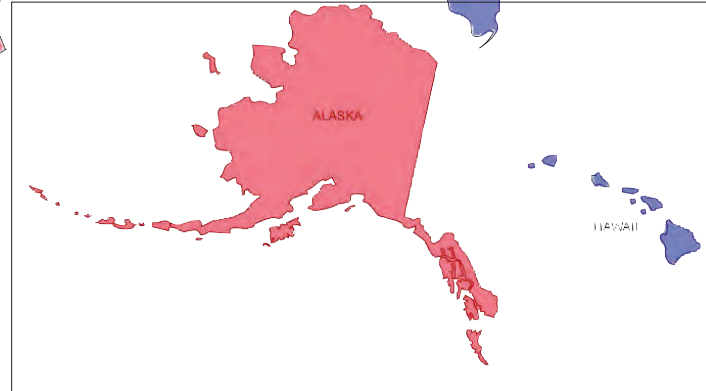
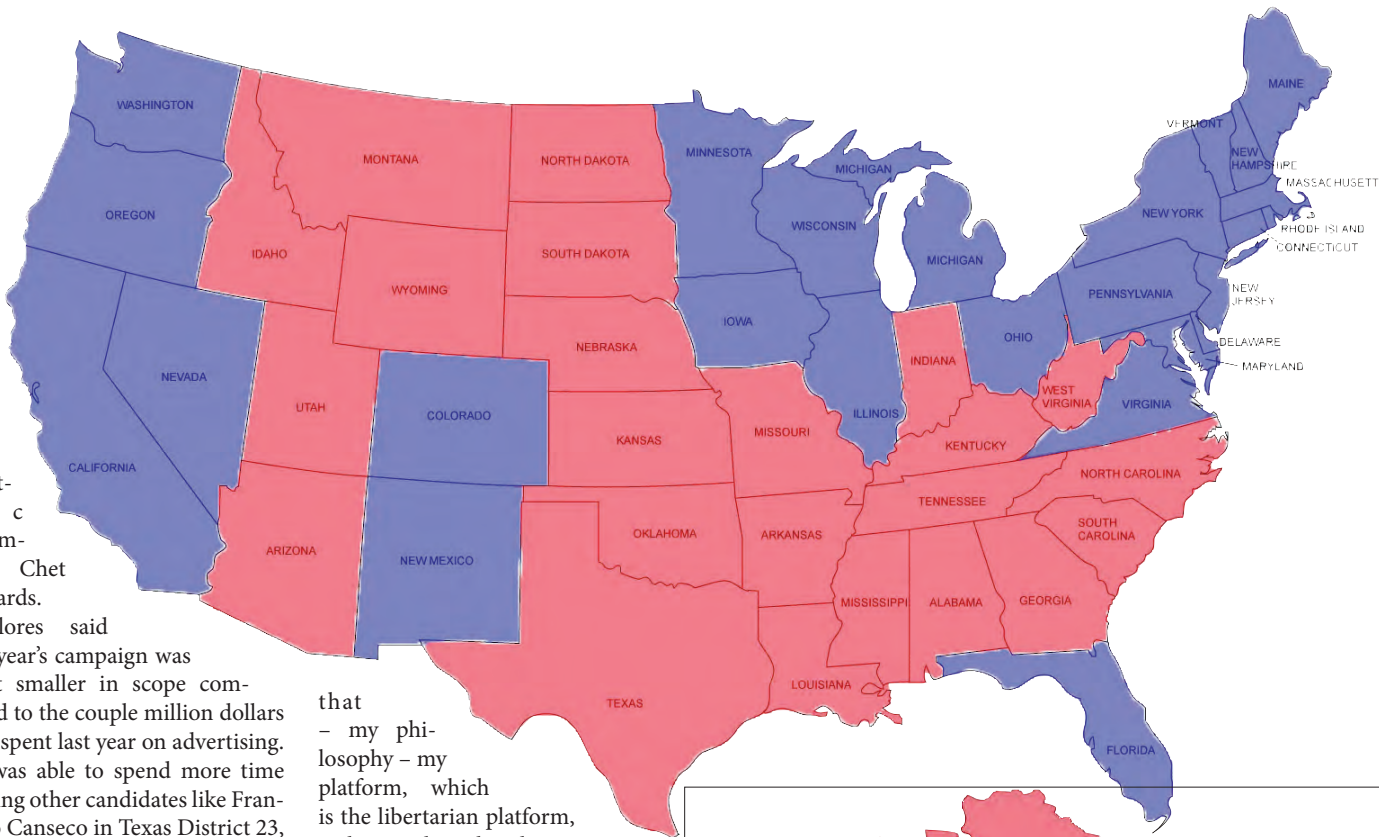
Flores was born at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., where his father was serving in the military.

After his father's military tour of duty, the family returned to their roots in a small town in the Texas Panhandle, Stratford.

Flores is a ninth generation Texan and the oldest of six children. As the son of a rancher, Flores would quickly learn the value of hard work.

At only 10 years of age Flores began delivering papers and by 13, he was working 12 hours a day, six days a week, driving a tractor, building fences and working cattle.

Despite the hardships, Flores paid his own way through Texas



This graphic shows the results of this year's presidential election, with a state by state look at how each state's electoral votes voted, Republican or Democrat.

A&M University, graduating Cum Laude with a BBA in accounting in 1976.

Flores has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant since 1978. He would also go on to receive his MBA from Houston Baptist University in 1985.

For close to three decades Flores worked in the energy industry as CFO, COO and CEO.

Before retiring to pursue public service, Flores served as President and CEO of Phoenix Exploration Company, an oil and gas company focused on the discovery of American oil and gas.

Flores currently resides in Bryan, Texas with his wife of 33 years. Where they would raise two sons, Will and John.

## Anderson wins District 56

By DAVID MCLAIN  
REPORTER

Embedded deep within the hubbub of the election day, largely seen as the day the president is decided, is the election for the seat of the Texas State Representative from District 56.

Republican incumbent Charles "Doc" Anderson defeated Libertarian candidate Neill Snider to gain re-election. Anderson won by 79.47 percent, getting 38,521 votes.

"I am honored to serve as a representative in the great state of Texas," Anderson said.

Anderson will serve for two years - the length of a term in the Texas House of Representatives. House District 56 consists most

of McLennan County, excluding the east corner of the county and a small part of Waco.

Anderson was first elected as State Representative for District 56 in 2004, and was reelected for the 2006 and 2008 terms of office. He is a practicing veterinarian at Anderson Veterinarian Hospital in Waco.

Snider garnered 20.53 percent with 9,953 votes. This was an increase also from the 2008 general election when he received 3.64 percent of the vote. Snider owns and operates Neill Mechanical Technology in Waco.



Anderson

Snider focused his platform to four specific points: cut taxes and spending, end the war on drugs, relief for small businesses and liberty for the Latinos, said Snider's website.

"I'm dissatisfied with the loss, but satisfied with the twenty percent," Snider said.

Anderson's campaign platform focused on representing small businesses.

Greg Jones, a Waco small business owner and local Tea Party organizer firmly placed his support behind Anderson.

"Having gotten to know him over the past four years, honesty, initiative, drive, hard work; these are certainly qualification for the

kind of guy that I'm interested in electing," Jones said. "I didn't even know he had an opponent."

In past terms, Anderson introduced legislation concerning school bus safety belts and Jessica's Law, a bill promoting harsher punishments for sex offenders and legislation concerning voter identification. Anderson also

helped secure funding for projects such as the new headquarters for Texas Rangers Company F, a wing of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and funding for the Waco skate park and Texas State Technical College.

Anderson has been working as a veterinarian while in office, and has been a practicing veterinarian in Waco since 1981.

"I think its excellent that they have politicians in business," Jones said.

Jones said one of his biggest shops is just down the street from Anderson Veterinary Hospital.

"He knows what we're going through," Jones said. "He's on the ground, on the streets. He knows what all of us on the streets are going through."

In the 90s, Anderson began to get involved with organizations like Texas Association of Business and the National Association of Independent Businesses. The more I got involved with these organizations the more they wanted me to be involved, and working with these organizations made for a smoother transition into public office, Anderson said. "It hit me one night that science, working with critics and working with people they all go together," Anderson said.

## Birdwell wins District 22

By JESSICA CHIA  
REPORTER

Republican incumbent Brian Birdwell was successful in his bid for Texas Senate District 22 Senator, which includes McLennan, Bosque, Coryell, Hood, Johnson, Ellis, Navarro, Hill and Falls County.

Birdwell received 85.7 percent of votes, with a total of 164,335 votes, while his opponent, Libertarian Tom Kilbride, received 14.3 percent of the vote with 27,383 votes.

"I've been vigorously traveling throughout the district for more than a year, meeting several times per week with school superintendents, local officials, business leaders and individual citizens to discuss the key successes of the 82nd legislative session and the challenges facing our state. When asking constituents for the opportunity to serve them once more, I promised to uphold my record of honest and accountable actions," said Birdwell in a statement released after the results were posted.

Kilbride's campaign was unavailable for comment at time of publication.

Birdwell, a Fort Worth native and decorated military veteran who now lives in Granbury, Texas, was first elected to the Texas State Senate in a 2010 special election, and will now serve his second full term as the representative of the 22nd District.

Birdwell's conservative platform includes an anti-abortion stance, with a commitment to preventing tax dollars from being spent on abortions.

Birdwell, who supported \$1 billion in spending cuts in the state budget in his first session as state senator, is opposed to new taxes and spending the \$6 billion in Texas' "Rainy Day" fund.

Birdwell will seek to improve the state's economy by protecting businesses from regulations or restrictions and to overturn Obama's health care legislation, continue to support pro-gun legislation and protect private property from eminent domain claims on land.

Birdwell was endorsed by the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Association of Business, Texas Heritage Alliance, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Americans for Prosperity, The Texas Alliance for Life and the National Rifle Association.

Birdwell has served on the Higher Education committee, the Veteran Affairs committee and the Economic Development, Government Organization committees, the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Joint Interim Committee to Study Human Trafficking.

Birdwell graduated from Lamar University, where he was named Distinguished Military Graduate of the campus' Army ROTC program, and earned his Master's of Public Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The retired lieutenant colonel earned a Bronze Star for Exceptional Meritorious Achievement for his service in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Purple Heart for the wounds he received in his Pentagon office on Sept.

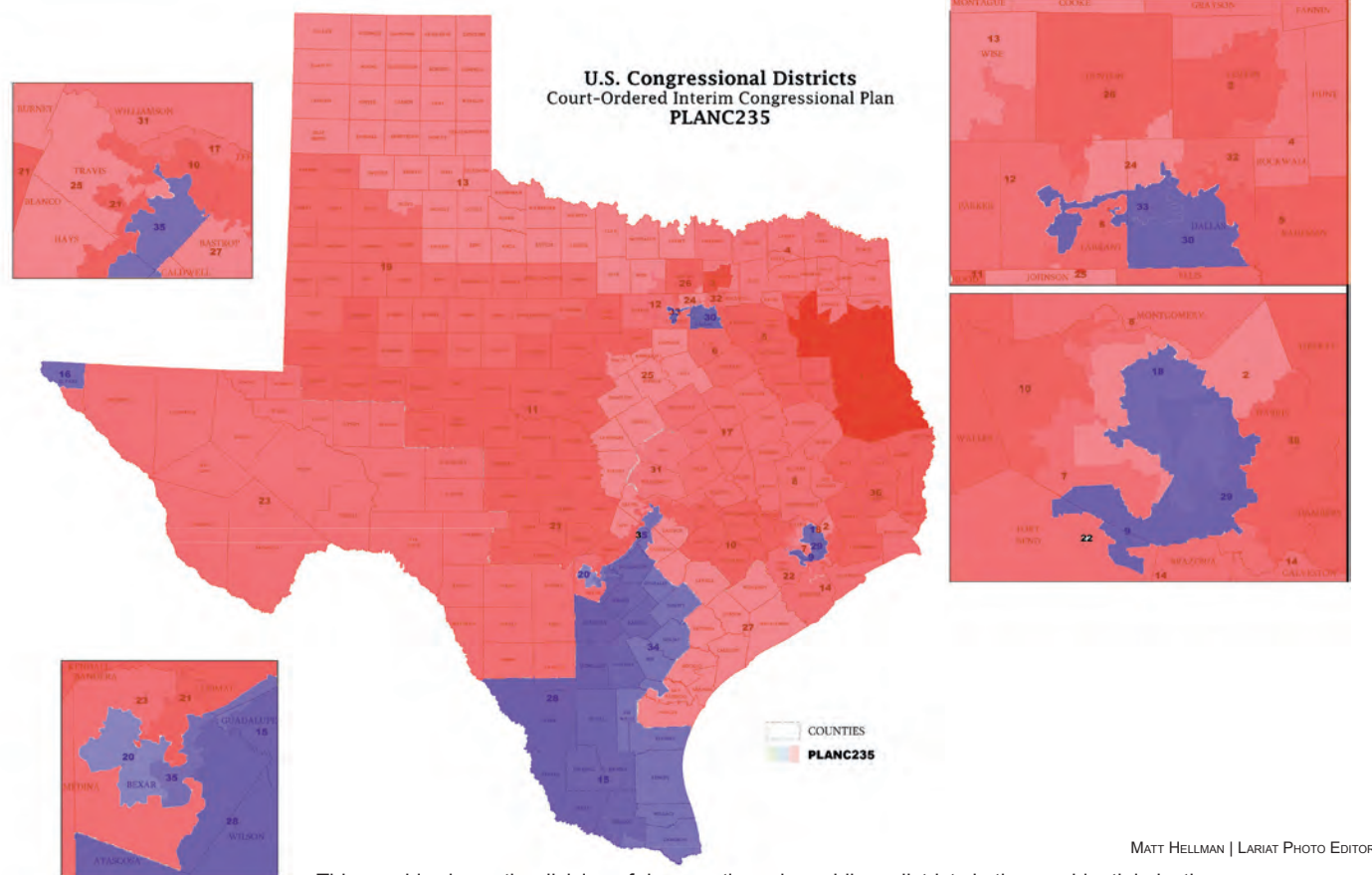
11, 2001 and the Legion of Merit award, which he received upon retiring from military service.

Birdwell and his wife, Mel, founded a non-profit organization, Face The Fire Ministries, which aims to provide financial assis-

tance and information about rehabilitation to critical burn victims and their families and to support research on medical care and treatment options for burn patients.

"Today the voters of Senate District 22 honored me with tre-

mendous support, re-electing me to serve a second term as their conservative voice in the Texas Senate, and I feel extremely privileged for the opportunity to do so," Birdwell said in a statement.



This graphic shows the division of democratic and republican districts in the presidential election

# Carrie Underwood's country tour appeals to listeners of other genres

By GERRICK D. KENNEDY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Sure, Carrie Underwood might have lost out to brassy spitfire Miranda Lambert at the 46th Country Music Association Awards in Nashville last week. But the host - who pulled off the duty for a fifth time with fellow country star Brad Paisley - is reveling in all the attention the genre is currently getting.

With country-pop sweetheart Taylor Swift sitting at the top of the Billboard charts, a soapy ABC drama anchored in Nashville and Underwood's tour itinerary expanding this year included her first dates in Europe and Australia and she extended the regularly sold-out trek well into 2013. Underwood boasts, "It's a fun time for country."

When we caught up with Underwood ahead of her recent "Blown Away" tour stop and CMA gig (CMT will re-broadcast the ceremony Nov. 19) she weighed in on all the attention Nashville has been getting.

**Q:** This tour was your first to go internationally. Country is so closely associated with America, were you at all nervous about how you would be received in Europe and Australia?

**A:** Australia was definitely open to it, they have Keith Urban and they were really open to us. I wasn't too worried about Australia, but I was about going to the U.K. I pictured just a lot of British people in the audience singing my song back to me and it was hard for me to envision. But it was really great. Everywhere we went there were fans waiting outside. I was pleasantly surprised at the reception.

**Q:** A common criticism in your genre is when artists gravitate to-

ward pop sounds. How do you balance between tradition and achieving crossover success?

**A:** I grew up listening to everything. I have such a love for music, but I don't want to make the same album over and over again. I love that I can sing a song like "Blown Away" and then turn around and sing a song like "Cupid's Got a Shotgun." One has this amazing country story line with the music that fits the song. I'm not gonna try to make it something that it's not. I'm not gonna think, "I need to 'countryfy' this by adding more fiddles and steel guitar." We do creatively what the song wants. And "Cupid's Got a Shotgun," you couldn't get more country than that. I love being able to explore like that. When a song like "Before He Cheats," "Blown Away" or "Cowboy Casanova" manages to have some crossover success, it does it "as is." I've never been one for doing remixes. Then I've gotta decide which version am I gonna be tonight: country Carrie or pop Carrie? I'd rather just make country music that anybody can get into no matter what they listen to.

**Q:** You think that's what keeps you so accessible?

**A:** I've had so many people come up to me and say, "I didn't listen to country music and now I do." If they've found those things that have elements that they are used to like an R&B flair or pop flair, or even rock, that can introduce them to so many other artists and they can form an appreciation for the genre as a whole. And I love the fact that you have your standard country artists on the radio and you have people like Lady Antebellum and Rascal Flatts or Keith Urban or me, where we all occupy the same space and you're not turning on the radio and listening

to the same song.

**Q:** It feels like this was a massive year for country, and it's allowed this surge of Americana to be embraced.

**A:** I think it's great. Obviously anything that brings more people to our format is a great thing. I respect country music because I feel like it's more about the talent and the songwriting and I put on a big show and we have a lot of stuff, but I feel confident in myself enough as an artist and a singer that I can have all of those fun toys and know that we don't need all the bells and whistles either.

**Q:** "Nashville" is my new guilty pleasure. Have you gotten a chance to watch it?

**A:** I did. We got a copy beforehand. I know a lot of people that work on the show and they wanted to know what we thought. I think Nashville is such a great town and I think there is so much that they can get into about the music industry. I'm excited for us as a community that we can shine some more light. It seems like "Nashville" is getting more spotlight on the town as a whole. I heard, I don't know if this is true, that they are going to do like a "Real Housewives of Nashville" and I've heard rumors about things on Food Network. It seems that people want to get into Nashville more, and that's fun for us.

**Q:** If Bravo called, would you do it?

**A:** No. I feel like my time on "American Idol," there were so many cameras on us all the time I could never get used to it. I don't know how people get used to having cameras on them in their daily lives. I'm a private person too and we don't ever film anything in our home because it's off limits. It's like letting people see your messy house.



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## Celebrity Support

Actress Olivia Munn receives an "I voted" sticker at a polling station in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

# Country singer in bus accident

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country singer Sammy Kershaw is thankful to be alive after his tour bus was struck by another vehicle.

It happened Friday in Nocona, Texas. The impact caused major damage to the bus, and the car was totaled.

The driver of the car was hospitalized with injuries.

Kershaw and the nine members of his band and crew were shaken and sore but not seriously hurt.

In a statement, Kershaw says, "Buses and cars can be replaced but people can't."

No one died, but Kershaw says it could've gone the other way.

He believes they had "a guardian angel."

Kershaw has not canceled any concerts.

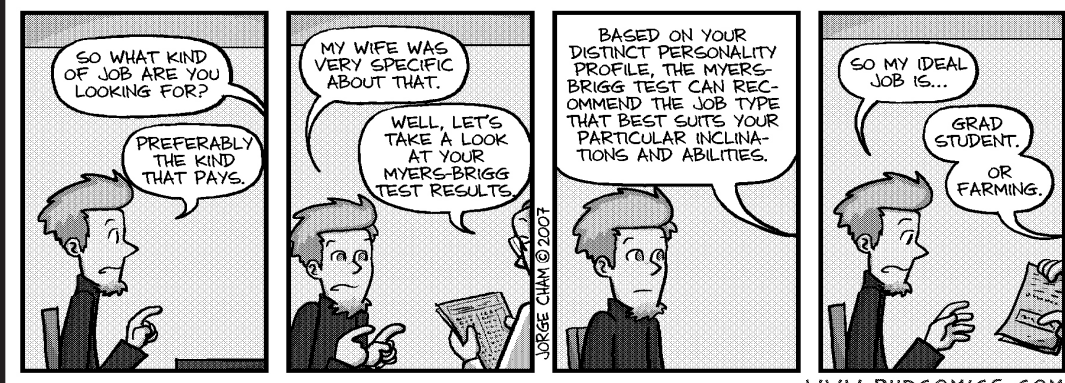
Kershaw scored major hits in the early '90s, including "She Don't Know She's Beautiful" and "I Can't Reach Her Anymore."

He has sold more than 5 million albums.



Sammy Kershaw

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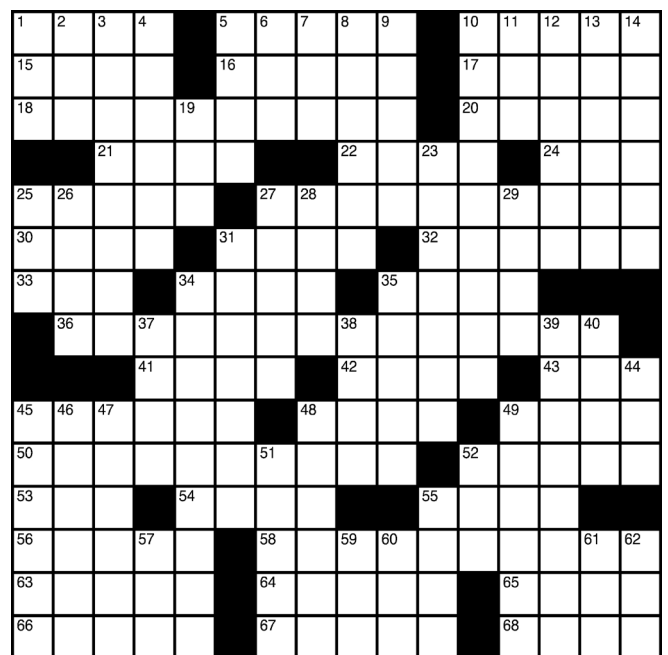
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- 5 Head-hanging emotion
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- 18 Tropical headgear
- 20 Passover ritual
- 21 Dix halved
- 22 Calendar abbr.
- 24 Prior to, in verse
- 25 Low-tech note taker
- 27 Deal-closing aids
- 30 Unblemished
- 31 Line winder
- 32 Baking by-products
- 33 Creative enterprise
- 34 On the fence
- 35 Six-stringed instrument, usually
- 36 Urbana-Champaign NCAA team
- 41 Two pages
- 42 "Zip-\_-Doo-Dah"
- 43 Tram car filler
- 45 Totally absorbed
- 48 Hon
- 49 Pontiac muscle cars
- 50 Powerful pin cushion?
- 52 "It \_\_\_ hit me yet"
- 53 Mao follower?
- 54 Scientist's \_\_\_ Hubbard
- 55 Sushi bar soup
- 56 Cook-off potful
- 58 False
- 63 Mixer for a mixologist
- 64 Boyfriends
- 65 Couple in a rowboat
- 66 Run through a reader, as a debit card
- 67 Footlocker
- 68 Sandstorm residue

### Down

- 1 Split
- 2 Org. concerned with crowns
- 3 Mozart works
- 4 Pal of Jerry Seinfeld



- 5 Retired seven-foot NBAer
- 6 "Say that again?"
- 7 "I \_\_\_ Rock"
- 8 Fisher-Price parent company
- 9 Follow logically
- 10 Potluck staple
- 11 Summer on the Seine
- 12 Turn in for cash
- 13 Spain's \_\_\_ de Campos
- 14 Underline, say
- 19 Trio on a phone keypad
- 23 Online shopkeeper
- 25 Place for pampering
- 26 Area of expertise
- 27 Calligrapher's flourish
- 28 Question of time, to Telemann
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- 31 Barbecue spit, e.g.
- 34 "Every Breath You Take" band
- 35 "Myra Breckinridge" author
- 37 Ticked pink
- 38 Scottish Celt
- 39 "As of yet, no"
- 40 Pressing need?
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# Locker room to the Oval Office

## The sports desk makes its endorsements for 2012



Peyton Manning | Broncos QB



By DANIEL HILL  
SPORTS WRITER



Tim Tebow | Jets QB



By KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS EDITOR



Jeremy Lin | Rockets G



By GREG DEVRIES  
SPORTS WRITER

The Oval Office is deserving of someone who never blinks in the face of adversity.

The president of the United States has to be someone who has overcome obstacles, never settled for failure, and someone who can be relied upon when the going gets tough.

I submit that of all the professional athletes out there, Manning would be the one best suited to take the office of the president of the United States.

Peyton's work ethic is legendary.

His teammates tell tales of him arriving for work in the early hours of the morning, before 5 a.m. at times.

He forces his wide receivers to stay and continue to work on drills long after practice ends.

In the off-season, Manning works from before sunrise to after sunset.

Nobody in the NFL works harder than Peyton Manning.

Along with his work ethic, Manning's character is also unquestioned.

He has never been involved in any scandal or any sort of legal trouble.

Manning is a generous man who has made considerable dona-

tions to charity and helping local causes in the cities he has played for, Indianapolis and now Denver.

In fact, in Indianapolis, the local children's hospital was named after him because his foundation made a \$4.3 million dollar donation.

Manning's work ethic and character make him a perfect candidate for the office of the president of the United States.

Manning is an intelligent man. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in only three years, but he stayed for his senior season to work on his master's degree (much like our very own Robert Griffin III).

The main reason Manning would make for a perfect president is because he raises the level of performance of everyone around him.

Manning has the ability to make people perform at their highest level.

He demands excellence.

On the football field, Manning has made Pro Bowlers out of athletes with average talent.

Manning will not accept mediocrity and neither should America.

That's why Peyton Manning would be the perfect professional athlete to serve as president of the United States of America.

People of America, Tim Tebow would be really excited if you voted him as the next President of the United States of America.

Yes, I know this is not a surprising vote from me, but let me break it down for you.

No. 1, he loves Jesus.

The most important thing for me is that this country is run with God's will before anyone else's.

Tebow would definitely do that, and he would also be given a great platform to minister to others and give God the glory.

This country desperately needs to be led in a direction under God's will rather than a selfish man's desire.

Tebow's actions and upbringing are solid proof that he is the man that would lead the country that way.

No. 2, he is totally 100 percent against abortion.

If you didn't know, Tebow's mom was encouraged to have an abortion when she was pregnant with him.

Obviously, she didn't, and look how God has used him to make a difference in the kingdom.

"One nation under God" could finally be ruled by a true man of God.

Now that I've Jesus juke the

opposition, let's get down to business.

Tebow has the character to lead this country well. There would be no Monica Lewinsky scandals to deal with.

Check out his discipline. Tebow works out harder than anyone in the league. For example, look at what his days consisted of leading up to the NFL Draft.

Tebow graduated from the University of Florida.

He also goes down to the orphanage in the Philippines and does mission work with his family.

Selfless nature is something very evident in Tebow's actions.

Yes, I know that he is not the starting quarterback for the Jets (but one more interception from Mark Sanchez could lead to Tebow's rise), but look at what he's doing as a second-string dude.

He goes in wherever the coach needs him to and is willing to do whatever it takes to help the team.

While Peyton Manning looks like a president and Jeremy Lin did go to Harvard, Tebow's character and values would make him a better leader for this country.

Bottom line, Tebow would be a great leader for this country based on his values and beliefs.

It's Tebow time.

Out of any athlete out there, Jeremy Lin would make the best commander in chief.

Lin's qualifications make Peyton Manning's and Tim Tebow's résumés look like they were written in Crayon.

Lin graduated from Harvard with a degree in economics and maintained a 3.1 grade point average while still leading the Harvard Crimson basketball team to a record number of wins.

Harvard is the pinnacle of education.

Eight presidents have graduated from Harvard, and Lin falls nicely into the ninth spot.

He is a soft-spoken, articulate individual, and he knows how to take over leadership positions.

When Lin played in the concrete jungle where dreams are made, he was thrown onto a team with two leaders, Carmelo Anthony and Amaré Stoudemire.

Not even these big-name, max-contract players could overshadow the greatness that is Linsanity.

Jeremy Lin took over the New York Knicks.

"Uh oh," the skeptics are thinking. "Takeover? The last thing I want is a government takeover?"

Fear not. Lin is a leader, but he knows his

role.

Lin might be on posters all over the city of Houston, but he still knows that his job is to distribute the power to others.

An overpowering central government will not be a trademark of a Lin presidency.

A guy with a degree in economics would really help America in its current financial situation.

The guy knows his dollars and cents.

A successful campaign wouldn't be complete without a few attacks on the other candidates.

First of all, Tebow can't even be president because he was born in Makati City, Philippines.

Lin was born in Los Angeles, so he is eligible to run for the presidency.

Manning and Tebow went to SEC schools.

No president has ever attended an SEC school at any level.

With all due respect to Tennessee and Florida, they just don't measure up to what is possibly the greatest academic institution in America and the world, Harvard.

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confidence as he flew home to Massachusetts. "We fought to the very end, and I think that's why we'll be successful," he said, adding that he had finished writing a speech anticipating victory but nothing if the election went to his rival.

But the mood soured among the Republican high command as the votes came in and Obama ground out a lead in critical states.

Like Obama, Vice President Joe Biden was in Chicago as he waited to find out if he was in line for a second term. Republican running mate Paul Ryan was with Romney in Boston, although he kept one eye on his re-election campaign for a House seat in Wisconsin, just in case.

Voters also chose a new Congress to serve alongside the man who will be inaugurated president in January, Democrats defending their majority in the Senate, and Republicans in the House.

The long campaign's cost soared into the billions, much of it spent

on negative ads, some harshly so.

In the presidential race, an estimated one million commercials aired in nine battleground states where the rival camps agreed the election was most likely to be settled — Ohio, New Hampshire, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada.

In a months-long general election ad war that cost nearly \$1 billion, Romney and Republican groups spent more than \$550 million and Obama and his allies \$381 million, according to organizations that track advertising.

In Virginia, the polls had been closed for several minutes when Obama's campaign texted a call for volunteers "to make sure everyone who's still in line gets to vote."

In Florida, there were long lines at the hour set for polls to close. Under state law, everyone waiting was entitled to cast a ballot.

According to the exit poll, 53 percent of voters said Obama is

more in touch with people like them, compared to 43 percent for Romney.

About 60 percent said taxes should be increased, taking sides on an issue that divided the president and Romney. Obama wants to let taxes rise on upper incomes, while Romney does not.

Other than the battlegrounds, big states were virtually ignored in the final months of the campaign. Romney wrote off New York, Illinois and California, while Obama made no attempt to carry Texas, much of the South or the Rocky Mountain region other than Colorado.

There were 33 Senate seats on the ballot, 23 of them defended by Democrats and the rest by Republicans.

Democratic Rep. Chris Murphy, a Democrat, won a Connecticut seat long held by Sen. Joe Lieberman, retiring after a career that included a vice presidential spot on Al Gore's ticket in 2000. It

was Republican Linda McMahon's second defeat in two tries, at a personal cost of \$92 million.

The GOP needed a gain of three for a majority if Romney won, and four if Obama was re-elected. Neither Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada nor GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky was on the ballot, but each had high stakes in the outcome.

All 435 House seats were on the ballot, including five where one lawmaker ran against another as a result of once-a-decade redistricting to take population shifts into account. Democrats needed to pick up 25 seats to gain the majority they lost two years ago.

Depending on the outcome of a few races, it was possible that white men would wind up in a minority in the Democratic caucus for the first time.

Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, raised millions to finance get-out-the-vote operations in states without a robust presidential

campaign, New York, Illinois and California among them. His goal was to minimize any losses, or possibly even gain ground, no matter Romney's fate. House Democratic leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California campaigned aggressively, as well, and faced an uncertain political future if her party failed to win control.

In gubernatorial races, Republicans picked up North Carolina, where Pat McCrory won easily. The incumbent, Democratic Gov. Bev Purdue, did not seek re-election.

In a campaign that traversed contested Republican primaries last winter and spring, a pair of political conventions this summer and three presidential debates, Obama, Romney, Biden and Ryan spoke at hundreds of rallies, were serenaded by Bruce Springsteen and Meat Loaf and washed down hamburgers, pizza, barbecue and burrito bowls.

Obama was elected the first black president in 2008, and four

years later, Romney became the first Mormon to appear on a general election ballot. Yet one man's race and the other's religion were never major factors in this year's campaign for the White House, a race dominated from the outset by the economy.

Over and over, Obama said that during his term the nation has begun to recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression. While he conceded progress has been slow, he accused Romney of offering recycled Republican policies that have helped the wealthy and harmed the middle class in the past and would do so again.

Romney countered that a second Obama term could mean a repeat recession in a country where economic growth has been weak and unemployment is worse now than when the president was inaugurated.

More than 30 million voters cast early ballots in nearly three dozen states.

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the House on Tuesday as Democrats failed to make any significant inroads into the GOP's delegations from the East, South and Midwest.

With more than half of the 435 House races called by The Associated Press, Republicans had won 151 seats and were leading in 53 more. Democrats had taken 89 districts and led in 56 others.

There were another 20 seats in Western states where Republican incumbents were not facing serious challenges, but those polls remained open. A party needs 218 seats to control the House.

Even before renewed GOP control was clinched, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio — re-elected to his seat without opposition — claimed victory and laid down a marker for upcoming battles in Congress.

"The American people want solutions, and tonight they responded by renewing our House Republican majority," he said at a gathering of Republicans in Washington. "The American people also made clear there's no mandate for raising tax rates."

One of the top fights when

Congress returns for a postelection session this month will be over the looming expiration of income tax cuts first enacted a decade ago under President George W. Bush. Republicans want to renew them all, while President Barack Obama wants the cuts to expire for the highest-earning Americans.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., refused to concede. She told Democrats rallying a few blocks away from the GOP rally where Boehner spoke that by evening's end, Democrats would end up "exceeding everyone's expectations and perhaps achieving 25," the number of added seats Democrats would need to gain House control.

A glimmer of hope remained for some Democratic gains as 11 members of the tea-party backed House GOP freshman class of 2010 were trailing in incomplete returns.

Donna Cassata, Will Weissert and Alan Fram of the Associated Press contributed to this report. Caroline Brewton, Maegan Rocio and Ashley Wucher contributed from Waco.

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a voicemail call to a prospective buyer. Hundreds of students from universities around the world competed in the first round, and each of Baylor's 10 competitors made it through to the second round.

The second round took place a week later and required competitors to secure an appointment with the buyer in a live call with a gatekeeper. In round three, students must complete a virtual inside sales call with a live buyer using Adobe Connect Pro, web-conferencing software. Round three will take place on Nov. 26-27. The top 20 competitors who make it through round three and into the finals will compete in a series of events (live and virtual) on NIU's campus on Feb. 21-23.

While 10 students began competition in the WCSO, two other ProSales students, Joanna Murrieta and Taylor Huske, launched their competition seasons at the inaugural International Collegiate Sales Competition held at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., on Oct. 19-21.

The four-round ICSC format included a breadth of sales chal-

lenges, including direct-selling, international and technology-based competition components. The third round featured a sales call to a buyer connecting from Russia via Skype.

For Murrieta and Huske, both seniors graduating in December, the ICSC marked the last time they will compete as undergraduate students. The pair did not disappoint, and each walked away with impressive results to add to their resumes.

Murrieta made it to round three and finished in the top eight in the competition out of 72 total competitors. Huske took third place in a fact-based event, the NetSuite Challenge.

"Competing at ICSC was an incredible experience that taught me so much about adjusting my selling techniques to effectively communicate with buyers both in-person and via Skype," Murrieta said. "I truly enjoyed my time at FSU and will be sure to use what I learned when I begin a job at 3M in January."

ProSales students in the Advanced Sales class traveled to the

Midwest on Oct. 25-27 to compete in Indiana University's National Team Selling Competition on the Bloomington campus. This competition, unlike other individual competitions in the circuit, is a team-based approach to the sales challenge. The 16 students in the course teamed up in groups of four and participated in a pre-NTSC, in-class competition to determine which team represented Baylor at the NTSC.

Baylor's team, which was sponsored by CA Technologies, featured Pierce Miner, Austin Roberson, Grant Senter and Chris

Workman. The other 12 students in the class attended, as well, to gain experience from observing the competition and by helping their colleagues prepare for each round. First and second place finishers were the University of Washington and University of Toledo sales teams. Baylor's team placed third overall out of 21 teams, finishing ahead of Indiana University (fourth place) and Michigan State University (fifth place).

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