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#### Preposterous to be punished for car accidents

More than 400 have been convicted of manslaughter in Norway since 1998. According to two professors, criminal proceedings following accidents are preposterous.

#### Røkke is to search for oil in Africa

Kjell Inge Røkke-dominated Aker has been allotted a large and promising exploration area for oil and gas in deep water in the Gulf of Guinea.

#### Playing together for the first time

The lions quarreled and roared at each other when the two adult males were put together with the rest of the lion-family in the Kristiansand Zoo last week.

#### Norway grumbles the most over health

Despite the fact that Norway has the world's second best health service, Norwegians are the best in Europe at grumbling over daily aches and pains.

## Norway celebrates Obama's win

### The Prime Minister of Norway congratulates the new President-elect

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"I am happy to congratulate Senator Barack Obama with his victory. It is historic that the United States will now have its first African-American president. The election campaign has engaged many U.S. citizens and the outcome is of major importance to the entire world. I look forward to cooperating closely with the new U.S. president and his administration," says Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg.

The Prime Minister says Obama has been campaigning for "change," and says this has given many Americans hope and

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Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg was quick to congratulate U.S. President-elect Barack Obama. Within days of the election the Prime Minister sent the Senator a very kind note reminding him of the special friendship between Norway and the United States.

## A special editon of Rønningen Ramblings An American participates in the Presidential Race... in Norway

HEIDI HÅVAN GROSCH  
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I got up at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning (Nov. 5) to watch the coverage of the U.S. presidential race, and I know I was not alone. NRK (National Television Network) had their anchor desk open from 1-7 a.m. with minute-by-minute coverage of the presidential race. Norwegian-Americans gathered at the Grand Hotel in Oslo and many here chose to sit up through the night, only retreating to the blissful oasis of sleep after Barack Obama and John McCain had delivered their speeches. Others watched the ongoing coverage in the local news or on the Internet throughout the day, and CNN reports were quoted

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Photo: Heidi Håvan Grosch

American Heidi Håvan Grosch became her town's local celebrity during the 2008 U.S. Presidential elections. She's originally from Minnesota but recently moved to Norway after marrying a Norwegian man.

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