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**OKC Native, *New York Times* Correspondent Shanker to  
Sign Books Oct. 2 at Full Circle  
*“Counterstrike” details U.S. war against Al Qaeda***

**Oklahoma City, Sept. 20, 2011** -- Oklahoma City native and *New York Times* correspondent Thom Shanker will sign copies of “Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America’s Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda,” at **2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2**, at Full Circle Bookstore in Oklahoma City.

The book, which Shanker co-authored with fellow *Times* correspondent Eric Schmitt, has earned critical praise since its August release. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Atkinson calls it “a remarkable detective story by two of the nation's best reporters.”

Shanker and Schmitt dig into the United States’ nuanced efforts to combat the worldwide terrorist network of Al Qaeda. Drawing on their many sources, the correspondents take readers deep into the realm of the military, spy agencies and law enforcement. “Counterstrike” also includes a chapter with dramatic new details surrounding the May 2011 operation that killed Osama bin Laden.

As Shanker and Schmitt note, however, the bin Laden death doesn’t end the war on terrorism. “Terrorism inspired by Al Qaeda cannot be defeated as it is defined today,” they write.

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