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## Lubbock sees increase in gun sales after election

By EFRAIN DUARTE  
STAFF WRITER

In July, the United Nations proposed a treaty that would regulate international trade in conventional weapons.

Nearly four months later, the re-election of President Barack Obama has seen an increase in gun sales because citizens fear Obama could potentially limit the use of firearms.

J.D. Clay, salesperson at Sharp Shooters Knife and Gun, a local

gun shop, said the business saw an increase in gun sales the Wednesday following the election.

"A lot of it revolves around people being uncertain of what is going to happen in the near future," Clay said.

Jim Scarborough, owner of Tasmanian Gun Company, said the shop saw an increase in its gun sales after the election, despite the shop's lack of advertisements.

"Trying to get a hold of guns is tight," he said.

The reasoning for the difficulty in acquiring guns, Scarborough said, is because manufacturers have to produce more guns than usual.

Scarborough said 15 to 20 guns are sold per day in the shop.

Another local shop, which saw an increase in daily gun sales, was Fred's Gun Emporium Limited.

"People, especially in this area, are concerned there is going to be some type of gun control started back up," Janette Cook, owner of Fred's Gun Emporium

Limited, said.

According to the Associated Press, Ruger and Smith and Wesson represent nearly 30 percent of the U.S. gun industry. Ruger sales have increased by 86 percent and Smith and Wesson's sales have gone up 44 percent.

In a Supreme Court case, *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court ruled the Second Amendment protects the right of an individual to own a firearm for the purposes of self-defense.

Katie Scanlon, a freshman engineering major from Jonestown, said she believes people have the right to bear arms.

"My dad got a bunch (of guns) the first time (Obama) was elected," she said.

One piece of legislation to limit gun ownership is the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. Former President Bill Clinton signed the act into law in 1993, and it went into effect in 1994.

The Brady Act requires back-

ground checks be conducted on individuals before a firearm is purchased from a federally licensed dealer. From 1994 to 2009, more than 107 million Brady background checks were conducted.

In Texas, a person must be 18 years old to purchase a long gun from a dealer and 21 years old to purchase a handgun. In 2007, Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill making Texas a Castle Doctrine state.

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## Tech receives award for campus diversity

By ALSTON TRBULA  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech recently received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award, which was presented by the INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine.

Juan Munoz, senior vice president for institutional diversity, equity and community engagement, said this is the first time the magazine has presented this particular award. Tech is one of 48 institutions nationally and one of four institutions in Texas to receive the award. Some of the other Texas schools include the University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas.

The magazine is highly reputable and is the first of its kind, he said. The entire list of institutions that received the award will be featured in the December issue of the magazine. There is no order to the list of winners.

According to its website, the magazine has more than 125,000 monthly visitors to its website. Its mission is to promote educational and work environments that reflect what the real world resembles.

"INSIGHT Into Diversity is the oldest and largest diversity magazine and website in higher education today," according to the website. "For nearly 40 years, INSIGHT Into Diversity has been connecting employees with institutions and businesses that embrace a workforce that is reflective of the world around us."

The award is based and measured on how successful universities are in efforts to increase and promote diversity in the student body, staff and faculty, Munoz said. Receiving the award will increase national awareness of Tech.

"We are located in semi-rural West Texas," he said. "We're not in Los Angeles, Chicago, or Austin or Houston. We are not surrounded by masses of students. Yet, in Lubbock, we are competing with schools like Michigan State to create an environment that regardless of your background, economic status and immigrant status of your parents, you're able to succeed at Texas Tech. Especially, if you have

the personal commitment to be successful."

Alex Alston, Student Government Association president, said having diversity is important for many reasons. One of those reasons involves Tech and its goal of achieving tier-one status.

"Honestly, I think diversity is important because it really shows a caring aspect of the university," he said. "It also allows us to really get a sense of each culture and allows us to embrace what each student wants and what they think they need the university to do to accommodate their culture and their religion."

The SGA is actively involved in making the university more diverse, Alston said. This year, SGA created a position called the diversity director, which is within the executive cabinet. Libby King currently occupies the position, and serves as a voice and representative for the diverse groups on campus.

Jobi Martinez, director of the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, said they, too, contribute in many ways to making the university more diverse. They have what is called the Mentor Tech program, which works directly with first-year students from underrepresented populations by pairing them up with faculty and staff who know how to navigate the university.

The Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center is a part of the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

The division also offers Military and Veterans Programs, she said. For the last three years, the programs have been recipients of the Military Friendly School award.

"One of the things that the selection committee pointed out is that we serve the entire campus community," Martinez said. "We also have Faculty Diversity Development grants, where we assist faculty in their research and their creative scholarship based on not necessarily their diversity, but the diversity of their research and the populations they work with."

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## Toreador Tribute



PHOTO BY ASHLYN TUBBS/The Daily Toreador

THE SOUTHWEST COLLECTION/Special Collections Library digitalized old issues of *The Toreador*, now *The Daily Toreador*. Anyone can access the Southwest Collections website to view past issues of the newspaper.

## Historical Tech newspapers become digitalized through Southwest Collections

By ASHLYN TUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

From Amelia Earhart visiting campus, an abundance of beards grown among students during finals and even the arrival of foreign students on campus, *The Daily Toreador* has covered a wide variety of topics throughout the history of Texas Tech.

Now students can review these articles online through the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library's digital collections. So far, online editions from *The DT* date from the first issue Oct. 3, 1925 to editions in 1952. During that time, the newspaper was named *The Toreador*.

Lynn Whitfield, the university archivist, said the project first began in the summer and is still ongoing.

"The earliest newspapers were pretty fragile," she said, "so we've gotten different types of scanners over the years and have worked on digitizing them to put them online for people to use the digital copy. That way, (alumni) all

over the nation can look at the papers from the time they went to school and see what was going on back then."

Whitfield said this collection will provide easier research capabilities for people all over the nation interested in Tech and Southwest history.

"The great thing about the digital collection is it's keyword searchable, and there's a zoom feature, so if anyone has vision problems, they can read it better," she said. "It's just much easier to search than with a hard copy. Mainly, we just wanted to make sure these materials were available for people to use."

Whitfield said there are more than 1,200 issues included in the collection so far.

"*The Daily Toreador* is a really important part of Texas Tech history," she said. "It's the longest running newspaper we have that documents the social, economic and political history at Texas Tech."

Whitfield said one article in an issue of *The DT* from 1948 helped identify the origins

of a promotional Tech film narrated by Tech graduate Clint Formby. The video, which the article describes as costing \$5,000, an expense financed by the Tech Chamber of Commerce and the Student Council, can now be found on YouTube.

In that same issue, Whitfield found an editorial that was of particular interest to her. "It was written about how Texas Tech needed a chapel," she said. "That ties to history now because we actually got around to having a chapel."

Other underground newspapers throughout the course of Tech's history are included in the collection as well, such as *The Catalyst*. Whitfield said this was a controversial newspaper during a time of political, social and academic upheaval, which discussed topics such as the Vietnam War, politics, protests, racial discord and drug use. She said numerous attempts were made by the university and the City of Lubbock to shut down the paper.

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## Today

Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Grambling St.

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against Grambling St.

## Wednesday

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Baylor

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against Baylor.

Scrabble Club

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Market Street

So, what is it?

Come out and meet with the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

DJ Request Night

Time: 9 p.m.

Where: Office Grill and Bar

So, what is it?

Come out and have fun at the DJ Request Night.

## Friday

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Southern Utah

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Come out and support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Southern Utah.

Triple J Chophouse and Brew Co.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Triple J Chophouse and Brew Co.

So, what is it?

Come out and enjoy music by Shelton Rohling.

Karaoke

Time: 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Where: Crossroads

So, what is it?

Come out and be a karaoke star at Crossroads bar.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

## BUILDING BRONZE



PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador

PROFESSOR WILL CANNINGS, and Victoria Shields, a sculpture graduate from Corpus Christi, pour the liquid bronze, which is about 2,300 degrees Fahrenheit, into the plaster casting to complete the bronze sculpture that will be used for the sculpture class's final project Monday in the School of Art 3D Annex Sculpture Studios.

## Judge rejects Nativity displays in Santa Monica

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There's no room for the baby Jesus, the manger or the wise men this Christmas in a Santa Monica park following a judge's ruling Monday against churches that tried to keep a 60-year Nativity tradition alive after atheists stole the show with anti-God messages.

U.S. District Judge Audrey B.

Collins rejected a motion from the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee to allow the religious display this season while their lawsuit plays out against the city.

Collins said the city was within its constitutional right to eliminate the exemption that had allowed the Nativity at the oceanfront Palisades Park because the change affected all comers — from Christians to Jews to atheists — and provided other avenues for public religious speech.

The coalition of churches that had put on the life-sized, 14-booth Nativity display for decades argued the city banned it rather than referee a religious dispute that began three years ago when atheists first set up their anti-God message alongside the Christmas diorama.

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## GUN CONTROL

"I think people are afraid gun laws are going to be heightened, so that is why people are buying more guns."

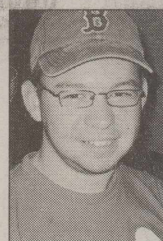
Jessica Thompson - junior advertising major from Rowlett -



"I think we have the right to bear arms."  
- Kasey Harris - sophomore chemistry major from Tomball

"I think people should be able to do whatever they want if they pass regulations and background checks."

Tyler Jolly - junior energy commerce major from Wichita Falls -



"There is a lot of speculation about the tightening of regulation regarding guns, so people are stocking up while they can before gun restrictions tighten."  
- Scott Macatee - junior management information systems major from Hobbs, N.M.

"The change happening could go bad or good."

Jaci Pickrell - junior nutritional sciences major from Littlefield -



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## Gun

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A Castle Doctrine means residents who lawfully occupy a dwelling have the option of using deadly force against a person who unlawfully enters or attempts to enter the dwelling.

Camille Gavin, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Albuquerque, N.M., said she believes people should not be able to carry guns on campus.

"I think people should be able to own a gun, but I think they should have the proper safety requirements," Gavin said.

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## Diversity

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She said in the next five to 10 years, she hopes Tech continues to receive awards related to diversity.

"I hope that we have greater effort and strength in the work that we do for all students," Martinez said. "But I think I'd like to

see a bigger division committed to institutional diversity. It's not just that; I'm really pleased with the campus as a whole and their contributions to institutional diversity. I think when you look at TechAnnounces and even *The Daily Toreador*, you see more and more announcements and articles related to diversity."

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## Collections

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"In 1970, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of The Catalyst by The Channing Club, a Texas Tech student youth group organized by the Unitarian Church," she said. "The ruling in favor of The Catalyst is one of the most notable court cases in the area of freedom of the press for school newspapers. It is often cited in cases of censorship of student presses."

Rob King, a cataloger within the special processing unit at the library, said each week he tries to add 50 to 75 issues to the collection, and also has developed 567 subject headings to simplify research.

"You really wish you could do a subject heading per article," he said, "but there's just no way to do that with every page, so I try to take out the headline subjects I think people would access for history reasons, school or campus research. I do the best I can."

King said some of the topics he has found interesting in the newspapers include foreign students arriving to Tech, oil in Iraq, Lyndon B. Johnson visiting campus, students taking classes from their homes via the radio and an April Fool's Day edition.

"I saw that Al Capone had contributed to the La Ventana, and they were going to dedicate a book to him for his money services, and I got really interested," he said. "Then all of a sudden, I noticed another article was about how 14 students had gotten run over on Broadway, and I was like, 'What is going on with this paper?' Then I finally noticed it was the April Fool's edition."

Monte Monroe, the Southwest Collection archivist, said the library is preserving these newspapers for future generations.

"We think (in) terms of a hundred years from now, will these materials be available for research purposes?" he said. "Newspapers are important to a lot of people, so we're trying to put those online."

King encourages students to utilize the new digital collections by visiting the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library website.

"I've really gotten to learn history on my own coming to this," he said. "I'm getting to learn background history and especially Southwest history. Students should familiarize themselves with what is in the Special Collections now that they are online."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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## Tech looks to make turkeys out of Bears

By MICHAEL DUPONT II  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech entered the season with high hopes and championship aspirations.

After four conference losses, including losses in three of the last four weeks, Tech must defeat Baylor this weekend at Cowboys Stadium to finish in the top half of the Big 12 Conference.

The Red Raiders lost to the Robert Griffin III-led Bears last season, 66-42. Tech allowed 617 total yards and gave up 38 first downs in the loss.

Baylor defeated then No. 1 ranked Kansas State last weekend 52-24 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The Bears, who typically are a pass-first offense, resembled Kansas State's rushing attack in the rout of the Wildcats. Baylor rushed for 342 yards, and five of their seven touchdowns came on the ground.

Sophomore running back Lache Seastrunk and junior Glasco Martin led the Bears rushing attack. Seastrunk, an Oregon transfer, rushed for 185 yards against the Wildcats, averaging nearly 10 yards per carry, while Martin rushed

for 113 yards and three touchdowns to help propel the Bears to victory.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Seastrunk will be a feature back for Baylor in the near future.

"He's not as big as the guy we saw last week, but he can run," he said. "He's quick, he's mobile, they throw the ball to him, and you can tell he's gotten stronger, being his first year, better as the year has gone on. He's got a lot of talent I remember from high school. He's a talented, quick guy that's going to make a lot of plays for Baylor next year."

Senior receiver Terrance Williams also has played a significant role Baylor's offensive success.

Williams has accounted for 1,518 of senior quarterback Nick Florence's 3,429 passing yards including a 314-yard performance against West Virginia earlier in the season.

Senior defensive back Eugene Neboh said Tech has to return to playing sound in both its assignments and technique if it wants to be successful against Baylor.

"We're going to have to play technically sound," Neboh said. "These past two out of three weeks we haven't been

playing technically sound at all times. We're going to have to focus in the film room and dial into the game plan."

Tech surrendered 390 rushing yards in the win against Kansas. The Red Raiders then were exploited the following week for nearly 500 total yards in the loss to the Cowboys.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said injuries have caused many of Tech's defenders to play in new positions, with new assignments, which may be the cause of the recent defensive mishaps.

"I think it's more mental than physical," Johnson said. "I think physically we're in shape, we're still ready to go. I think those losses have weighed on us. Then, at the same time, it's you not being in your position, so you're focused more on 'I need to be in this position,' you're thinking more than we were at the beginning of this season. So I think we're a little more fatigued than any other aspect."

Tech (7-4, 4-4) will play its final game of the season against the Baylor Bears (5-5, 2-5) at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Cowboys Stadium, marking the ninth consecutive afternoon game for the Red Raiders.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege runs the ball through the Kansas University defense during the Red Raiders' 41-34 victory against Kansas on Nov. 3 at Jones AT&T stadium.

## Tech men's basketball looking to go 3-0 UTEP's Mike Price retiring after 31 years as head coach

By MEGAN KETTERER  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball team is looking to go 3-0 this season as they prepare for Grambling State (0-4) at 7 p.m. tonight in United Spirit Arena.

Despite Grambling State's losses, Tech coach Chris Walker said in college basketball, anything can happen.

"Respect all opponents and fear none," he said. "We're going to act like we're playing for the national championship tomorrow. The next game is the biggest game on the schedule."

The team will focus on playing Tech basketball more than focusing on Grambling State, he said.

"No one is expecting them to win the game," Walker said, "but at the end of the day, we just have to play Texas Tech basketball and not worry about what they are thinking or what their agenda may be," Walker said.

The Red Raiders have seven new players this season, Walker said, but the team has responded well. He expects them to continue to improve in positioning and pressing, he said.

In the 91-63 win against Nebraska-Omaha, the team listened to the coaching staff and reduced the number of fouls, Walker said.

"We're always going to be a team of momentum and run," Walker said. "At the end of the day, our goal is the last five or 10 minutes. We're accustomed to playing chaotic(ly). The guys believe in it."

The team has respect for Walker and his coaching style, freshman point guard Josh Gray said.

"Coach Walker puts a lot in," Gray said. "The main part is he

makes us feel like family. We can talk to him about stuff going on at home. It's not just about basketball. That's why we listen and buy in. We really respect him."

Like Walker has expressed to the Red Raiders, Gray said Grambling State is the next big game to win.

"It's a big game," he said. "It's like playing North Carolina or Duke."

Each game the team plays, Gray said, they move up and down the court and press, regardless of what the final score of the game is.

Gray finished the Omaha game with 15 points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals.

He is looking to slow down his game, help his teammates to score and lower the number of turnovers, he said.

Walker said.

"I think he has a great attitude and he's gotten exponentially better," Walker said.

The team plans to continue playing up-tempo and pressing the opponent, he said.

"I hope every game is a game (in which an) up-tempo offense can excel," he said. "Every game is different; (Grambling State) could come in here and shoot lights-out."

Tech is not a good enough team where any opponent can be eliminated, Walker said, but the team is coming into its own.

"For us to overlook Grambling State is not smart," Walker said. "We're playing hard for 40 minutes, which is our goal every single time. (Today) is another dress rehearsal where we get to show what Texas Tech basketball is all about, which is playing hard for 40 minutes."

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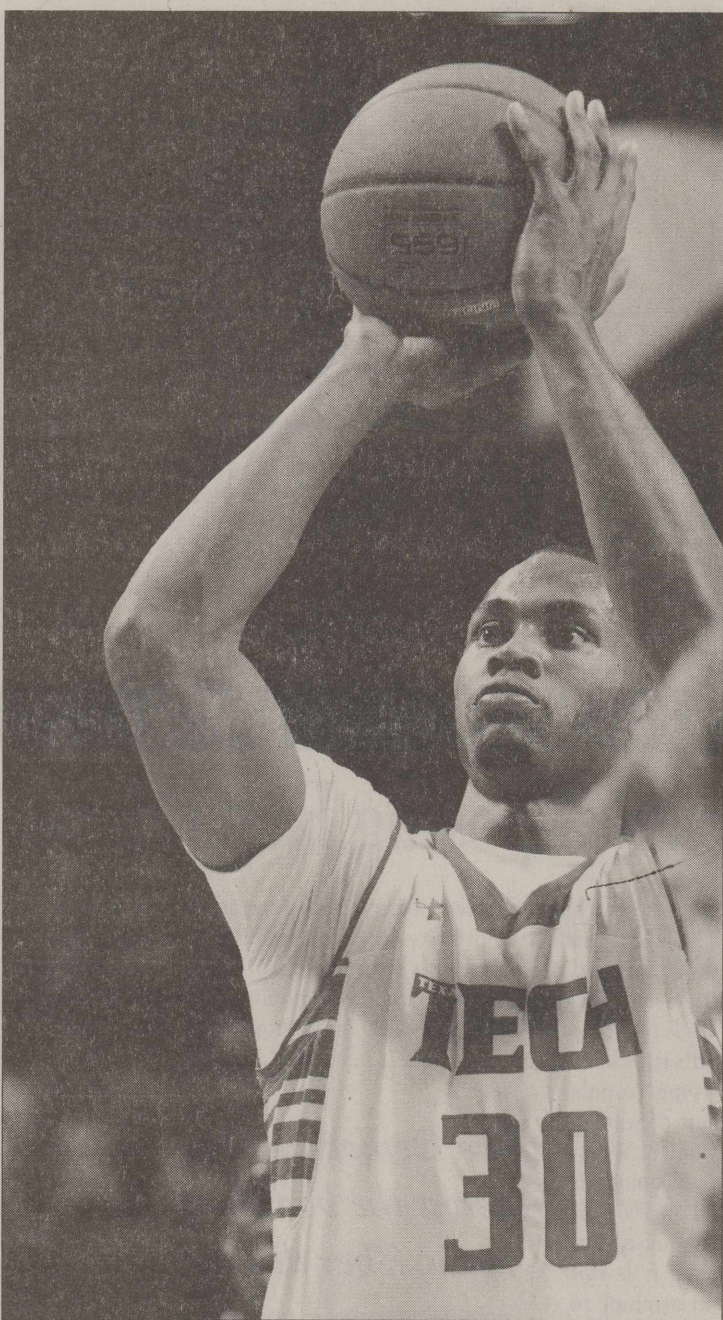


PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROBIN/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jaye Crockett shoots a free throw during the Red Raider's 91-63 victory against the Mavericks on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

### Cowboys turn to Redskins, RG3's visit

IRVING (AP) — Dallas played a long game, and now faces a short week.

And Washington's Robert Griffin III is on his way in for the most appropriate of Thanksgiving games — Cowboys vs. Redskins, the first NFL game in Texas for the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor.

It's safe to say the sigh of relief was brief for Dallas after Sunday's 23-20 overtime win over last-place Cleveland.

"We are going to enjoy this one for another 10 minutes or so and then get on to the Redskins," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said after the game.

There are several issues for the Cowboys to consider in the roughly 96 hours between Dan Bailey's winning field goal in overtime and the kickoff against the Redskins.

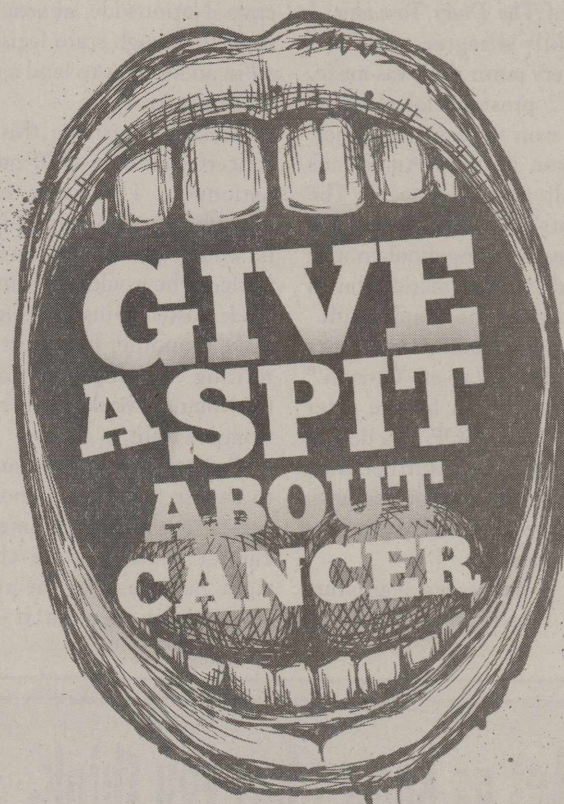
Start with the offensive line, which essentially ended up with three replacements against the Browns after left tackle Tyron Smith injured an ankle early and didn't return.

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# OPINIONS

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## Holidays should be taken one at a time

As Thanksgiving approaches, so do the thousands of holiday ads coming in at every angle, attacking you with everything Christmas: Christmas sales, Christmas foods, Christmas clothes — everything and anything you can think of does a complete remodel to broadcast their holiday cheer.

Even if you take a visit to the mall, you can't escape the premature decorating of Christmas including trees and the Santa picture station. All of this occurs before Thanksgiving even happens. Ever since I can remember, society has been overlapping and rushing holidays.

Whatever happened to enjoying our holidays one at a time and not rushing to get them over with and prepare for the next? I would love to see America simply take the time to enjoy Thanksgiving Day without having to worry about what time to set their alarm clocks for the next day.

I've seen it get worse in the last couple of years with stores competing against each other with their Black Friday sales. Some stores open at 5 a.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving, and they seem to open earlier and earlier each year. I heard of one store this year opening on Thanksgiving Day. Pretty soon, everything will be open on Thanksgiving Day since everyone is trying to compete with each other and Black Friday will no longer exist.

I've worked in retail on Black Friday, which was bad enough not having time to relax with your family the day after a holiday, but I can't even imagine having to work on Thanksgiving Day. Are companies really so greedy for money that they won't give a holiday off to their employees? People that work retail have a hard enough time dealing with customer service, and it gets worse when people are stressing over the holidays and

**Katie Johnson**



wanting the best deals.

On Thanksgiving Day, there always seems to be a corner drug store open to fulfill needs that perhaps you forgot that day. Talking to my parents or grandparents, they explain how when they were young, nothing was open; you just planned beforehand.

It seems like newer generations don't take the time to appreciate Thanksgiving because they get swept in the rushing, frantic overload of Christmas.

When I took a visit to the mall with my mom at the beginning of November, she couldn't believe the stores had already decorated for Christmas. She explained that when she was a kid, seeing Christmas decorations was a special time of year.

It's true that as much as I love Christmas, seeing Christmas decorations for a solid two and a half months depreciates the value of having them up during a "special time of year." We can't celebrate Christmas for two and a half months; this isn't Whoville.

Since I get irritated at getting Christmas thrown in my face too early, I can't imagine how non-celebrating people are. It's at almost every store and in every television commercial, and it never seems to end.

This year, try enjoying Thanksgiving Day without thinking about what's coming next. There will be plenty of time to shop for Christmas gifts and plenty of time to enjoy each holiday for what it truly is.

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## Secession petitions show political divisiveness

In what has recently become somewhat of a punch line, thousands of people across the country have signed petitions for their state to secede from the United States. Many have taken to pointing and laughing at the secessionists and dismissing them as a bunch of loons.

Petitions for states to secede have been signed. A petition allowing Austin to withdraw from the State of Texas while still remaining in the United States has circulated. There's even been a petition to strip everyone who signed a secession petition of his or her U.S. citizenship and for them to be deported.

First of all, secession is not going to happen. We can debate about the legality of it until we're all blue in the face, but it won't happen. That's not why it's important.

This situation is important because it speaks to how politically divided our country is at this time. We just completed arguably the most heated and divisive presidential campaign in recent memory, and there was bound to be a group of very unhappy people, regardless of who ended up winning.

We've been told over the last few months that Republicans are

**Andrew Gleinser**



evil and only care about wealthy white men, and Democrats are a bunch of leeches on welfare who feel like they're victims. I find those characterizations to be rather insulting.

Any reasonable person knows that the vast majority of Republicans and the vast majority of Democrats are decent people who just happen to have a difference of opinion on how to fix the country's problems. Yet when the political rhetoric gets fired up, those facts go out the window.

Hence, we have a political atmosphere where compromise is a double-edged sword. People want

liberals and conservatives. Instead, if anything gets done at all, one side wins while the other side pouts. It's sad, but that's the way our political system works today.

What needs to happen in this situation is for people to learn to compromise. We need to demand of our politicians the ability to come to agreeable solutions for everyone rather than to simply toe the party line.

If our politics could become less divisive, we wouldn't have situations where people want their states to secede from the Union. As it stands now, we're nowhere close to achieving this.

I still have hope that our country's problems can be fixed. All we need is for people to wake up and demand both progress and compromise from our elected officials. If they don't listen, we need to vote them out.

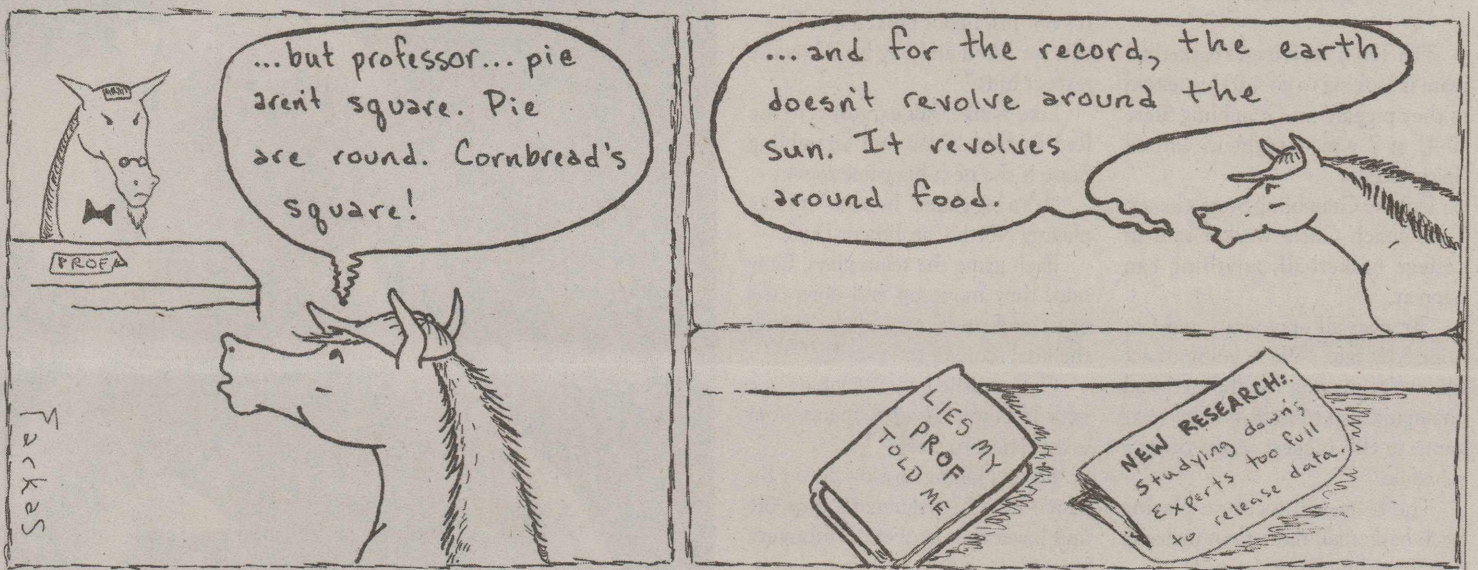
With some simple compromise, we can end the divisiveness that plagues our political system. We're all adults, so let's start acting accordingly.

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## THE TROTS



BY ANDREA FARKAS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Election won with Democrats exposing Republican lies, not with scare tactics

By AUSTIN RAWLS

In response to Andrew Gleinser's column in the Nov. 15, 2012 edition of *The Daily Toreador*, I respectfully disagree with just about every point that was made. The 2012 presidential election was not won with scare tactics. It was won because Americans know bull when they see it. The Democrats' pointing out what the GOP is really saying should not be construed as a scare tactic as much as just relaying the simple truth.

Firstly, the Democrats did not imagine the "War on Women." It was brought on by the utter stupidity of the GOP. You do not have to look much further than what the GOP legislatures have done across the country in the last two years.

Here in Texas, our legislature decided to pass bills requiring

women to view sonograms before abortions while taking money away from education. They made abortion a priority, not the Democrats. Nationwide, abortion bills slipped through state legislatures all in an attempt to land a case in Washington.

Make no mistake; this was a concerted effort by GOP members nationwide. They knew they had a candidate who said publicly he would appoint Supreme Court justices who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Justice Ginsburg might not make it another four years before retiring or dying. Just one pick for Romney would have ended a woman's right to choose.

Furthermore, to say that a right to choose is not an economic issue is "malarkey." Women who cannot afford to raise children right now deserve the right to choose when they can. It is a dol-

lar issue if I have ever seen one. The GOP made it a priority in their national conference to say they were for overturning *Roe v. Wade* in all cases. The personhood bills they keep trying to pass acts of war on women. When the Democrats go on TV telling us about this, it is not an attempt to scare voters as much as it is just telling you what the other side really feels.

Secondly, President Barack Obama's economic policies are not as bad as the GOP likes to make them seem. We are making progress, as any economist will tell

you. You cannot, in four years, dig yourself out of a hole that took eight to make. The Democrats' economic policies saved us from a recession, plain and simple.

The investments the Democrats make in education are essential to a modern-day economy. As someone who has taken out a lot of federal student loans, I can tell you that it means a lot to have a president who understands what that is like. I'm sorry, Mr. Romney, but I cannot take out a loan from my parents to attend school. My dad is a schoolteacher, not a millionaire.

Thirdly, the tax question is nothing more than asking the wealthy to go back to the tax rates they had under Bill Clinton. Remember Bill Clinton? He is the last president to have a surplus. He is also a Democrat. Times were good in the 90s (or so I hear) and most Americans agree that the wealthy should pay their fair share in taxes, as evidenced by the popular vote and just about every exit poll.

Fourthly, Paul Ryan is an extremist that would have been one heartbeat away from the presidency. His budget would have led to another recession, as some economists will tell you. What's more, consider how clever he thought he was in saying that Obama stole money from Medicare, when in fact Ryan planned in his budget to do the exact same thing. If he lies to us about that (and about how fast he can run a marathon), how can we believe

anything he says?

Romney would have allowed the auto industry to bust. Most economists agree what Obama did saved the industry and the jobs. Romney said he would not have done that; he would have let "Detroit go bankrupt." And further along in his campaign, he actually had the audacity to say what Obama did was really his idea. What nerve!

The Democrats won across the board on issues. They did not scare people to vote Democratic. They let the Republicans do the work for them. Extreme economic and social policies are what lost Romney the presidency and Republicans the Senate. The GOP needs to do some rebranding if it wishes to remain a viable party in the future.

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# Kithuka's title came despite underdog status

By **HOLDEN WILEN**  
STAFF WRITER

As he crossed the finish line, Texas Tech junior Kennedy Kithuka pointed to the sky and thanked God, and then gave the crowd a Guns Up in celebration of his first NCAA Division I cross-country title.

Kithuka broke the course record at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park, finishing with a time of 28:31.3 in the 10,000-meter race.

Despite coming into the race unbeaten, Tech coach Jon Murray said Kithuka was considered an underdog at the NCAA Cross-Country Championships in Louisville, Ky. Kithuka was not invited to a news conference the day before the meet for runners who were considered the favorites.

"People are looking at him saying he's had a great season, and he's been doing well, but he's not really one of the favorites," Murray said. "That was wonderful. When it came back to it, he was the underdog going in there by most people's standards.

For Kennedy to come in and do that speaks even more to his performance."

The day before the race, Kithuka said he went on a short run with a couple of the runners who were considered favorites. During the run, Kithuka sensed in complete confidence they were going to beat him. Kithuka said he went to bed feeling nervous.

The next morning, Kithuka said he woke up feeling great. His body felt good, and mentally he was feeling confident. His confidence came through in the race.

Going into the race, Kithuka said he knew what his opponents' strategy would be. The other runners, he said, planned to stick with him for the first 7,000 meters. At that point, they would break away.

Meanwhile, Kithuka had his own plan. For the 5,000 meters, Kithuka said he ran with the pack. At that point, he chose to break ahead and leave everyone behind him. After he made his move and took a substantial lead, Kithuka knew he his strategy

had worked.

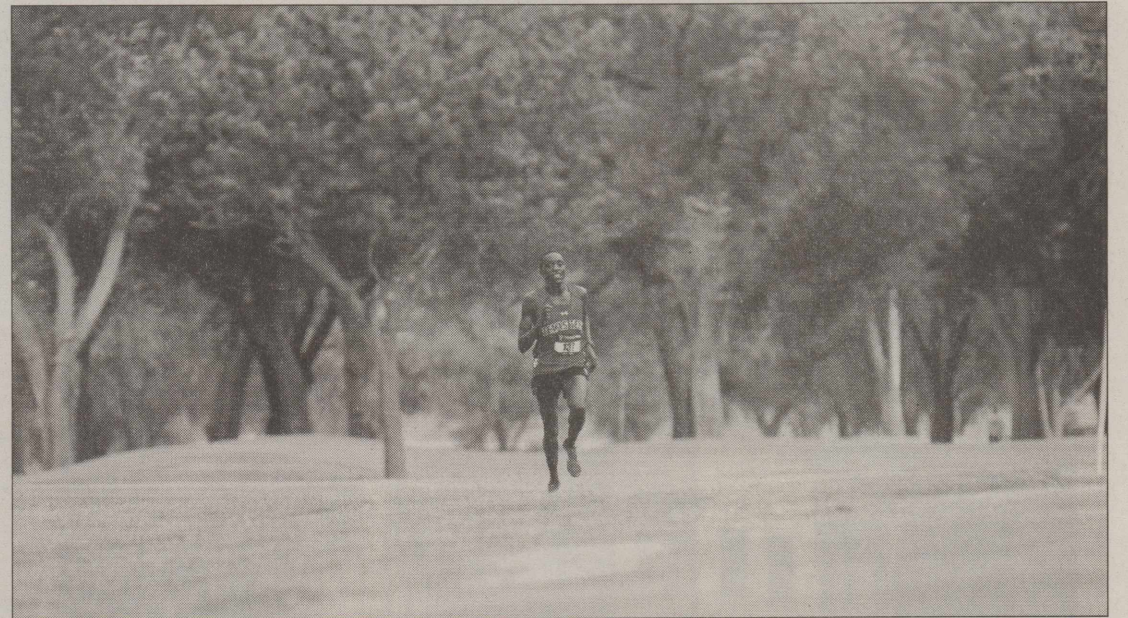
Murray said he was near the half-way point when he had a chance to see Kithuka from the sideline.

"(Kithuka) basically broke them at the point," Murray said. "I really thought the race was going to be more — a little more — into it, more like the (8,000 meter point) or (9,000 meter point) and just be the last couple kilometers. When I went back to that area to encourage him, it was already over, really."

Even after crossing the finishing line, Kithuka said he still was not tired.

"I was still feeling energetic," Kithuka said. "I could have run faster, but I just ran that because no one could give me competition. I just went down and won it easy. I won it easy there."

Before the season started, Murray said, he knew Kithuka would perform well and run as best as he could. However, he did not know what the result would be. The result ended up being an undefeated season which ended in a



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treader

TEXAS TECH'S KENNEDY Kithuka runs the final leg of the men's 8K cross country event during the Red Raider Open on Friday at Meadowbrook Golf Course. Kithuka's time of 23:34.44 broke the previous course record.

national title.

"I didn't know what the result would be until it was all over," Murray said. "Even midway at this

last meet, I knew unless something great competition like that, that was totally terrible happened that that was outstanding." [hwilen@dailytreader.com](mailto:hwilen@dailytreader.com)

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19 Michigan @ Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Ohio State
8 Stanford @ 17 UCLA	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	UCLA

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Winter coaster
- "Go \_\_\_ Tigers!": 1988 Detroit baseball theme song
- Verb for thou
- Vehicle at a stand
- Martini garnish
- Empty room phenomenon
- Unattributed, as a quote: Abbr.
- Show hosted by 23-Across
- Uncommon, to Caesar
- Taking care of the job
- Muse for poets
- Popular TV personality (11/20/1932-6/2/2012)
- Syr. neighbor
- Royal Navy letters
- Brightness nos.
- Put a match to
- Vocal quality
- 18-Across list topper
- Proboscis
- Did, at some point
- Fish-fowl connector
- Syr. neighbor
- Go toe-to-toe
- With "the," 23-Across's nickname on 18-Across
- Healing plants
- Lugosi of horror films
- Flag Day month
- 23-Across's catchphrase on 18-Across
- Area behind a high altar
- "Aha!"
- Blue Cross competitor
- Part of an agenda
- Migratory herring
- California berry farm founder
- Used car sites

**DOWN**

- Percussionist from Liverpool
- Hawaiian porch
- Ritualistic evictions
- Singers
- Washington and Shore
- Cost
- Spiral-horned antelope
- Faint of heart
- Madonna title role
- B or C of the Spice Girls
- Sits on the kitchen counter until dinner, say
- Indian
- Not even ajar
- Chore list heading
- Quaint country consent
- Grammy winner
- India
- Bread choice
- Place to overnight
- Quid pro
- Future beetles
- Rejection on top of rejection
- Opal finish?

By Steve Blais 11/20/12

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

ASSN MESA FLAW  
SHOO TWIST REBA  
PALM SANAA EASY  
CRASHINGBORE  
AIRGUN CLO SRA  
RUMBLINGSTOMACH  
ASEA AAA TMO  
ROARINGTWENTIES  
INNATE ESME  
NET CBS PSALMS  
THUNDERSTORM  
JOKE LEAVE AMBI  
AXIS ARLES RAIL  
MYTH DENS INGE

50 "A Doll's House" playwright  
51 "That's so cool!"  
52 Quick flash  
53 Needing practice in  
54 Smaller map, often  
55 Rains cats and dogs  
56 Auction condition  
57 One who rarely has low spirits?  
61 Hog the phone

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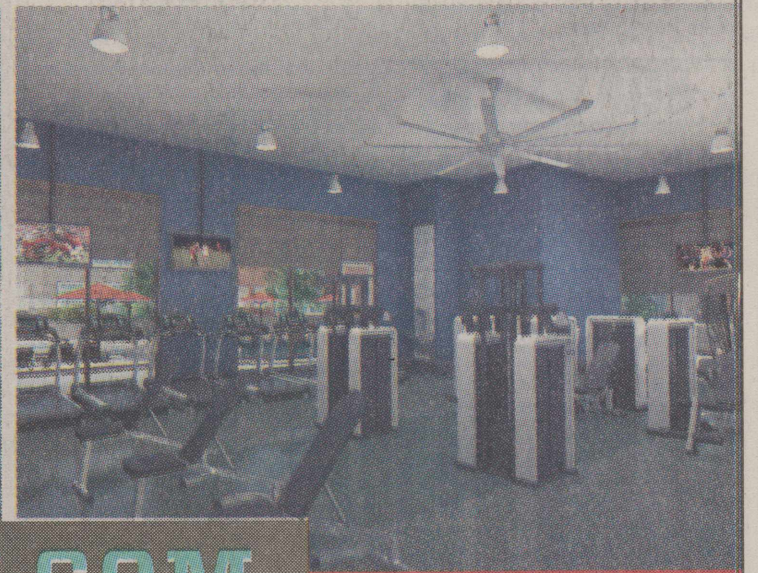
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