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## CHANGE OF COMMAND



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AIR FORCE ROTC cadets execute a change of command ceremony Thursday in Memorial Circle. At the ceremony, Cadet Michael Sanders, (third from right), a senior history major from Del Rio, relinquished his title as wing commander and welcomed his successor, Thomas Freeman (fourth from right), a senior wildlife management major from Lubbock.

### AFROTC ceremony bids farewell to a commander, welcomes another

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The Air Force ROTC program hosted a change of command ceremony Thursday evening at Memorial Circle to say goodbye to one leader while welcoming another.

Michael Sanders, a senior history major from Del Rio, relinquished his title as wing commander and welcomed his successor, Thomas Freeman, a senior wildlife management major from Lubbock.

Lt. Col. Douglas Crabb, commander of the Air Force ROTC at Texas Tech, said there was a competitive process for the cadets to apply for the position of wing commander, which included a letter

explaining why they wanted to be cadet wing commander, what they hoped to accomplish and an interview to finish the process.

Crabb said Freeman's abilities as not only a leader, but as someone who could handle the responsibilities and maintain a good academic standing is what made him stand out.

"This shows that they have been hand picked for their leadership skills and their potential to take on some very important responsibilities, which will help them to become better officers when they commission in the Air Force," he said.

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C A D E T CHARLES WEBB rolls up an American flag after Air Force ROTC cadets executed a change of command ceremony Thursday in Memorial Circle. At the ceremony, the former wing commander, who is the highest ranking cadet, steps down and is replaced by the new wing commander.



### HSC professors honored, receive national awards

Ceremony honors Kimbrough following his death last week



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

DR. STEVEN BERK, executive vice president and provost dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine, presents the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award to the widow of Dr. Robert Kimbrough, who died last week, at the HSC Academic Classroom building on Thursday.

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center recognized professors Robert Kimbrough and John Pelley for winning multiple national awards Thursday in the foyer of the HSC's academic classroom building.

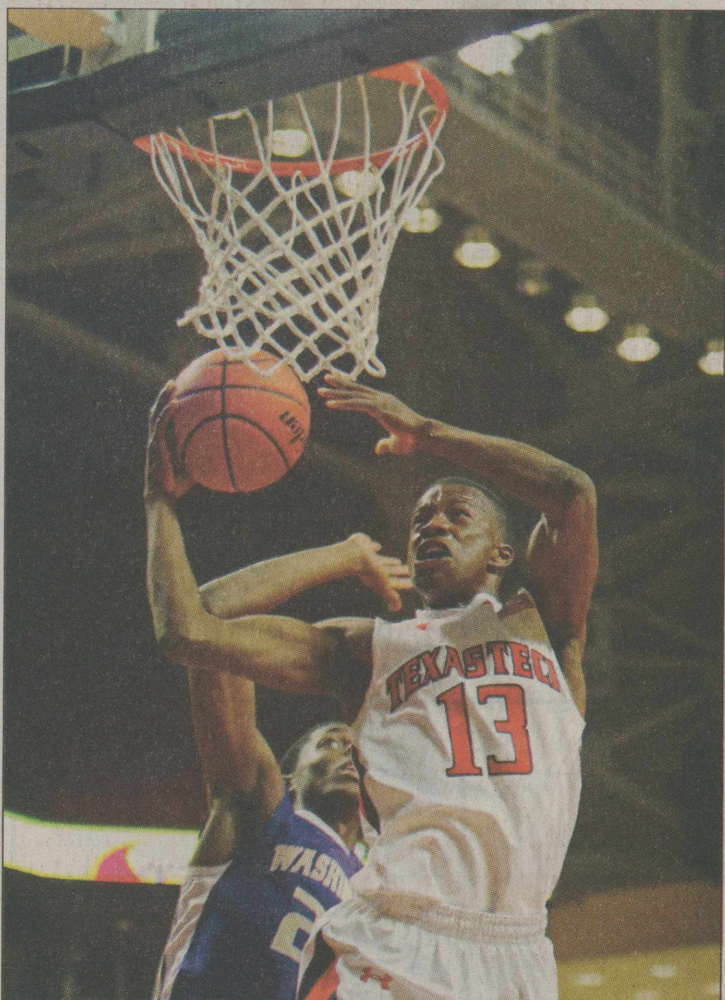
Dr. Steven Berk, the executive vice president and provost dean

of the school of medicine, hosted the awards ceremony as the main speaker, expressing his gratitude for both professors.

"We had hoped as the school gains recognition, the faculty would then gain recognition as well, and we are now seeing our hopes being fulfilled," he said.

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Last year's Texas Tech-Washington game came down to the wire. This season the Red Raiders have to travel to Seattle. SPORTS, Page 6

### SGA discusses summer duties, increasing fees

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association re-introduced and voted on two important bills that were heavily debated Thursday evening.

Senator Alex Moore, rules and administration chairman, re-introduced bill 46.15 which attempted to amend article three, section three of the SGA constitution.

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### Family reports financial aid scam

Letter offers to find aid for small, refundable fee

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
STAFF WRITER

The mother of a Texas Tech student contacted the Office of Financial Aid on Wednesday to report a questionable solicitation she received in the mail from a company offering to find her student financial aid for a small, refundable fee.

"After researching the company, the scam is obvious," said the student's mother in an e-mail to the Office of Financial Aid.

The letter she received is printed on official-looking United States Department of Education letterhead, complete with a seal.

Becky Wilson, managing director of student financial aid, said the letter was not official and certainly a scam.

"This is nothing new," she said. "Scams like this have been around a long time."

Wilson said this is the first instance of this particular scam to be reported to the Office of Financial Aid.

She noted the offer the company made was to find the student financial aid regardless of the student's academic performance or income, which she said is not correct.

Wilson said the correct process for receiving student financial aid is to first fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. As the name suggests, the FAFSA application is entirely free.

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## Students plan their holiday vacations across the nation

By CAROLINE COURTNEY  
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Texas Tech students will be going all over the country this Christmas, from Florida to New York. But the three most popular destinations are the mountains, the beach and, of course, home.

To ensure a white Christmas, Melissa Niewald, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Las Colinas, will be caravanning up to Telluride, Colo., for almost a week with the Tech Ski and Snowboard Association.

"The snow in Colorado that I'll be boarding on is the best, prettiest, most perfect snow ever, so I'm very excited to get out there," Niewald said. "I'm extremely excited about this whole vacation, especially just to not have school. I can't wait to shred, be back in the city, see my family and catch up with my friends."

Niewald's ski trip is not a new experience this Christmas. In fact, the Tech Ski and Snowboard Association, of which Niewald is the president, plans ski and board trips each Christmas break and will be making its second trip to Telluride this year.

Niewald said she will continue to ski and snowboard over Christmas break as long as she can keep finding affordable deals like the ones offered through the association, which cuts prices nearly in half for groups of college students.

"The trip isn't only about just skiing and snowboarding," Niewald said. "It's also about having a great time with the people you're with. We will be snowboarding and/or skiing, as well as hanging out and getting to know each other."

Niewald said she always has a great time on her annual trips, even on the eight-hour drive to the mountains. She now considers ski trips a holiday tradition.

Tradition is always a large part of the holiday season, but Jenna Wagner, a freshman from Portales, N.M., said new traditions can be even better.

While Wagner and her family vacation in Maui, Hawaii, they will tour the island, soak up sun on the beach, ride horses, surf, parasail, fish and ride zip lines. However, this will be Wagner's first Christmas away from home, and she said all the activities seem a little bittersweet.

"I always stay at home with family and hang with friends, and then go skiing," Wagner said. "I am pretty pumped for this vacation because I love to travel, but it is most definitely going to be weird when I am sitting on a beach next to a

palm tree instead of on my living room floor next to a big Christmas tree opening gifts."

When her father announced the trip, Wagner was shocked because leaving home departed so much from her usual holiday.

Waking up early Christmas morning to run downstairs with her little sister and search for gifts from Santa is Wagner's one tradition that she will miss this year, but she said she has realized traditions are not always done in the same place at the same time. Her favorite tradition can be done anywhere in the world.

"I've never considered it a tradition before, but now I realized it is one—spending time with my family," Wagner said. "As long as I am with my family and I remember what Christmas is all about, I can be anywhere on this earth and celebrate Christmas."

For those celebrating Christmas at home this year, there is still plenty to be excited about, said Riley Davis, a junior journalism major from Wylie.

"The most important thing for me is just being in the comfort of my home with my family and being so close to the friends I've known for so many years," Davis said. "I also like the Christmas break because it's wintertime and I actually get to enjoy the cool weather without having to do school work."

Davis plans to continue his Christmas traditions this year, including lunch with the family followed by game night, where his family will play Cranium, Clue or Chicken Foot.

In addition to seeing his family, Riley said being home over the break offers more opportunities to relax than a vacation would.

"I guess I'm just looking forward to me time," Davis said. "I'll have more time to do things I want to do, like reading or watching movies and working more."

However, of all the family traditions, Davis said his favorite thing to do over the break is going to the movie theater.

"I love movies, especially once awards season starts up and all the really good movies come out," Davis said. "I'm all about the Oscars, so that's my focus beginning in the break, and that continues well into February."

Wherever you're going this break, whether it's the slopes, the beach or just to your local movie theater, look out for a fellow Red Raider.

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## Opening night of Madrigal Dinner provides entertainment, food

By HALLIE DAVIS  
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The night started off like any holiday celebration, with the introduction of a royal court, including a lord and lady from the Land of Bad Romances and Lord and Lady Tweet from the land of Too Much Information.

So began Texas Tech's 33rd annual Madrigal Dinner, a production of the School of Music on Thursday night. Shows continue Saturday through Monday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

After the introduction of the court, the jester, played by Jonathan Frugé, introduced the King and Queen, played by Justin Duncan and Annie Nichols, respectively.

Gerald Dolter, the stage director and stage manager, appoints those three roles. He said all the other parts are auditioned for as soon as students return from summer break.

All roles are challenging, he said, especially since the stage is in the middle of the room, so the cast must always be facing the audience, often performing back to back.

"It's an excellent vehicle to teach how to never turn off as actors," Dolter said. Each actor is on an individual microphone, he said, which is challenging to those in the sound booth as well.

It allowed for more audience interaction though, he said, referring to the times when performers would sing from different corners, or walk around the tables and talk with audience members, staying in character the entire time.

Dinner was next, served family style with each dish being passed around the table.

"The food is great," said Tim Walsh, the technical director for musical theater. "It's absolutely excellent. And the music is super."

Apart from the acting, students from the School of Music, in full period dress, performed various songs and Christmas carols. Dolter said it was the majority of the cast's first year in the show.

After dinner was served, the cast performed, as did the Texas Tech Graduate Brass Quintet; and



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
THE MADRIGAL CHOIR rehearses Wednesday in the Student Union Building for the Texas Tech music department's 33rd Annual Madrigal Dinner at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"Inside Voices" from the West Texas Children's Choir sang two songs.

Throughout, the king and queen watched and the jester was the master of ceremonies, including as many knock-knock jokes and puns as he could.

Toward the end, the cast put on a play within the play, something Dolter, who also wrote the script, said he was excited about.

The evening concluded with traditional carols, including the cast and

the Jester singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Jolenn Embrey said their version of the classic was probably her favorite part of the night.

She had come with her daughter, Ashley, a senior musical theater major from Fredericksburg, and said the dinner was a lot of fun.

"It's a different kind of night to do something," she said. "It showcases the school of music and gets the community involved, including the children."

Audience members lit candles, and the dinner ended with a procession out the door to "Carol of the Drum."

Walsh said this was about his 20th year with the Madrigal dinner, and the finale of "The Little Drummer Boy" was his favorite part, something just added within the past few years.

Tickets to the remaining performances of the Madrigal Dinner can be purchased through Select a Seat by calling 770-2000 or online.

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## "Walker, Texas Ranger" now Norris, Texas Ranger

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — There's only one man tough enough to take down "Walker, Texas Ranger." And that's Chuck Norris, Texas Ranger.

The actor and martial-arts expert was named an honorary member of the elite Texas law enforcement force Thursday by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a nod to the television character that enshrined Norris as the ultimate tough guy.

The Republican governor bestowed the rare honor on the 70-year-old action hero and executive director of "Walker, Texas Ranger" in a room packed with family, friends and real Texas Rangers at a state Department of Public Safety office in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

"People may whisper about his super powers, but the greatest power of Chuck Norris is his integrity," the governor said.

The television show, in which Norris played karate-kicking lawman Cordell Walker, ran on CBS from 1993 to 2001. But odes to his indestructible toughness live on thanks to one-liners — "Chuck Norris doesn't do pushups. He pushes the earth down" — splashed across the Internet.

The staunch Republican supporter even made a cameo during the 2008 presidential election, joining a stern-faced GOP candidate Mike Huckabee in espousing such strength in an online campaign video. His plan for border security? "Two words," Huckabee said. "Chuck Norris."

Off-screen, Norris established a foundation in 1990 to use martial arts to help children avoid the temp-

tations of gangs and drugs. There are now about 6,500 youths in the program, he said.

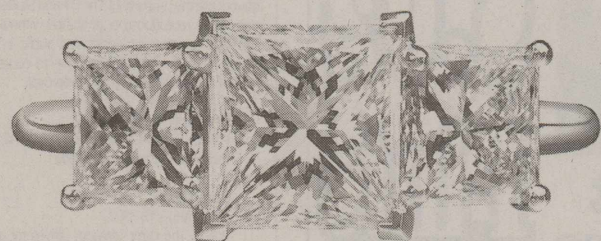
Perry said he and his wife, Anita, consider Norris and his wife, Gena, personal friends, as he thanked him for bringing renewed attention to Texas Rangers with his portrayal of "an iconic Ranger, a character who was observant, meticulous and honorable in every way."

Norris' younger brother, 59-year-old stunt coordinator and producer

Aaron Norris, who supported him during his career, also received the honorary Texas Ranger designation. "Together they helped elevate our Texas Rangers to truly mythical status," Perry said.

Luckily, there were no bad guys around Thursday. The Norris brothers, decked out in suit and ties, complete with 5-point star Ranger lapel pins were among a crowd of tall, Stetson-topped Rangers who were also acknowledged for their service.

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# OPINIONS

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## Senate standoff good for US government

Much is being made over Republicans in the U.S. Senate vowing to block passage of all legislation except tax cuts and basic governmental funding. All 42 Senate Republicans signed a letter stating their intentions to ensure that most action in the Senate will screech to a halt until the Bush-era tax cuts are extended.

CBS News reports that a letter delivered to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stated, "With little time left in this Congressional session, legislative scheduling should be focused on these critical priorities. While there are other items that might ultimately be worthy of the Senate's attention, we cannot agree to prioritize any matters above the critical issues of funding the government and preventing a job-killing tax hike."

Not surprisingly, Reid responded unhappily to the letter, saying that "Republicans have simply put in writing the political strategy they have pursued over the last two years:

### Cole Shooter



obstruct and delay critical help for struggling Americans, and then blame others for the problems they refuse to solve."

Reid seems to be saying that his party has been the sole savior of the American proletariat, enacting sweeping changes to make life better for all, at the expense of the greedy upper class that can spare the funds, and the Republicans have only stood athwart the left's good deeds.

From the statist's perspective, people are too feeble-minded to be left to their own devices, whether it is doing what they wish with their earnings, raising children as they see fit or ways they can possibly harm themselves, leaving the eternally-enlarging government to make a sizeable number of decisions

for us. All this ever-expanding ensnarement is achieved by legislating every possible issue to maximum monopolization.

Right now, the Republicans are doing the best thing for American citizens in pushing for tax-cut extensions and stopping more legislation from passing that would continue to suck more money and freedom from the taxpayer. More so, Senate Republicans are doing the American public a favor by working to stop as much legislation as possible until their stated goals are achieved.

Not all legislation is bad, of course. There is good reason to be a fan of any legislation that reduces the scope of government, restoring more freedom, both economically and personally, to the American citizens. This, however, is not the type of government action the Democrats have been pushing for.

Most legislators believe that in order to be seen as relevant, they must be striving for "progress," which, more often than not, means that the bureaucratic leviathan

will be increasing and somewhere, someone else's freedoms or financial means will be decreasing.

That is not to suggest that the mere existence of government is a zero-sum game, because it can be useful for basic functions like building roads, coining money and managing good military forces, to name a few. The problem that we run into often stems from the most common government fix of throwing other people's money at a problem.

Of course, it wouldn't be completely fair to levy all the blame on the Democrats. Plenty of wasteful spending has been carried out by the Republicans as well over the years, either under the pretense of bipartisanship or

by those that simply try to run as conservatives, who then represent their constituents with the same big-government type of mindset that their counterparts across the aisle have.

*"At this point, the Senate Republicans are doing the American public a favor in blocking all but a few types of legislation ..."*

At this point, the Senate Republicans are doing the American public a favor in blocking all but a few types of legislation, and it wouldn't be a bad thing if, even for a while longer, no bills were passed except those which lower taxes, shrink the scope

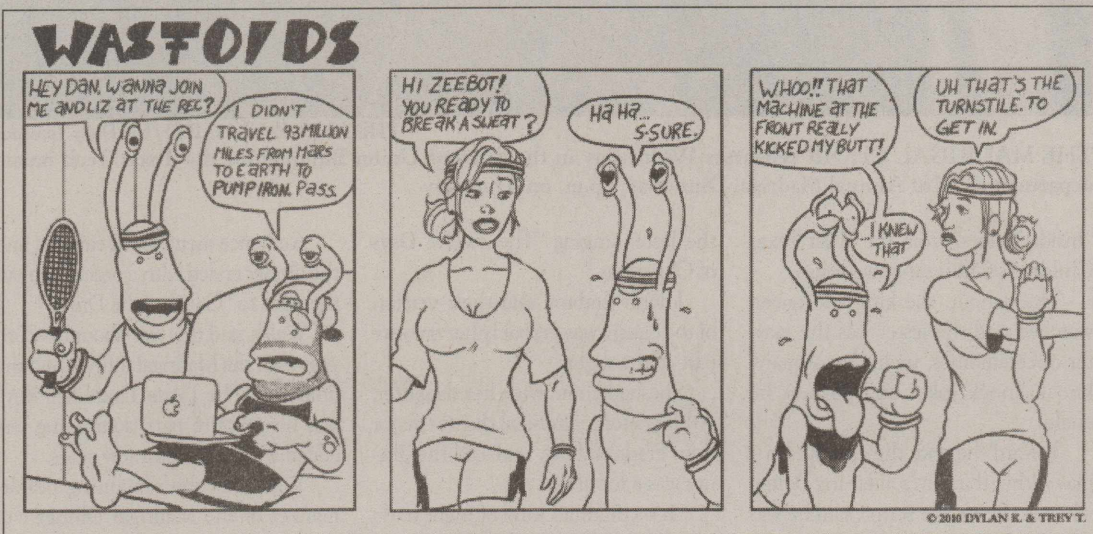
of government and fund the military. Our country is not perfect, but the United States rose to its level of success through careful and limited governance, with an emphasis on personal freedoms and the possibility

of success for all.

Rather, we seem to be moving away from those basic tenets of prosperity and closer to the cowardly welfare state capitalism employed by many countries in Europe. Without the possibility of personal success and the right to keep what one earns, there is little incentive for anyone to strive to achieve greater wealth and achievement, which tears away at the spirit that helped this country become great.

The legislative standoff in the Senate may only be temporary, but the conservative Republicans have much work to do to rein in government because they owe the American people a small and effective government rather than the oppressive bureaucratic colossus that hovers over our heads now. At least while the Republicans are blocking most legislation, no further damage is being done.

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## Government deficit not easily solved

STAFF EDITORIAL  
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For the last fiscal year, the federal government faced a \$1.3 trillion deficit that brings the total national debt to about \$14 trillion. President Barack Obama and Congress know they must take serious steps to confronting America's deficit spending and growing national debt.

But the two proposals receiving the most attention from Obama and Congress are almost comical in their ineffectiveness.

The political grandstanding about a ban on earmarks ignores the fact that the proposal would affect less than one half of one percent of the federal budget; \$16 billion in a total budget of \$3.5 trillion, in other words, amounts to a finger's scrape of frosting off a wedding cake.

Likewise, this week Obama proposed a pay freeze for the majority of executive branch employees. We think Congress should pass the pay freeze, but it is projected to result in only about \$5 billion in savings over the next two years.

Politicians from both parties know that making cuts of this size gives the illusion of progress, but the reality is that only major changes will close the gap between taxes and spending.

Despite all their deficit-rhetoric, Republicans have been frustrating progress toward actually cutting it. Ending the Bush tax cuts — which could reduce the deficit by 30 percent — and raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans is an obvious step toward revenue generation for the feds.

This year, the federal government is projected to spend \$844 billion on security. About \$703 billion goes to Social Security. Roughly \$451 billion goes to Medicare. The earmark and pay freeze proposals, meanwhile, could save a measly \$21 billion.

## Leaks good for public discourse

### Chris Leal



This past Sunday, WikiLeaks released roughly a quarter million "cables" (a term describing documented communications between U.S. ambassadors and various diplomats at home and abroad) to major newspapers around the world. The release has dominated headlines all week, and with a trove of data this dense, is sure to continue doing so for weeks to come.

While the majority of the cables span the last three or four years, they also cover the last decade, and some date back to 1966. The release has caused some, mostly diplomats, to cast statements of disdain against WikiLeaks. Hillary Clinton, most predictably — as Secretary of State, the more recent cables reflect directly on her — called the release an "attack on America."

But is it really? Or is it an attack on ineffective and overly secretive diplomacy?

It's important to note that absolutely none of the documents were classified as "top-secret," only "secret" and below, and many weren't even classified.

It's hard to see how damaging this "attack" on America can be when you even have the Secretary of Defense Robert Gates come out and say that while the documents are "awkward" and "embarrassing," they will have minimal, if any, impact on U.S. foreign policy.

And that's simply it. You have diplomats and heads of state running scared because the public is getting a rare, bullshit-free look into how the country interacts with foreign nations.

And while some statements in the documents may be awkward

regardless of how awkward they may be for diplomats.

And it's refreshing for the public to get such a rare view of how governments really operate.

Julian Assange, the CEO of WikiLeaks, announced the day following the cable dump that he was going to release a similar batch of documents from a major U.S. bank. He wouldn't say outright which bank it would be, but I believe it will likely be Bank of America (with a second runner-up being AIG, even though AIG is an insurance company).

When Assange made the announcement, he stated the documents had an overlap between the financial institution and the government, and back in 2009 he stated he was sitting on 52GB of data from a Bank of America executive's computer.

Later that same day, it was announced that Interpol had issued a "red notice" for Assange, which is a sort of provisional request for a wanted person. The notice was put in place not for the leaks, but for an alleged sex crime.

Now, I don't know whether or not Assange is guilty of this crime (it's important to note there are no criminal charges pressed against him), and I don't know his intentions for exposing these documents, but I do know that Assange has a lot of very powerful countries, and now companies, looking to keep this guy quiet.

But regardless of what happens to Assange and his motivations, these documents aren't harmful to American security and will hopefully prove to be educational for the state of public discourse in this country, and perhaps diplomacy across the globe.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
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**ACROSS**

- Actor Gyllenhaal
- Big rolls
- Zorba the Greek setting
- Very top
- Cartoon drooler
- Invoice word
- Downed shot
- Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- Lab flask contents, perhaps
- Where a witch's influence ends?
- River past Memphis
- Tim's "Tool Time" sidekick et al.
- Office employee to avoid?
- Teen sensation?
- What a recent ex may need
- With 62-Down, call
- Early 16th-century date
- Also sprang Zarathustra composer
- Shade on a beach
- Cookie recipe morsels
- Filling
- Phoenician dialect
- Shuttle evangelist?
- Part of a roadie's load
- bomb
- Bird in a landfill?
- Actress Thomas who is now SL
- Jude's National Outreach Director
- For all of us
- Certain line crosser
- Sunburn soothers
- Actor Baldwin
- Kate \_\_, a.k.a. Batwoman
- Air ducts
- There you have it!
- USMC rank

**DOWN**

- Setup punch
- Fossey focus

By Pamela Amick Klawitter

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- Lengths
- Wild associate?
- Sun-dried structures
- Flinstones' Snorkasaurus
- Linebacker Junior who played in 12 consecutive Pro Bowls
- Treetop rocker
- Changes the actor
- Kuwaiti VIP
- Unlike folks on "Hoarders"
- Satum drivers?
- Light melodies
- Some traffic monitors
- Condemns, finally
- Antacid target
- Texas and Tennessee, in Toulouse
- Gulager of "The Virginian"
- Insurance company named for a mountain
- Televise again
- Mississippi source
- 53 on the Beaufort scale
- Elvis \_\_ Presley
- Billy
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Qatar-strophe: US loses bid to host 2022 World Cup to Mideast nation

(AP) First the Olympics, now World Cup. When it comes to landing sports' biggest events, the United States can't win. Still smarting from Chicago's snub in the 2016 Olympics race last year, the U.S. was passed over for the 2022 World Cup on Thursday.

Curry's Lady Raiders head north to take on Penn State in new Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ, SPORTS EDITOR

For weeks, Texas Tech head coach Kristy Curry been dealt questions regarding her team's game against Penn State as a part of this year's Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge. Curry, however, insisted her players would not look past their opponents leading up to their game against the Nittany Lions at 1 p.m. on Sunday in State College, Pa.

have to be our best defensive effort this season, and we're really excited about the opportunity to represent the Big 12 (Conference)."

For better measure, the Nittany Lions (6-1) have made 48.5 percent of their three-pointers this season, to go along with 46 percent shooting from the field.

Adding to the stress is the fact that four of the team's starters are averaging more than 10 points per game, while all five exceed the eight-point mark.

Freshman guard Maggie Lucas leads the team with 15.3 points per, just ahead of sophomore guard Alex Bentley's average of 15 per.

The two pose as the highest-scoring duo the Lady Raiders will have faced to this stage of nonconference play.

But Tech is playing its best basketball going into this game, having won its last five games by an average margin of 29.8 points per game.

And the Lady Raiders are taking

care of business despite having limited time to regroup. Tech played four games in a six-day stretch, including three games in three days last week on path to winning the Basketball Travelers World Vision Classic title.

The ability to win all of those games in such a period of time is just a token to the players' belief in themselves, Curry said.

"I don't mean this in an arrogant way, but these kids really have a lot of confidence in themselves," Curry said. "The way we finished the weekend, it's hard — three games in three days. I don't care what you're doing anymore, 18- to 22-year-olds have a hard time doing anything really well three days in a row, whether it's basketball or whatever."

A 40-point win may be just one more thing to feel good about.

Free throw shooting and bench play, two things Curry cracked down hard on during last week's tournament,

were the highlights of that win against UTSA.

Paced by freshman Kelsi Baker's 12 points, the bench erupted for 44 total, outscoring the production of the Roadrunners in their entirety.

The outing also had the feel of the Lady Raiders' most complete game thus far, despite going through a long shooting drought in the early minutes of the game.

However, Baker said the team's chemistry on all phases during that victory is an example of exactly what Tech needs going into a difficult portion of the nonconference slate, beginning with Penn State.

"It just felt like everything was clicking tonight," Baker said. "Everybody was rebounding and just knew where each other were going to be. That sense of comradery was there tonight, and that's good going into this game against Penn State."

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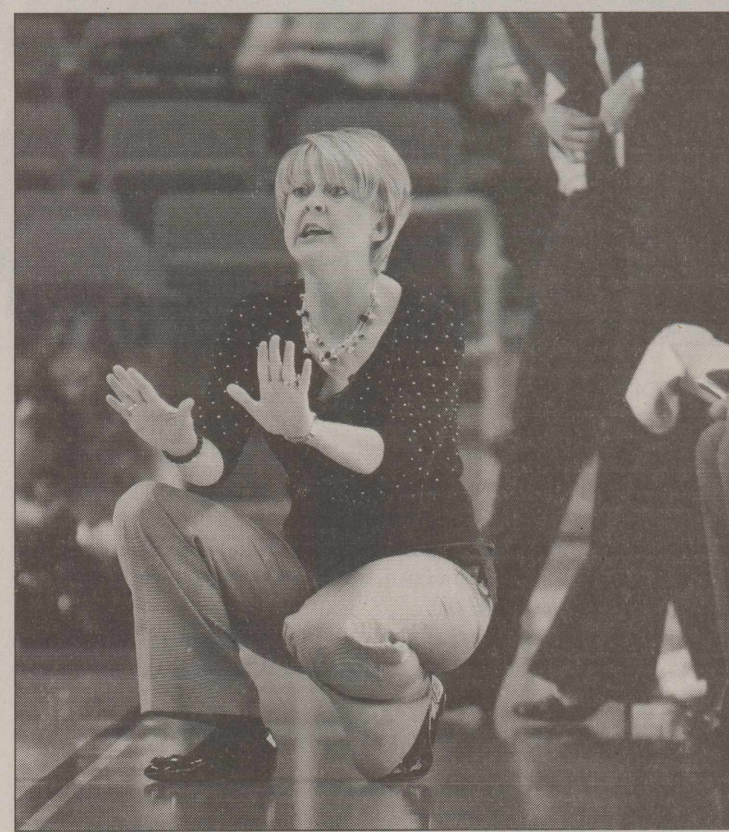


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador KRISTY CURRY DIRECTS her team during the Lady Raiders' 83-43 win against UTSA on Wednesday. Curry and the Lady Raiders are undefeated, but face a formidable test this weekend when they face Penn State at 1 p.m. on Sunday in State College, Pa. Curry said her squad will have to play good defense to defeat the Nittany Lions.

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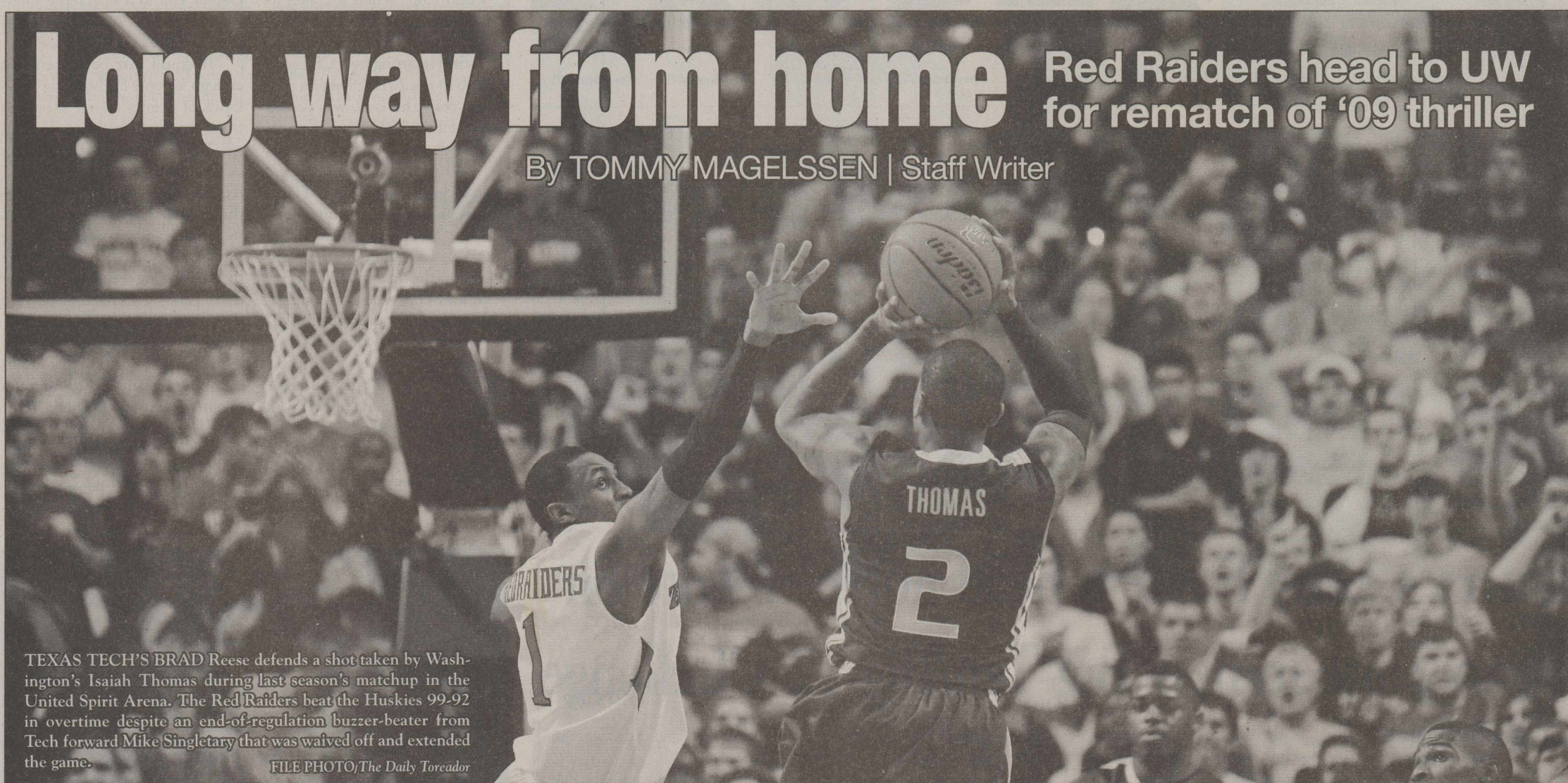
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## Long way from home Red Raiders head to UW for rematch of '09 thriller

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN | Staff Writer



TEXAS TECH'S BRAD Reese defends a shot taken by Washington's Isaiah Thomas during last season's matchup in the United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders beat the Huskies 99-92 in overtime despite an end-of-regulation buzzer-beater from Tech forward Mike Singletary that was waived off and extended the game. FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TODAY MARKS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS TECH'S BIGGEST NONCONFERENCE WIN OF THE 2009-10 SEASON — A 99-92 OVERTIME WIN AGAINST WASHINGTON.

At 3 p.m. Saturday in Seattle, Tech faces a Washington squad likely to be foaming at the mouth for a chance to avenge last year's loss.

"It may be on (Washington's) minds because that's the problem since we won at home; they're probably thinking about that they got a chance to get us back going up there," Tech coach Pat Knight said.

On Dec. 3, 2009, Tech knocked off the then-No. 10 Huskies in the United Spirit Arena. The win launched the Red Raiders into the top 25, but they didn't stay there for long.

Saturday's showdown in Seattle will be the biggest test of the young season thus far for Tech.

"The talent level is going to be very different," Tech forward Brad Reese said. "Isaiah Thomas, (Justin) Holiday, (Matthew Bryan) Amaning — so we've just got to step our game and play better on the defensive end, rebound better and up our intensity level on defense and offense, too."

The Huskies (4-2), however, already have been tested by top competition this

season. Washington dropped single-digit decisions to then-top 10 teams Michigan State and Kentucky in the Maui Invitational.

Reese said a win against the Huskies would be a great resume builder for the NCAA tournament, something the Red Raiders missed out on last year while the Huskies went dancing. Additionally, Saturday's game shows what Tech likely will be up against once Big 12 Conference play begins, he said.

"Everyone's an athlete; they've got size all the way down to small size that are athletes ... But it is a ranked team, and the kids pay attention to that," Knight said. "As a coach, the game's scheduled — you just want to win it."

"But we understand how kids think, and if they can't get fired up for this game, they shouldn't be playing."

Sophomore guard Mike Davis played just two minutes in last year's win; however, he has made himself a regular off the Tech bench this season, starting in one game.

Davis said the excitement level the Huskies brought to Lubbock last season brought the Red Raiders closer together. This year, Tech finally has a full roster at its disposal, although a couple of the players are still shaking off the cobwebs, specifically forwards Paul Cooper and D'Walyn Roberts.

Cooper, who had ankle surgery just before the season started, logged his first minutes

on Tuesday. Roberts, who played in the first game of the season but has since been hampered by an injured back, also returned Tuesday against Oral Roberts.

"It's going to take time to get them guys into the movement of the game and the rhythm of the game because they've been out so long," Davis said. "But once we have everybody back, though, we'll be full force. We'll have two big guys again down low to rebound for us and help us on the boards as well as control the paint."

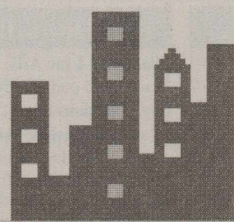
The Red Raiders will need to employ a variety of offensive strategies to keep up with the Huskies. Washington is second in the nation in scoring, averaging 93.7 points per game.

Despite the 5-3 record, Knight said the biggest thing he takes from each game is improvement. The only half where the Red Raiders have been completely outplayed was the first half against Saint Mary's. Knight said his team bounced back immediately in the second half against the Gaels, something positive to take from the 20-point loss.

"We've got to keep on improving; I don't pay attention to — I don't want to be ranked right now. If I have a chance to be ranked, let it happen in February or March," Knight said. "That's when it counts, and that's something that I think we've learned from last year."

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