

2,100 students. The school, located in Arlington, plans to honor Peach by bringing back his former players, coaches and colleagues in a public presentation on the field and a closed reception afterward. The celebration will take place after the first home game following Peach's 300th win.

The legend that Peach leaves behind is one of consistency: Coaches—especially those being recruited by numerous other high schools and colleges—do not typically spend four decades dedicated to the same team. Those who have become leaders in the wake of Peach's leadership, such as assistant coaches Elvin Jones and Jerry Ward, share in giving the respect that the Lamar community reserves for one of its own history-makers.

## Anchored in the Barnett

Natural gas giant Chesapeake Energy brought actor Tommy Lee Jones from the big screen to the small screen and to every billboard west of Highway 360 to encourage citizens to "Get

Behind the Barnett," and now they have recruited one of the Metroplex's most tenured news anchors.

July marks the end of an era for CBS-affiliate KTVT Channel 11 anchor Tracy Rowlett. Possibly one of the Metroplex's most relied upon anchors, Rowlett will no longer be delivering the news for Channel 11. Rather, he will be joining the Chesapeake Energy family as anchor and managing editor for *Shale TV*. The program, which will begin airing this fall, is Chesapeake's new online video channel that will provide information about the continued development of the Barnett Shale and other natural gas plays in the U.S.

With Tommy Lee Jones on billboards and commercials, and Tracy Rowlett anchoring an online Barnett Shale TV program, we are left asking one question: Who's next to hop on the Chesapeake bandwagon? Stay tuned.



## Fleet Feet

In the fourth season of "So You Think You Can Dance," Fort Worthian Joshua Allen represents the show's local enthusiasts with his mesmerizing pop and hip-hop moves. After Allen's solo audition, one of the show's creators, Nigel Lythgoe, called the performer "his favorite dancer of the day." The possibility of becoming a national favorite and dance icon now comes closer for Allen: He has secured a coveted slot in the Top 20.

Allen, who aspires to be a recording artist and have his own company and studio, has been dancing since he was 8. Pulled in opposite directions by his aptitude for sports as well as singing and dancing, the North Crowley High School graduate fell in love with the stage when he began formal training at the Debbie Allen Institute workshop. Eleven years later, he's pulling inspiration from Michael Jackson's routines and handling the strenuous practice and performance schedule of an extremely popular television show.

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## Woman of Extremes

The life of a mother is always an adventure, but one Fort Worth mom took her adventure a step further: To Big Sky, Montana, at an elevation of 100,000 feet. Kim Dunkin, owner of a small martial arts equipment business in Fort Worth, embarked June 21 on the 10-day "Primal Quest Expedition

Race." She and her coed team, aptly named Intrepid, biked, ran, paddled, riverboarded and climbed over 500 miles of trying terrain.

Dunkin participated in the 2007 Utah event and said she couldn't wait to do better this year. Her daily workout regimen bespoke her resolve: Four hours on the treadmill in addition to running, bleacher running and biking. When asked why she competed in this internationally-known endurance competition fraught with risks (extreme cold, avalanches and bears, to name a few), Dunkin explained that she wants to take her experiences to youth groups and churches to help and inspire others.

## Lone Star Talent

Melissa Lawson of Dalworthington Gardens is not your typical reality show contestant. The 32-year-old Arlington High School alumna and mother of five dreamed of a career in music but put her dreams on hold to raise a family. After earning a spot on the NBC show *Nashville Star* with her audition songs, Bonnie Raitt's "Something to Talk About" and Carrie Underwood's "Jesus, Take the Wheel," Lawson has been taking the judges and America by storm with her powerful vocals and down-to-earth personality. Structured much like its pop music cousin, *American Idol*, the show features performances each week from contestants and comments from a judging panel. Judges include singers Jewel, John Rich of country act Big & Rich, and Jeffrey Steele, whose songwriting credits include "What Hurts the Most," as recorded by Rascal Flatts. Competing on the show is a big change for Lawson, who enjoys visiting The Cheesecake Factory and Barnes & Noble at the Parks Mall when she's at home in Arlington. Having aired previously on the USA Network, *Nashville Star* returns this season with new host Billy Ray Cyrus. The show airs Mondays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

