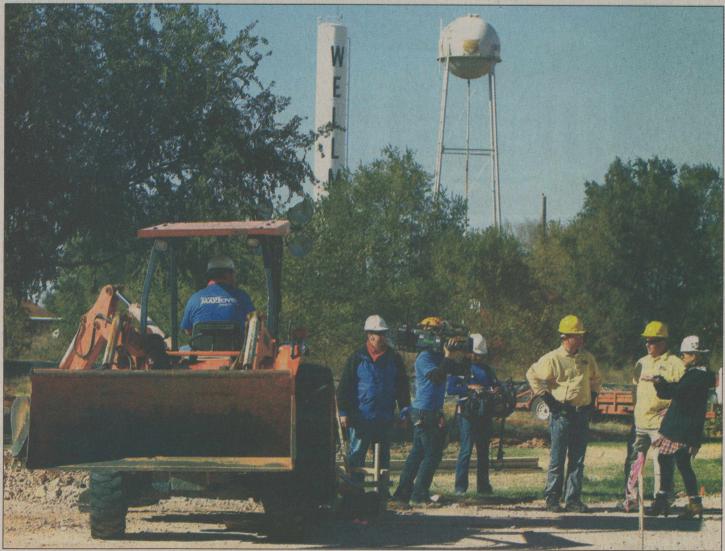
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LEIGH ANNE TUOHY, right, a designer on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" films a segment for the show Wednesday in Wellman.

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"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has made its way for the first time to West Texas, making its stop at Wellman. Amidst the tumbleweeds and fierce winds in this small town of no more than 300, a team of hundreds of volunteers, contractors, builders and designers begin construction on the Brown family's home. The family returns from New York City on Monday to see their new home. Check out videos of the progress at dailytoreador.com and check Monday's issue for more.



WORKERS MEASURE WOOD at the site of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" on Wednesday in Wellman.

Center shows harmful effects of smoking

Booth encourages people to drop tobacco habit



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ABBY BARNES, LEFT, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from San Antonio, and Lola Coppage, prevention coordinator for the Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders, display two pig lungs to represent the damaging effects smoking has on humans.

By JORDAN SIGLER STAFF WRITER

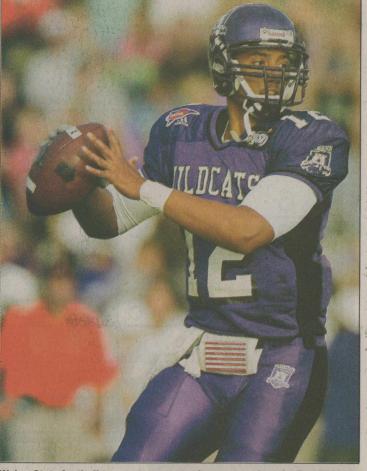
a booth Wednesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation center. Center to inform students about

the dangers of smoking.

The booth featured two pig lungs, one healthy and one that simulated five years of smoking The Managed Care Center for damage on one side and 10 years Addictive/Other Disorders set up on the other, said Lola Coppage. prevention coordinator for the

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Weber State football encounters must-win game against the Red Raiders. SPORTS, Page 6

Alumni spotlight

Tech alumnus re-opens historic movie house

By BRITTANY HOOVER STAFF WRITER

Joseph Sanders had no idea he would go on to manage a behindthe-scenes aspect of the arts when he began his debut in the world of theater at age 8 as a singer.

But now, the Texas Tech alumnus is using his experience and talent to bring back the historic Yam Theatre

for Lubbock residents.

Sanders grew up in a military family that moved him from his birthplace of Guam to Mississippi, Germany, Illinois and California, all before the age of 12, he said. He became accustomed to theater performing alongside his sister as a member of the Sound of Music Singers in Germany.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Jana Mashonee Time: 7 p.m. Where: ICC Auditorium So, what is it? Mashonee, a Native American singer who has been nominated for a Grammy and won seven Native American Music Awards, will perform as part of Tech's Native American Heritage Month events.

Rembrandt's Etchings Explored Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium, Museum of TTU So, what is it?

Guest expert Michael Cassin, Clark Institute, Williamstown, Mass., will present a talk about Rembrandt's etchings, in conjunction with the exhibition Sordid and Sacred: The Beggars in Rembrandt's Etchings, on view through Nov. 30. Reception follows the lecture. Free admission and parking.

Cultural Cooking Demo with Chef Dewey McMurrey Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: Wall/Gates Main Lobby So, what is it? Hospitality Services presents Texas Tech executive sous-chef Dewey McMurrey and his Mediterranean, Indian and Thai cuisine.

FRIDAY

Tech Men's Basketball vs. Stephen F. Austin Time: 7 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena

Fall Studio Dance Concert Time: 8 p.m. Where: Maedgen Laboratory Theatre So, what is it? A showcase of original student works of various dance styles. Free

tickets are available with a Tech ID.

To make a calendar submission e-mail features@dailytoreador.com.

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Smoke ←

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Bryce Kirby, a senior account marketing major from Clean Fort Hood, said he thought the diseased lung was nasty and said the high cost of tobacco keeps him from smoking.

Although the picture of the lungs was disturbing, they won't have a major impact on smokers, Kirby said.

"I don't think the aesthetics are really a turn-off for smokers; I mean, you clearly can't see your lungs on a regular basis," he said, "but when you see that person on a basketball court or soccer court playing indoor or whatever, and they're smoking, you can definitely tell they're not at 100 percent because of the way they smoke."

Coppage said the care center wanted to provide information for people to receive help in quitting tobacco.

"1,200 people die each day from tobacco use, from cigarettes, cigars and even spit tobacco," Coppage said. "Tomorrow is the Great American Smoke-Out, which historically is known as National Quit Day. We have people out talking to everyone about making tomorrow the first day of the rest of their life.'

Managed Care Center partners with the Raider Assistance program and the Tech Wellness Center and is a rehabilitation and prevention center that helps

with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and eating disorders, Coppage said.

"Overall, we want to decrease smoking in both adults and youth population," she said. "In 18- to 25-year-olds in Lubbock County and the other surrounding counties, we're so much above the state average — we're at 14 percent where the state average is at 10 percent."

The reason why Lubbock has a high population of smokers is because Lubbock is a rural area and is more lax about tobacco, Coppage said. The goal this year is to get smokers to commit to quitting, and the center will give smokers the resources to do that.

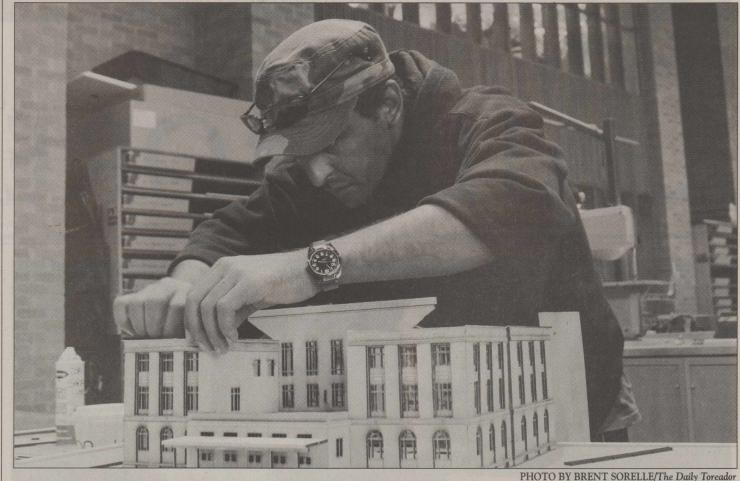
"We have here a quit line that we are encouraging people to call because they can get free secession tools like gum, the patches and even prescription medicine if the gum or patches do not work. They will get a free three months supply sent to them in the mail, and after that three months supply, if it doesn't work, we will continue to help them for up to two years free of charge," she said.

Coppage said she wou an increase this year from last year in callers from Lubbock to quit smoking as Lubbock has one of the highest smoking populations in Texas.

"Lubbock County was the only county throughout Texas that did not have an increase in people calling to quit to put down tobacco," she said.

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ASTONISHING ARCHITE



DINO FABBRI, A graduate student from Ethiopia studying architecture, works on his final project on Wednesday in the Architecture building.

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"My sister and I liked to perform," he said. "My mother also studied dance when she was younger, like in high school. She never did it professionally, but she enjoyed it as recreation. I guess the arts are in my

After graduating from Vista High School in Vista, Calif., in 1996, Sanders was awarded a dance scholarship to attend Chapman University in Orange, Calif., he said. In 2000, he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater and Dance.

Sanders decided to take some time off from school and began working at Barnes & Noble in Orange. After multiple promotions, in 2002 he got his first job in event planning -community relations manager, who was in charge of in-store story times, book groups, tours, book drives, community outreach and releases.

community relations manager for the Barnes & Noble in Amarillo, he said, and one year later he left the retail world when he and his partner moved to Portales, N.M., where they reside today.

Sanders started teaching dance at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales as an adjunct faculty member, and it was there that he decided to come to Tech for graduate school in event planning, he said.

"I was looking into what do I want to do with my life? Where do I want to go next?" he said. "I started

looking at getting a graduate degree because if I wanted to stay in higher education and teach, I needed to have a terminal degree. And I didn't necessarily want to get one in acting or dance because I was going to be 29, so I was getting up in years for a dancer who doesn't do it profes-

Sanders decided to attend Tech in Fall 2007 to earn his Master's of Fine Arts in Administration, which entails learning how to run a nonprofit organization, he said.

Linda Donahue is the head of arts administration at Tech as well as Sanders' adviser and instructor during his time in Lubbock. She said the program trains students to be leaders in the managing of the arts and what happens behind the scenes: marketing the arts, funding the arts, being an advocate for the arts and managing the arts.

Donahue said Sanders excelled in all of those areas.

"Joseph is a joy, talented in many In 2004. Sanders became the respects from stage work, choreography and marketing," she said. "He knows the stage business and the backstage business, and I was excited to have him as my student because he was a top, top student, and I know he is going to go far in his career.'

While at Tech, Sanders taught a jazz class in the dance department and also worked on his practicums in the President's Office and with the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series, he said. He had to complete three practicums to earn his degree, a total of 150 hours, he said.

"It was supposed to be work in

publicity, marketing, advocacy, fundraising, all things we had coursework on," he said. "So you did a little miniinternship of sorts with arts organizations or an organization in Lubbock or on campus."

Donahue often tells Jo Moore, administrator for the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series, that she's looking for another Joseph Sanders, and Moore agrees he was beneficial to the series.

"Not only his class work, projects and practical application (stood out), but his personality is going to take him far," Donahue said. "When you are the director of an arts organization, you are the face of that organization, period. You are the person who meets, greets, organizes and leads. It takes a strong, outgoing person who's very pleasant to do that.'

Sanders will do a fabulous job no matter where he works, Moore said. She said he completes the job of an event planner effortlessly.

"He's proactive when you talk about what needs to be done he can anticipate needs for people he works with," she said. "I think that trait will carry on. He has a sense of know what needs to be done."

Also for his degree, Sanders completed an internship at the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago, an ensemble based theater company founded 35 years ago, he said. He worked for Steppenwolf as a paid apprentice in the marketing department.

"It's a unique program that allows you to be there for nine months and learn a lot and get a good feel for the city and the Chicago theater scene itself," Sanders said.

After graduating in December 2009, he returned to Steppenwolf and worked another five months with the company, Sanders said. Then he moved back to Portales and started looking for a job using his arts administration degree.

The first job he accepted was a part-time position as a department secretary for the Department of Psychology and Political Science at Eastern New Mexico University, he said.

Then, in August, he was hired into the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce as a part-time promotions coordinator, he said. The job entails supporting the executive director in planning the six major events they

host each year, including the county fair, a quilt festival and a Christmas fundraiser.

Sanders was recently promoted to a full-time position at the chamber and will leave his job at the university next week to focus on an exciting change to a historical building in town, he said.

"I'm going to be predominately focusing on the Yam Theatre," he said. "It is an old 1920s movie house, an old movie projector movie house that has a couple of iterations in its life and unfortunately closed back in '60s and hasn't been open since here in town."

Sanders said it is a special place because some people in town remember going and watching movies in the original theater.

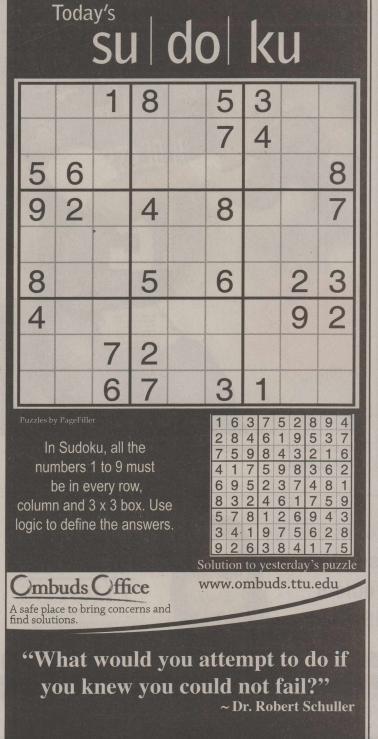
The theatre has been refurbished and redesigned into an event space, and Sanders will manage the space, rent it out to individuals and plan programming for the community, he said. He hopes the building will bring in musical artists, comedians and guest speakers, as well as private parties, family reunions, luncheons and meetings.

"It's very exciting," Sanders said. "We don't have a whole lot of nightlife and community programming in town. The university does do stuff, and it is advertised to the community, but it's mostly for students. The Yam is going to offer us a unique opportunity to expand and be able to offer a venue where if a local musician wants to have a concert, we could include it in a series, or if they want to just rent out the space and see what they can do, they can do that as well.'

Although there was a time when Sanders was a performer, he said he plans to stay in the events and marketing side of administration in the arts. He choreographed "The Full Monty" during his time at Texas Tech and recently helped with the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Eastern New Mexico.

"I think performing and helping with theater productions will always be a part of my life," he said. "I would love to always be employed by an arts organization, whether a large theater, or small theater or an advocacy group. I know theater is in my blood, and I will always be fed by it, so I will always seek it out.'

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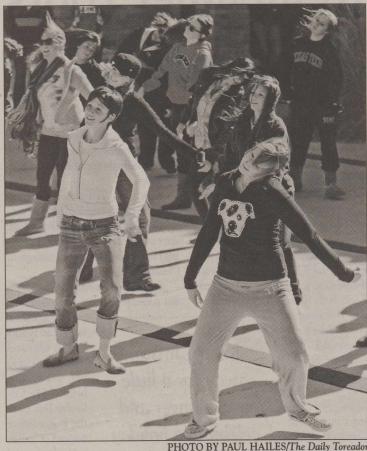
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FLASH DANCE



TECH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in a flash dance to promote the Tech Can Share canned food drive on Monday outside the Student Union Building.

Slaying of publicist Chasen baffles police, Hollywood community

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) witnesses — and the killer. - It's the latest mystery to grip Hollywood. A prominent publicist and woman-about-town is killed, her body slumped in her Mercedes near Sunset Boulevard.

Was it an attempted carjacking? Or something more sinister. Maybe a hit?

As the tabloid press, mainstream newspapers and websites blared the shooting of Ronni Chasen, tight-lipped detectives roamed this bastion of the ultra-rich, hunting for

Her friends and colleagues wondered how the life of a woman who had spent her career rushing from red carpet to red carpet to charm the connected for her star clientele could have ended in such a violent way.

It was mind-boggling, they said, that anyone would want to see her dead.

"Just because somebody didn't win with headlines Wednesday about an Oscar?" asked Chasen's longtime friend, Oscar-nominated singer-songwriter Carol Connors. "I just can't see it being that. It seems so out of the realm."

Native American fraternity seeks to start new chapter at Texas Tech

By DEVIN SANCHEZ STAFF WRITER

Pushing Texas Tech further toward its goal of diversity, the first Native American fraternity created may start a chapter on campus.

Epsilon Chi Nu was established at East Carolina University in 1996, and in an attempt to expand expressed interest in joining the Red Raider community, said Allen Sutton, assistant director of Greek Life.

He is hosting an informational presentation with the fraternity on Friday. The presentation will include information on the organization and its traditions and will also serve as a mini-recruitment. Sutton said this no strings attached event is intended to generate student interest.

"We've gotten requests to do more Native American programming," he said. "Anything that is American Indian specific."

Sutton also thinks the organization would help to bring in more Native American, American Indian and Alaskan Inuit students, especially since Tech currently has no student organization that caters to those students.

dents," he said. "We have nothing else like this on campus."

Should the organization decide to be a part of the Texas Tech community, it will be the first of its kind in the state of Texas, meaning Texas Tech would be the first school in Texas to colonize an American Indian fraternity, something Sutton thinks would be of benefit to the university.

"We are trying to expand Greek Life," he said. "And the university has a goal of 40,000 by 2020, and we think an organization like this would help make that goal a reality."

If colonized, the organization would be a part of the Multicultural Greek Council, one of four councils on campus that deals with Greek

Sutton also said the organization has a sister sorority, which would be geared towards American Indian

"The sorority will not be at the event," he said. "But the fraternity will be able to take any questions the women may have about the organization."

In order to inform students about the event, Sutton and his crew took "It is a great opportunity to bring to Facebook, TechAnnounce and in and retain American Indian stu- even targeted certain students. As

far as expectations for the turnout for the event, Sutton didn't have any.

"You never can tell when working with college students," he said. "It is hard to determine an outcome."

One thing Sutton reiterated was students do not have to be of Native American Indian decent to attend or become a part of the organization.

"This is for anyone who is interested," he said. "We are just hoping students will want to be a part of this."

The event will take place Friday and will have two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. in the Mesa Room in the Student Union Building.

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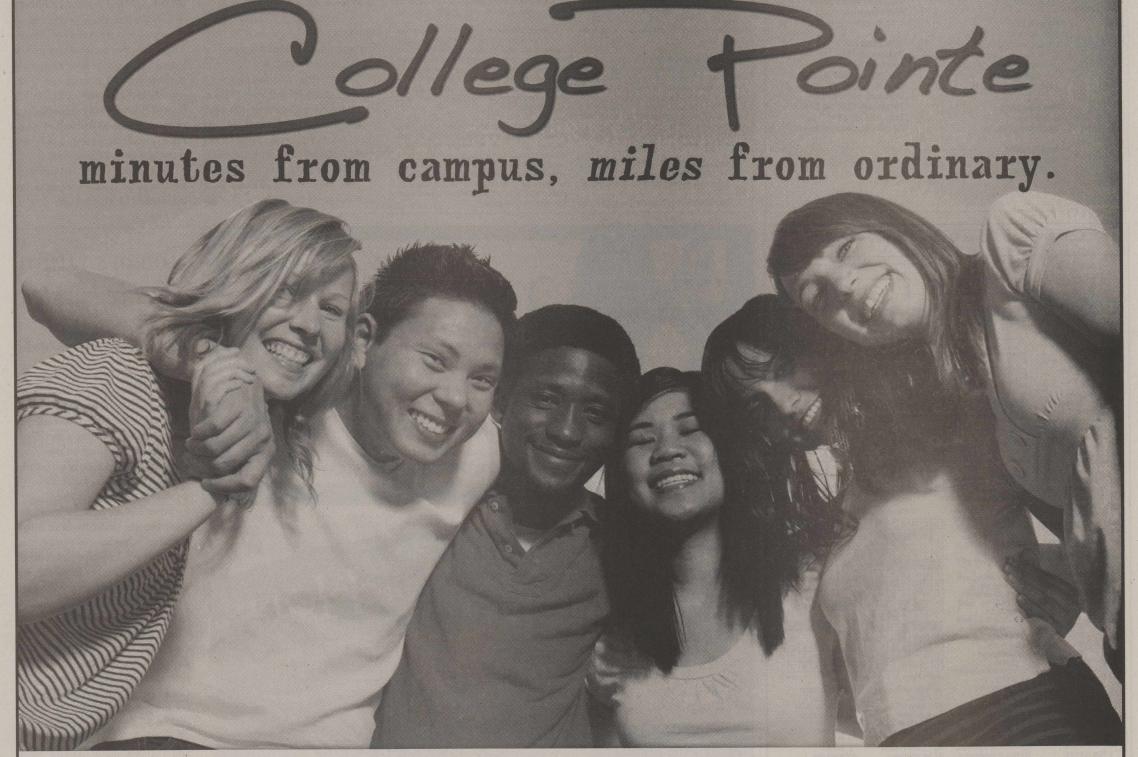
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Too much caffeine is bad for Remember roots you, with or without alcohol

s college students, we are all very familiar with caffeine products. Even as I write this article, I'm sitting at Starbucks sipping a grande white chocolate mocha.

As I finish my last sip, I begin to think how much caffeine I just consumed. Even the baristas serving the drinks don't know how many milligrams of caffeine are in each drink. (Yes, I did ask.)

An article published in 2007 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported that, "In the U.S., 80 percent of adults consume caffeine every day.' Now, if you're thinking, "One grande coffee never hurt anyone," I'd have to agree, but when do we know how much is too much?

The U.S. News and World Re- of 300 port reported in 2007 that adults m i 1 are recommended no more than ligrams 300 milligrams a day; if you're an in one energy drink junkie like me, you might be in for a surprise.

Monster energy drink, so readily available on campus, has 80 milligrams of caffeine per serving, and at three servings per can, that's practically a day's amount of caffeine in one drink. Redline exceeds the amount recommended by more than 15 milligrams. Cocaine offers 280 milligrams per can and even writes in their warning label



that the "statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration." If Red Bull doesn't provide a warning statement on its website or the can itself, we can only assume

The king of them all, Spike Shooter energy drink contains the full daily serving can; they also advise to "Never exceed one can daily.'

As for the warning labels, Monster offers nothing more than, "Not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, or those sensitive to caffeine," on their cans. As said before, Red Bull doesn't put anything on their can, and even

their product website lacks a warning statement or disclosure for the drink.

"A normal reaction of Redline Xtreme is tingling of the skin," is printed right on the Redline can. The Spike warning label recommends no one "under the age of 18 or elderly" consume their product. The same label warns consumers to not drink if "you are at risk of being treated for high-blood pressure, heart disease, spasms, psychiatric disease, or suffer from asthma." They also advise to discontinue use if you "experience dizziness, headache,

nausea or heart palpita-

tions." Now, I know these warnings say that the drinks aren't suitable for children, but I don't think they're that great for adults, either. In 2004,

France banned Red Bull energy drinks because of numerous related deaths.

Pretty scary stuff, huh? I haven't even started talking about the alcoholic energy drinks yet. On the WebMD website, Bill

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Hendrick wrote an article on the potentially fatal cocktail. He writes how "People often think the stimulant effect of caffeine counteracts the depressant effect of alcohol, but that's not true. Stimulants actually aggravate intoxication."

The Jager Bomb shot is a combination of Jagermeister and Red Bull; delicious, yes, but at the high cost of serious health risks.

The Dallas/Fort Worth news broadcast a story about a teenage death over the weekend that was linked to the alcoholic energy drink Four Loko. With one can of Four Loko providing as much alcohol as five beers, it's easy to see how the consumption can inhibit one's driving skills.

Caffeine, energy drinks and alcohol are potentially dangerous on their own, and the combination of the three can become a fatal cocktail. "Please drink responsibly," is a sad attempt by the product companies to create awareness for consumers, but I guess something on their labels is better than nothing.

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Keep Christmas

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us, as Americans

and as members of a

family.

By BRYAN WARRICK THE BG NEWS (BOWLING GREEN STATE U.)

Even though it's still a week away, Thanksgiving is a holiday of great importance to this nation and has a lot more history to it than people think.

The day when Americans stuff their faces and get fat, at least more than they do on most days, is not just a holiday for eating. And it is not just a holiday for the pilgrims and Indians of Plymouth Rock. Both historically and traditionally, this holiday

is one of the most meaningful.

Most people associate Turkey Day with the landing of the Puritan Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1620. It is a great image to see Europeans and Indians working together and coming together over a large feast. It is a great image for the early history of what would eventually become the

United States. Though it helps to forget that within a hundred years, most of the Indian peoples in the area had been destroyed.

But Hallmark images and Indian Wars aside, the actual history of the holiday is even more interesting and

much more modern than people think.

The tradition started, not in 1620, but in 1863 right in the middle of the American Civil War. And it had nothing to do with Pilgrims or Indians. Instead, it was a holiday proposed by President Abe Lincoln to encourage the American people to give thanks and increase national morale. It was also in part to help the Americans celebrate the victories the Union Army had won that year, especially the battles fought at Gettysburg and Vicksburg.

As the years and dec by, the holiday became more popular, especially when advertisements started to link Turkey Day to the pilgrims and the earlier days of the nation, something that the holiday originally had nothing

The holiday changed very little after that, with the exception of a date

change implemented by President Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930's to try and stimulate the economy, but besides that Thanksgiving remained much

Now a days, Thanksgiving seems to be becoming the forgotten holiday, with stores and malls, and even radio stations, skipping it entirely, going from celebrating Halloween and straight through to Christmas.

Some say it's because the holiday is not politically correct. There are even

> protests against it by Indian Rights groups who feel that Thanksgiving, along with holidays like Columbus Day, mark the beginning of the end of Indian culture and way of life. Others say it is not as popular because it cannot be commercialized. All you buy is food, that's it. No presents, no costumes, nothing that advertis-

ers can really push,

so they ignore it.

This simply isn't right. Thanksgiving is important because it does focus on America's past. And not just Pilgrims and Indians, but the hard days of the Civil War and the Great Depression. No other major holiday focuses that much on our own national history.

And we should love it more because it cannot be commercialized. It really is the holiday that brings family and friends together for a big dinner. Nothing superficial, just a fun time with good food. What's more American than that?

Keep Christmas away for a little while longer and celebrate a holiday that means something to all of us, as Americans and as members of a family. It's a holiday that stretches back to Abe Lincoln, makes us believe that people of different backgrounds can con together and help each other like the Feast at Plymouth Rock showed us, and makes us appreciate what we have, right before the Christmas season of buying everything we don't have starts.

So celebrate Turkey Day and don't forget what the holiday is all about; being thankful for what you got.

Conan's return

effective but stale

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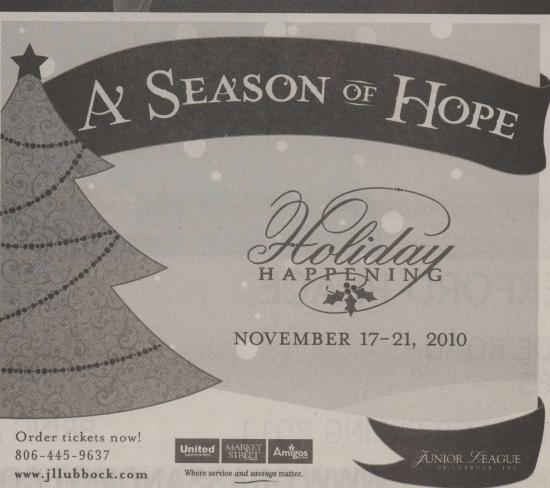
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Conan O'Brien's return to television last Monday night in the premiere of his new TBS talk show, "Conan," was entertaining but a little too familiar. The show started well with a hilari-

ous video documenting his time since leaving NBC, including being gunned down on his way out of the building in an allusion to "The Godfather." After Conan took the stage, the

show became gradually more disappointing. He opened up with potshots at NBC and self-deprecating jokes about his new job. Though these remarks were well formulated, they persisted throughout the night and were perhaps overdone.

As the night continued, it became clear that Conan was not reinventing anything here, or inventing anything new at all. The "Conan" was typical Conan — effective and funny Conan, but still typical. It was like an episode of "Late Night" but with slightly more effective jokes, a puzzlingly tamer act and a conspicuously unfunny Andy Richter in the place of Max Weinberg.

Take the Masturbating Bear, who made a brief appearance in the premiere, for example. The character is glorious in its crudeness and absurdity, but frankly I feel like I've seen the bear a hundred times. I don't see why Conan was so determined to bring him back. I would have been happier if Conan had left the character frozen in carbonite forever.

I want to see Conan invent something new. It can still have his trademark stamp of silliness on it, but I want it to be new.

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Beth Falls adjusts to life as head coach

It has been six games since influence on them. Beth Falls took over at the helm of the Texas Tech volleyball program as interim head coach.

Falls is in her fifth year at Tech and has been the assistant coach since joining the Red Raiders in 2006.

and answer session Wednesday to discuss Tech volleyball, life as head coach and being a role

Q: Talk about the differences between being an assistant coach and a head coach.

A: I haven't really felt like there's much difference; the only difference is how stressful it is. I'm still doing the same stuff with recruiting, game planning, strategy and all that kind of stuff. But basically just planning practice and just being the one to make the decisions. That's the hardest thing for me, is making the decisions and going with that and believing in it.

Q: What has been probably the biggest challenge since taking over as head coach?

A: The biggest challenge has been trying to keep the girls on the same page. Keep them together; keep them going for the same goal.

Q: Talk about working with Amy Gandy (former Tech player, 2004-07), her being an assistant coach now.

A: We coach together at the club level, and we've been friends since she was done here at Tech. I actually coached her two years. So I think we have a relationship that's very open. We talk through things together, we work well together; I mean, we've always had that relationship. It's been very easy having her in this position.

Q: What is the biggest thing you've learned from this experience of being a head coach?

A: I've learned that I'm an influence in these girls' lives. I think I was that way as an assistant coach, but now even more. They pick up on the way you're feeling, what you say, you know, how you act, how you hold yourself. I just want to make sure that whatever I'm doing, I'm a good

Q: What is it like being the youngest coach in the Big 12 Conference?

A: Being a young coach in the Big 12 has been a little bit nerve racking. Just because some of those coaches have been Falls sat down for a question there forever, like John Cook (Nebraska) and Jerritt Elliott (Texas), those were some of the coaches that were around recruiting when I was playing. So standing next to them in the gym and shaking their hand before a game, it's nerve racking because I've always looked up to them as a player and as an assistant coach.

Q: What is one of your goals in being the head coach?

A: My biggest goal right now is, one, to win an away match, which we have two left, so that can definitely happen. The other is just to have these girls leave this season knowing that they made a difference in the Texas Tech community. Knowing that they made a difference on the volleyball court and that they leave this season happy and ready for the next season.

Q: What are you going to take away from this season?

A: For me, I felt like I grew as a coach. I got to step into a position; it was lucky for me to actually be able to just be a head coach at my age. The situation wasn't great, but to step in there and actually see what I was made of and see if I could do it. It was kind of interesting, and so everything I do is just a learning experience. For me, it's been a great experience so far.

Q: What is a lesson as head coach you want to teach these

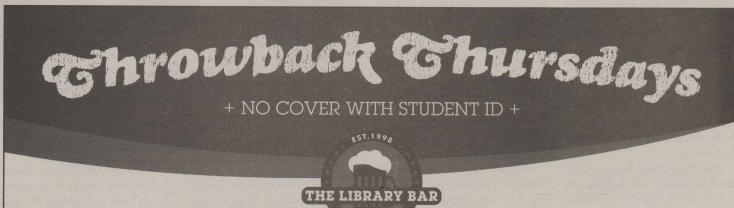




FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH INTERIM head coach Beth Falls talks to her team during Tech's 3-0 loss to Texas A&M on Oct. 27 in the United Spirit Arena.

say, but when you're there, when don't realize how fast it goes, Not just volleyball stuff, but real A: The biggest lesson is to you're in that moment, when you know real life hits you pretty enjoy every moment; it goes by you're playing, when you're fast. I think that's the biggest way too fast. It's easy for me to young, you don't get that. You lesson I want the girls to learn.

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WSU QB hopes to extend career with win

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football will honor its seniors Saturday, but the Red Raiders could potentially end Weber State quarterback Cameron Higgins's football career.

Higgins hopes that is not the case, however, since the Weber State Wildcats could make the Football Championship Series (formerly NCAA Division I-AA) playoffs with a win against the Red Raiders at 2 p.m Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Pretty much it's a playoff game for us," Higgins said. "I think it's a must-win kind of game for both teams."

Weber State (6-4) could imto a 20-team field that will compete for the Division I FCS Championship with a seventh win, and defeating the Red Raiders in the last game of its season would definitely garner the selection committee's attention.

As a four-year starter, Higgins has helped Weber State to two FCS playoff appearances. If he can throw for 221 yards against the Red Raiders' he also will break the Weber State all-time passing record.

Tech (5-5), a Division I FBS team, needs at least one more win in its two final games to make a bowl game this season. If the Red Raiders top the Wildcats, Tech will be bowl eligible for a 17th consecutive season.

But Weber State hopes to delay the Red Raiders' accomplishment.

"As far as I know, with seven wins we can make the playoffs," junior linebacker Nick Webb said. "(Tech needs) one more and we need one more, so I'm sure it's going to be a really tough game."

Usually, BCS teams like Tech

schedule FCS opponents early in the season to get their players used to playing in a real game atmosphere before taking on morethreatening competition. Due to scheduling issues for Tech, the Red Raiders' game against an FCS opponent was pushed toward the end of the season.

Often times, games like the Red Raiders' against Weber State are termed "cupcake games" because the games are almost always easy wins for the more-talented BCS opponents. The bigger team pays the small FCS opponent to come their stadium and presumably receive a loss.

Don't tell that to the Wildcats though. Weber State believes it has some advantages heading into Satprove their chances to being invited urday's game that could give Tech some trouble.

"Offensively, we know how fast they play," Higgins said. "We know that for us to have a chance in this game we have to keep their offense off the field as much as possible. Defensively, they are aggressive.

"I don't think they've played a team like us all season. They've played a lot of spread teams this season and we're more of a two-back, hard-nosed kind of team. Any given Saturday anything can happen."

The reality is the Tech-Weber State game is off most sports gambling books, meaning it is virtually a no-brainer that the Red Raiders will defeat the Wildcats with Big 12 Conference talent.

Weber State has not helped themselves in that department, losing their season-opener at Boston College 38-20. The Wildcats think they have come a long way since then though.

Another factor that could hamper Weber State's upset bid is Tech's homefield advantage.

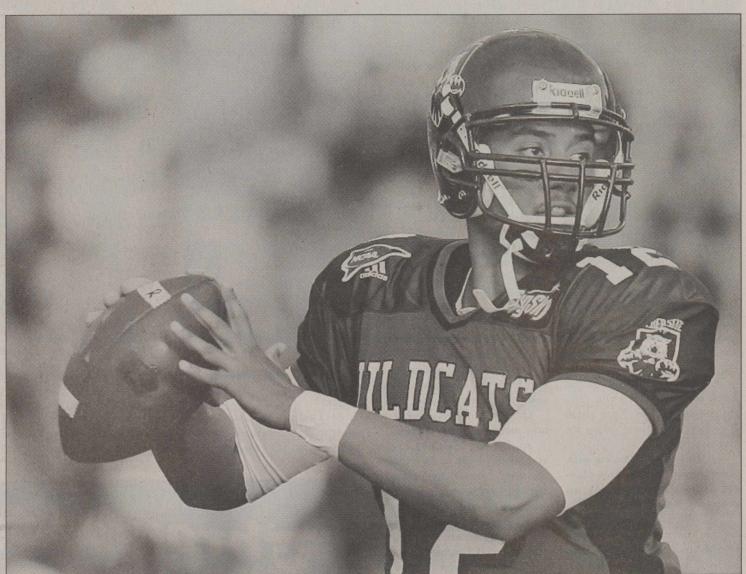


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WEBER STATE QUARTERBACK Cameron Higgins will lead the Wildcats into their final game of the season against Texas Tech with a possible FCS playoff spot on the line for them at 2 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Weber State plays in an 18,000seat stadium while the Red Raiders always defeat their FCS opponents, could have as many as 60,454 fans things have changed in the past in the stands this weekend.

"I've got family from Texas, and I've heard a lot about what football is down there," Webb said. "So we're expecting a loud crowd against us."

In 2007, Appalachian State shocked Michigan at Michigan Stadium. This season, FCS' Jacksonville State upset Mississippi in overtime and FCS' James Madison

Although BCS team almost defeated now-ranked No. 14 Virginia Tech.

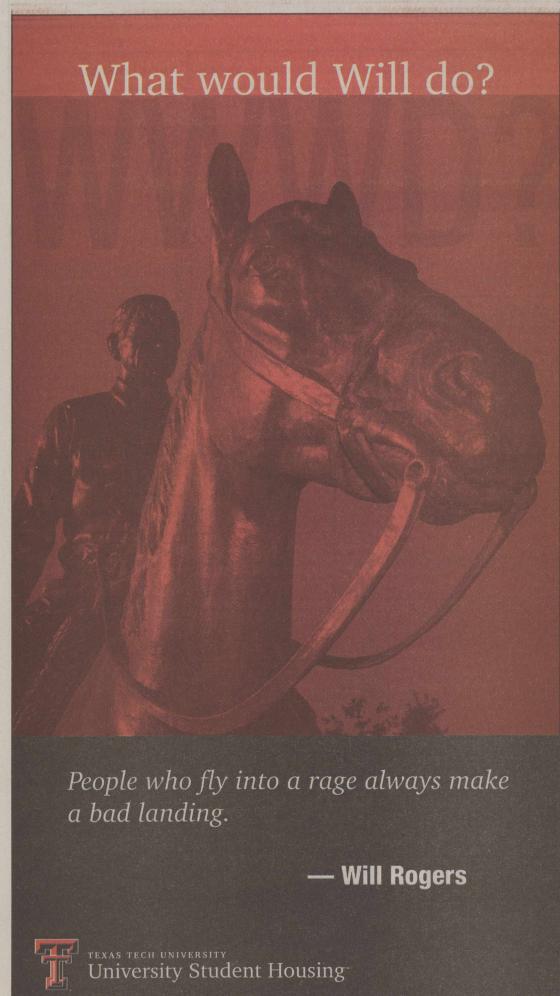
> Those games could be used for inspiration for Higgins who could be

playing in his last football game ever. "It's huge," Higgins said. "It never really hits you until your last couple of games and you start to think, 'this could be my last game ever."

Then again, Higgins has considered playing football professionally.

"If that happens, that would be very fortunate," he said. "But I've set myself up for success either way. I'm graduating with a business degree Dec. 10 and I'm very excited about that."

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Miami Heat play like rec team

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The Miami Heat suffer from a disease I often see in basketball.

Occasionally, I take my talents to the rec center and play some pick-up hoops. I am not good at basketball. I do know the guy who is good at basketball should get the ball more often than I should, and if I'm not hitting the open shot, then I am not doing my job as a role player.

There is always a time when winning becomes more important. One guy with decent skills on the court will undoubtedly try to pick up the other two or three players who are good. Sometimes they win, but more often than not, they will lose quicker than expected.

The Miami Heat is that team at the rec center. They don't know when to pass to the other superstar. They have no idea who is taking the last shot.

LeBron James and company are not as good as we all thought they would be. One of the main reasons is everyone not named Wade or James. Chris Bosh is not worth his money. Bosh was a great player who played meaningless minutes on a bad team.

I never understood the infatuation with Bosh. Saying his basketball style is finesse is an understatement. Rockets fans room. This is also a recipe for James and

seemed to think Bosh was the answer; even with the spot their team is in now, I think they are relieved he isn't a Rocket.

I start with Bosh because he is part of the weakest unit for Miami. James and Wade will learn to complement each other — remember, they haven't played that many games together. They will never be able to mesh enough to stop the liability that is the big men on the team.

The Heat lack a big rebounder and a defender who will push other big guys around under the basket. The Heat present match-up problems with other teams too, though. Few teams have enough defensive talent to guard both James and Wade. This sometimes forces zone defense, which gives Bosh and the other big men breathing It felt like the Heat might go out and

just run up and down the court on people. I thought it would happen. I don't envy head coach Erik Spoelstra's job of trying to keep the big men fresh and work around opposing defenses. Usually during pick-up basketball,

when you lose, your team sits and whoever has next game picks up you or your other teammates. That is the downfall of the super team at the rec — they lose once and it may never happen again.

The Miami Heat don't have that problem. This team will start to gel as the season progresses. It will be scary when they do. A few teams still present matchup problems for the Heat, but we all know how NBA trades happen sometimes. Pat Riley needs to keep his eyes open to improve this already good team.

Wade and James will figure out the question marks. The NBA regular season is boring and overrated. The Heat will be fine come playoff time.

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