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Smoking ordinance details being worked out

City, restaurant representatives meeting to discuss sports grill issue.

By Melissa Guest Staff writer

Local business owners will meet with members of the Lubbock Planning Department on Wednesday in an attempt to define a sports grill, as exempted in the new smoking ordinance.

The meeting, which will be at 3 p.m. at the Municipal Building, is the first step in creating a definition.

Under the recently passed Lubbock smoking ordinance, smoking would be allowed in sports grills, bars and bingo parlors if they obtain a permit. However, the ordinance does not list criteria defining a sports grill.

Randy Henson, senior planner for the planning department, said the meeting is meant to be a brainstorming session open to local business owners.

"It's not an official group. I've just invited them to share with me their opinions on what a sports grill ought to be or what it not ought to be," he said.

Henson said he will consider the opinions of the group when making his recommendation to the planning and zoning commission.

"To put it bluntly, they're not in charge at this meeting, I am," Henson

said. "What I intend to do is ask them, as people in the business, if I've missed anything in the definition of sports grill."

When there is a change to a zoning ordinance, a recommendation is made to the planning commission, who then reviews it and may make a recommendation to the Lubbock City Council for approval.

Henson said the Council could vote on the definition at its second meeting in October.

David Cea, president of the Lub-

bock Restaurant Association, said he would attend the meeting in hopes that his establishment, Caprock Café, will fall under the definition of a sports grill, and therefore be exempt from the ordinance.

"I expect it to be a very positive meeting," he said. "The definition should be liberal; I think the city wants to help us save our businesses." Cea said.

Although he does not agree with

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP



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Lindsey Kelly, a junior public relations major from Dallas, and Micah Kelly, a junior early childhood development major from Amarillo, refold jeans Saturday at Abercrombie and Fitch in South Plains Mall. Retail stores experienced a surge of shoppers this weekend, which was Texas' annual tax break shopping weekend.

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Lubbockites,
Tech students
shop and save
during statewide
tax break
weekend

By Tiffany E. Kingston staff writer

ack-to-school shoppers took to the clothes racks Friday through Sunday to take advantage of the third annual state-mandated tax-free holidays.

Glen Robinson, Target executive team leader for general merchandise, said this past weekend was phenomenal in terms of clothing sales.

"It was very similar to last year," he

said. "We were able to predict traffic trends and plan for this weekend."

Robinson said the mandate only applied to soft-line merchandise, which is outer clothing, underwear, backpacks and other wearable merchandise.

While Robinson could not comment on exact financial figures, he did say that Target's weekend customers saved about 50 percent in taxes alone.

"The tax-free weekend is a big

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Tech Physical Plant wins major award

By Melissa Guest Staff writer

The Physical Plant at Texas Tech was recently awarded the Award for Excellence in Facilities Management.

Tech was one of three universities to receive this award.

The award, given by the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers, names the plant as a leader in facilities management.

"The main thing for the facility is to be recognized nationally for having an excellent program," said Jim Buffington, associate director for the Physical Plant.

This is the second time Tech has received this award and the only time a university has received it twice, said Gene West, vice president of operations. "What this says is we have a good group of people who are well trained and do a good job of maintaining the Texas Tech buildings," West said. In addition, West cited the efficiency with which the Physical Plant handles energy costs, building maintenance and customer service as factors in its award.

"The physical plant does their job in making sure the buildings operate efficiently," West said. "The reliability of the equipment in the buildings depends on the physical plant. In other words, if you're sitting there taking your final exam, you won't have to worry about the air conditioning breaking. You won't have to take your final in a room that is too hot or too cold."

Staff members at the physical plant make sure the campus stays clean, from the buildings to the

flowerbeds.

"Those folks clean four million square feet of building every night," West said.

The award was presented to the university during the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers annual meeting in Montreal. It is the highest honor the association bestows upon a university.

"What it does for Texas Tech is gets us a lot of publicity," West said. "Anybody that's anybody in the physical plant business was at this annual meeting."

West, who is retiring Aug. 31, said winning this award ends his career on a high note.

"You're always happy when one of your departments does something like that, it makes you proud," West said

Tech President David Schmidly agreed that the entire Tech community should be proud of the plant for representing them so well nationally.

"I think people who come on our campus just rave about how good the buildings look and how good the grounds look and now the country agrees," he said.

"This is just a wonderful award. It's not often you get recognized nationally for anything. I think if people want to see why we're the best, all they have to do is look around at the buildings and the campus," Schmidly said.

According to its Web site, the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers is the professional association for administrators of the physical plants of institutions of higher education. It promotes excellence in the administration, operation, care, planning and development of these facilities.

Firestone wants judge to be excused

Mcallen (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. wants a Pharr family's lawsuit concerning the company's tire defects moved to federal court, but first it wants a federal judge to excuse himself from the case.

The Nashville, Tenn.-based tiremaker said it will ask Judge Filemon Vela to remove himself because his son, Filemon Vela Jr., represents a plaintiff in at least one other lawsuit alleging tire defects on Ford Explorers and was involved in another.

"The bonds of family are strong, and as a consequence, the active role that Judge Vela's son currently is taking in related litigation may raise an appearance of partiality to an outside observer," according to a motion filed last week by attorney Knox Nunnally, attorney in charge for Vinson & Elkins. The firm represents Bridgestone/Firestone in the case.

A hearing in the lawsuit by the Rodriguez family of Pharr is set for Monday, with a state court trial date set for Aug. 13. Bridgestone/Firestone wants the federal court to take jurisdiction of the case.

The Rodriguez family was traveling in Mexico in March 2000 when a tire on their 1998 Ford Explorer apparently blew out and caused the vehicle to roll. All four of the vehicle's occupants were injured. Marisa Rodriguez, 39, is permanently wheelchair-bound.

Attorneys for the Rodriguezes say they are ready to go to trial and that Firestone is doing whatever it can to stall. To date, more than 150 cases against the company have been settled out of court for undisclosed monetary amounts.

"We believe this is nothing more than a delay tactic again by Firestone to avoid the August 13 trial setting," Ricardo Garcia, an attorney for the Rodriguezes, said Sunday. "I know that Filemon Vela is a very honorable, fair judge and he will do the right thing in this ruling."

According to Firestone's motion, Vela, Jr., who represents the estate of Earl Shinhoster in a Firestone case filed out of Macon County, Ala., was appointed to represent a child in another in Nueces County, and has a law partner who is counsel of record in a third pending case in Starr County.

The motion cites a 1988 Supreme Court ruling about the need "to promote public confidence in the integrity of the judicial process."

"Would a reasonable outside observer question whether partiality exists, given Mr. Vela's (Jr.) public statements in the press... The inescapable conclusion is that they would, which would undermine the public confidence in the judiciary," the motion reads.

If Vela stays, Firestone will proceed Monday in a bid to have the case heard in federal rather than state court.

"Basically our position is because our place of business is not in Texas — as courts have realized for hundreds of years — we have a right to have our case heard in federal court," Firestone spokeswoman Jill Bratina said.

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incentive to come shop for clothing," Robinson said.

People save their money for the no-tax weekend, he said. Target managers monitored sales the week before the tax-free weekend and discovered soft-line sales were minimal, then dramatically increased during the three-day tax-free period.

"It was like the calm before the storm," Robinson said.

The afternoon and evening hours were the busiest periods, he said. The number of cashiers and floor staff were increased during the high-peak hours.

Target requested larger shipments from its distributors to accommodate for the weekend. Robinson said his staff stayed late Thursday evening to make sure merchandise was ready for the impending flood of shoppers.

Racks were constantly being restocked throughout the weekend,

he said, and staff stayed past midnight preparing for the next morning.

By the end of the weekend, the Lubbock Target store was ranked No. 2 in the state for non-Super Target stores in clothing sales.

Target managers from a few of the other states that have adopted a tax-free weekend called Robinson and his colleagues for advice on the busy weekend.

Robinson said he suspects next year will be a larger success and he plans to expand Target's Basics line of underwear.

"The tax-free weekend is a great idea," he said. "It's nice to see money coming back to the consumers."

Robinson said his wife took advantage of the back-to-school savings because he was at work the whole time.

Inside Loop 289, South Plains Mall was jam-packed with families and college students competing for parking spaces and the latest styles in clothing.

Most of the clothing merchants inside South Plains Mall were asked not comment on the tax-free weekend at the request of their corporate offices.

Micah Kelly, a junior early childhood development major from Amarillo, and an Abercrombie and Fitch brand representative, said the tax-free weekend was hectic and extremely crowded. Sunday afternoon the line at the cashier's counter almost extended into the fitting rooms.

"I had to park at the Olive Garden," she said.

Abercrombie and Fitch employees worked as late as 4 a.m. Thursday through Sunday preparing merchandise and restocking clothing shelves and racks.

"We've been constantly restocking our shelves the entire day," Kelly said, "Jeans have been selling the most."

Last year was busy, she said, but this year was more successful.

Kelly shopped for herself in between her shifts during the weekend, she said, and saved about \$50 overall.

Many of the Abercrombie

shoppers were recent local high school graduates who were preparing for the beginning of their college careers away from home.

Marlise Hernandez, a freshman political science major at Trinity University in San Antonio, said she was shopping for school before she leaves.

"I haven't saved a lot because the tax-free weekend makes you spend more because of what you are saving, but it's still a great idea," she said.

Brianna Halbrooks, a senior at Shallowater High School, said she started her tax-free shopping at the outlet malls in San Marcos and Austin and finished by shopping in Lubbock on Sunday.

"I love it," she said. "I spent a lot in Austin, so I'm going to try and save a little here."

Kelly and Robinson both said the tax-free weekend encourages consumers to spend more than usual.

"You know what they say — the more you spend the more you save," Kelly said.

Husband, wife accused of violating Ohio's new rape laws they once lobbied to alter

STOW, Ohio (AP) — John and Narda Goff once successfully pleaded with Ohio lawmakers to close a loophole in the state's rape law, which they said had let a man who attacked Narda Goff's daughter walk free.

Now, the Goffs are accused of violating that very law by using a syringe to impregnate the girl with her stepfather's semen.

The girl alleges that when she was 16, her mother asked her to bear her husband's child because Narda Goff has multiple sclerosis and could no longer give birth. The girl, now 18, told police her parents monitored her menstrual cycle and used syringes to impregnate her against her will.

The daughter, who was not identified, told the Akron Beacon Journal she kept the abuse secret for years because her stepfather threatened to kill her if she told anyone.

"He was going all around the state saying, 'Don't do this to children' when at the same time he was doing it to me," she said

In September 1999, she gave birth to a boy. Tests have confirmed John Goff is the father, said a spokeswoman for the Summit County prosecutor's office.

Goff is charged with two counts of rape and sexual battery and one count of child endangerment. Narda Goff is accused of complicity to the same charges. The two have pleaded innocent and each are free on \$500 bond, pending an October trial.

They could not be reached for comment. Their telephone line had been disconnected and no one answered the door at their home.

The Goffs had lobbied lawmakers to toughen rape laws after Narda Goff's daughter — then age 9 — said she was molested in 1993.

Prosecutors proved the girl was sexually assaulted using medical evidence of internal scars, but the jury did not return a rape conviction because the girl could not say for certain

whether intercourse had taken place

Outraged, the Goffs sent letters to all 122 members of the state House and Senate asking them to broaden Ohio's rape law, which at the time could only be applied to cases of intercourse.

State Rep. Ann Womer Benjamin took up the cause.

"They were certainly integral in bringing the issue to my attention," Womer Benjamin said. "They were very committed."

Legislation sponsored by Womer Benjamin expanded the definition of rape to include the insertion of any body part or object.

Narda Goff had testified at legislative hearings on the bill. "Most women can't tell what has violated them, how can a child be expected to?" she said. "All they know is that they hurt."

In January, Narda Goff's daughter went to Stow police and told them her parents repeatedly raped her over a two-year period with a syringe, beginning in August 1998.

Car accident kills 5 returning from soccer matches

HOUSTON (AP) — Five people killed in a one-vehicle wreck along the Tomball Parkway were believed to have just left a weekend soccer match before the crash.

Seven men were riding in a pickup truck Sunday when the vehicle slammed into construction barrels. Two of the victims were hurt, but none were identified.

Law officers said five people were thrown from the truck while two others were pinned inside. Three people were taken to area hospitals, two by Life Hight helicopters and one by ground ambulance.

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One of the victims was dead upon arrival at Memorial flexusion biospital. The other two serve in critical condition carly Menday.

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Derailed train leaves residents homeless

PINEHURST (AP) — More than 100 families remained out of their homes Monday after almost two dozen cars of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train derailed, with several tankers spilling hazardous chemicals.

The voluntary evacuation was ordered after the 84-car train en route to Houston from Teague wrecked early Sunday morning.

Twenty-one cars, including many tankers filled with chemicals, derailed and crumpled accordionlike into each other. Railroad investigators will focus on the cause of the crash after leaks have been contained and the wrecked cars are removed from the area.

The task was expected to be completed Monday, said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Steve Hargett.

He said acetic anhydride and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, both chemicals used in making plastics and capable of causing respiratory problems, started leaking from three tankers Sunday. Meat tallow and plastic pellets spilled from other cars, but did not pose a danger.

Both chemicals act as irritants to skin, eyes and the respiratory system, said DPS Sgt. Kevin Pullen. He said monitors were set up to test air quality in the area.

A cleanup was continuing by hazardous material teams. The Environmental Protection Agency was monitoring the efforts.

The train's engine and a number of the cars made it

around a curve about a quarter-mile southeast of Farm-to-Market Road 149 in the rural town about 30 miles northwest of Houston near Magnolia.

"It's not that bad of a curve," Jack Corey, who owns ranch land on both sides of the crash site, told the *Houston Chronicle* in Monday's editions. "But there's a long straightaway carrying them down there, and they get moving pretty good."

Ten years ago, a Burlington Northern train derailed at the same curve, said railroad vice president David Freeman. Thirty cars hurtled off the track, spilling tons of wheat Aug. 12, 1991.

Railroad spokesman Jerry Jenkins said that the conductor and engineer, who were Smooth release



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Mike Solis, a junior computer science major from Slaton, and Raider Rojos, observes as a participant shoots a free throw Saturday afternoon in the parking lot of the Bank of America building. The event was part of the Raiders Rojos campaign on eduational initiative.

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the ordinance, Cea said the city has come a long way from the first draft in letting business owners know what they are supposed to do. Drafting a definition is the next step, he said.

"That's what's so crazy; that they passed the ordinance without knowing what the definition is," Cea said.

Henson has drafted a proposed definition, which will be used in conjunction with ideas from Wednesday's meeting to form a definition.

Under the proposed definition, the atmosphere must have a sports theme and telecast live or replayed sports events; the entertainment focus shall be directed away from minors and the facility shall provide food from a full service menu and operate a kitchen until 10 p.m.

"The bottom line, what I anticipate, is we're going to create a set of guidelines or criteria for a sports grill," Henson said. "Any place that can meet those criteria will become one, any place that can't, won't."

Assistant City Manager Tommy Gonzalez said the ruling definition will be narrow enough so as not to create confusion.

"It's not going to be a catch-all to take in all restaurants," he said. "It's going to be for a sports grill."

Although sports grills are exempt from providing non-smoking areas, they must still obtain a permit and post proper signage before Oct. 22.

To date, only 21 permits have been obtained by local businesses from the Environmental Inspection Services.

Peter Kern, lead environmental

specialist for the city, said the business community is off to a somewhat slow start

"This affects every business for hire in the city of Lubbock," he said. "That means you've got Joe's plumbing shop over here, Pete's car repair over there, everybody. When you think about how many offer smoking — we're off to a slow start."

The permits are available by applying at the Municipal Building, 1625 13th St., at Environmental Inspection Services, room 105. Also available are the required signs which cost \$3.

In an effort to spread the word, Kern said, the city has made brochures available to business owners to answer many questions they still may have.

The brochure, which is in a question and answer format, clears up many misconceptions about the ordinance, Ceasaid.

"I think the city has come a long way in cleaning up the original ordinance," he said. "I'm still not happy we have the ordinance; the thing I'm happy about is they cleaned it up and it finally makes sense."

Clinton on verge of signing million-dollar book contract

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Clinton has agreed to write his much sought-after memoirs for Alfred A. Knopf, the publisher announced Monday. Terms were not disclosed but he was expected to receive one of the biggest advances ever for a nonfiction book. It is expected to be out in 2003.

"President Clinton is one of the dominant figures on the global stage," Sonny Mehta, Knopf's president and editor in chief, said in a statement. "He has lived an extraordinary life, and he has a great story to tell."

Asked in a telephone interview whether the book would go into the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Mehta said: "All I know is I came away from my discussions with him feeling it was going to be a pretty thorough and candid telling of his life, and that he was going to talk about all the principal events of his presidency."

"The heart of the book is what you'd expect it to be. The heart of it will be his presidency," Mehta said.

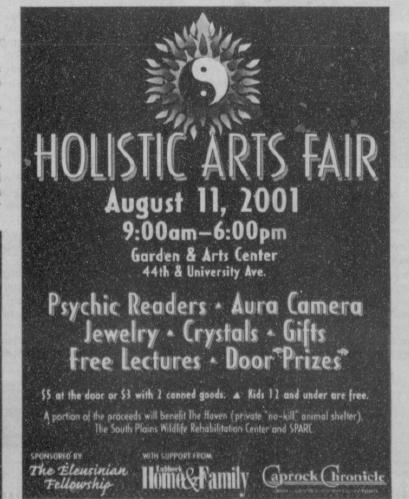
Mehta replied: "We're very comfortable with the price we agreed to."

The record advance for nonfiction was \$8.5 million for worldwide rights to a book by Pope John Paul II in 1994.

Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, received an \$8 million advance for her memoir.

Clinton's book will be edited by Robert Gottlieb, whose other authors have included Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, the late historian Barbara Tuchman and the late publisher Katharine Graham.





OPINIONS & IDEAS



[COLUMN]

Nuclear family fading fast

America has undergone many changes

t has become chic in Hollywood to be a single mom. Celebrities like Calista Flockhart, Camryn Manhiem and Rosie O'Donnell have opted to have children and raise them as single mothers.

I have a lot of

respect for women

single mothers

who are forced to be

because of circum-

stances they cannot

control. However, I

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These actors are not the only ones

guilty of promoting the destruction of the

nuclear family. The television and movie

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programs today show a family with both

many as there used to be; and those that

do often show the nuclear family in a

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the big screen. How many television

industry as a whole has almost eliminated

for women who



negative light.

Katie Harris

during past decades. Divorce is a common happening, women have become much more independent and gays have rights today that before were nonexistent.

Though these things can be positive, their price is too high. It is not worth being independent and open-minded if it means giving up a traditional family.

Figures from the 2000 Census show that around 30 percent of children in America grow up in single families or do

that around 30 percent of children in America grow up in single families or do not live with their parents. One out of every three children in America doesn't grow up in a nuclear family and that statistic is unsettling.

Children today often are raised by one parent or by their grandparents. Other times children have two dads or two mores.

Today's family has many faces which can create confusion concerning what was once a simple equation.

Kids need a mom and a dad. Environment is possibly the most influential aspect of a child's life, as well as the relationship a child has with his or her parents and siblings. If a child has confusion or doubt about these relationships then what kind environment does that create

Kids need to come home and question their homework, not question what their exact relationship is with everyone in the

It is no wonder that children today have problems adjusting. If there is no stability at home how can there be stability in school, in relationships with other kids and in life in general?

The breakdown of the nuclear family mirrors the breakdown of society as a whole. Children's behavior will get worse as the support at home worsens. And as children's behavior worsens so does the outlook for the future of America.

Raising children takes the commitment and responsibility that can often be too difficult for one person to provide. Children deserve to have parents that will provide them a complete environment at home.

Hopefully the nuclear family will soon be "in" again. It may just be the best thing for America right now. Marriage and children go hand in hand, and they are two things that should never go out of style.

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Summer's end brings laughter and life lessons

s the summer ends and we begin ready ourselves for the fall semester, we reflect on the things of the summer. The following is a story about my summer break, and the love and the laughter that

summer brings to our lives.

It all began on a Friday night not too long ago, when four friends needed to find something to do with an evening.

The first stop landed us at the opening night of what promised to be a wonderful movie. "Original Sin," starring Angelina Jolie and Antonio Banderas, was the flick of choice for the night.

As we filed into the movie and it started I became disappointed quickly — very quickly. This was a

movie about love and what we would do to stay in love and remain happy. The message was well received, but as far as the movie itself my only comment is, "I could have had a V-8, and a nap." The second place on our journey led us to the house of a friend. At this point we talked about things like how we go into a department store (we being the weight-challenged that were present) and how the workers look at us because we know there is nothing in the store that fit us, and are afraid to ask for help. Then when they come to see if we need anything, we ask for something that is about 6 sizes too small just to see the look on their faces.

We also talked about how we could go into a fast food restaurant and we already know what the combos are without having to look at the menu. We know if we want it king sized, super sized, or even Texas sized.

We laughed at ourselves for hours on end, because if people can't laugh at yourself what will you do if others laugh at you? Sometime in life I think we are too caught up with being "politically correct" and forget that life is about fun and enjoying the company of others. On this night we did not forget.

This has been a summer of lessons, ones that I will never forget. I have written many columns and made many points this summer.

What I was trying to say and bring to light is life is too short to be worried about hating someone that one doesn't know, or to limit one's love for someone because of the weight he or she carries. Also, making individual decisions no matter what the cost, and loving friends because we never know when they might leave for a better place.

Other issues were underage drinking and the issue of fraternities.

In all, I have written from personal experiences and the feelings I felt. No matter who I have upset or what people think of my opinions, I hope everyone's summer was great, and I will return in the fall.

And, when people throw rocks at me from across campus, don't throw too hard — I bruise easily.

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Two Kennedy cousins reveal political plans

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Two Kennedy cousins plan to seek higher office in Maryland next year, shifting the spotlight on America's premier political family beyond its New England stronghold.

State delegate Mark Shriver—the 37-year-old son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and a nephew of President Kennedy—has raised more than \$744,000 to run for Congress from a suburban Washington district.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend — daughter of Robert Kennedy and niece of President Kennedy — has raised more than \$3 million to finance her expected bid to become Maryland's first female governor.

Townsend has not announced her candidacy to replace outgoing Gov. Parris Glendening, but said: "I plan to be in politics for a long, long time."

Both are considered good bets to win Democratic primaries next year. Two independent polls this year give Townsend big leads over potential Democratic and Republican challengers.

Paul Herrnson, a University of Maryland government and politics professor, said being a Kennedy provides access to the best political consultants, politically experienced relatives and big money contributors across the country.

"It certainly opens the door. Then you've got to be good enough to walk through the door," he said.

Local pollster Carol Arscott said Shriver and Townsend don't seem to be affected by a public perception that the Kennedys' political bloodline "is thinning a little as the generations march on."

Townsend's brothers, Maxwell and Joseph, both decided earlier this year not to seek political office in Massachusetts.

Edward Kennedy remains U.S. senator from Massachusetts. His son, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., is seeking re-election after a year in which he shoved a Los Angeles airport security guard and allegedly damaged a rented yacht.

His approval ratings have dipped below 50 percent.

In Maryland, pollsters and political analysts say the Kennedy name is one reason for the cousins' bright political prospects.

"It's an asset, just like the name Bush was an asset for George W.," Arscott said. "As much as we Americans like to say we don't do dynasties here, we do it all the time."

About 7,000 people attended

Townsend's recent 50th birthday party at the Baltimore Zoo on a sultry Sunday. Townsend barely moved 10 yards in an hour, crowded by people shaking her hand, embracing her and posing for pictures.

Lou Grumbach was all smiles after a short conversation with Townsend.

"I just fell in love with JFK many years ago," Grumbach said. "When Kathleen came along, I just knew she was going to be a great person, and she is."

A few days later, Shriver knocked on doors in a posh suburban Washington neighborhood.

"Are you from THE Shriver family?" asks Bart Myles, visiting from Norfolk, Va.

Townsend and Shriver acknowledge the benefits of being a Kennedy, particularly in raising funds and opening doors. But Townsend said she always focuses on her goals and accomplishments, not her name.

Both candidates' views on major issues — such as increasing government aid for education and social programs, supporting abortion rights and protecting the environment — mesh well with those of mostly Democratic Maryland. Both also are unblemished by improper behavior.

Sister cities programs face intense criticism

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The idea is noble: Two different communities, separated by miles and culture, collaborate as sister cities, fostering economic development and cultural understanding.

But some people question whether human rights take a back seat.

Hundreds of U.S. cities have foreign sister cities, but it is the ones whose counterparts are in China — a country criticized for human rights conditions — where scrutiny has been most intense.

Groups like Amnesty International say everyone doing business with China, even local politicians and businessmen, should use their access to address human rights concerns. Some U.S. city officials say that's best left to the federal government. After the Erie Times-News reported last week that Erie's sister city, Zibo, is home to as many as four forced labor camps, officials in Erie are debating how—or if—to address that.

Justin Coleman, who administers the program for the Pennsylvania city, said Erie doesn't advocate such camps, but no one thought it was Erie's place to denounce Zibo for its human rights record. That was the responsibility of the State Department.

"The sister-city relationship is not really a political one," he said. "It is more of a people-to-people relationship."

Erie isn't alone in avoiding the issue. Ann Erdman, a spokeswoman for Pasadena, Calif., said that when it became a sister city with the Xiching District of Beijing several years ago, some council members and residents wrangled over whether to form the relationship at all because of China's human rights' record.

But no one has raised the question since. The cities' relationship is mostly cultural and hasn't produced any business partnerships.

"At this point, it's really been hands across the water," Erdman said. Mulugetta Birru, who runs Pittsburgh's sister city program, including its partnership with Wuhan, China, said China's human rights conditions are a federal diplomatic matter, not a local one.

But Rick Halperin, a project coordinator with Amnesty International, said sister cities should use their access to foreign leaders to discuss human rights.

"It is fair for jurisdictions — be they town councils, cities or states to raise the issue and visibility of human rights as a major concern," he said, adding that he's not sure that's being done as much as it could.

"Economic development and economic gain have sadly taken priority over the issues of human rights and that is just wrong," Halperin said. "The two are linked."

When Lansing, Mich., paired with Sanming, China, in October 1997, Mayor David Hollister wrote to Sanming officials and China's U.S. ambassador about China's record.

"We don't want to pretend that it isn't an issue," Hollister said. "We were not going to formalize the relationship unless we registered our concern about human rights."

Lansing doesn't have a significant business interest in Sanming, Hollister said, explaining that it's been largely educational and cultural. He said student exchanges let foreign students see the American way of life and that affects Chinese culture gradually.

Lansing also has relationships with five other communities, including a region in Ghana, where it has established schools and libraries and sent an ambulance. It also had a relationship with St. Petersburg, Russia, before the breakup of the former Soviet Union. Hollister partly credits that relationship with easing the transition from communism.

Willard Workman, the senior vice president for international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said businesses are concerned with human rights abroad — but believes that business relationships themselves promote progress.

Bush continues presidential tradition

CRAWFORD — George W. Bush, a self-styled "windshield rancher," is home on the range, seeking the out-of-Washington perspective most presidents have pursued since the presidency began.

Some found it in a fish rising in blue waters or in the sight of a small white ball arching over a long green fairway.

Others took their vacation from the Oval Office behind the wheel of a sailboat off a breezy coast. Others found the same thing in the rattle of poker chips and the stories friends tell each other over a card table deep into a long summer night.

Theodore Roosevelt hunted. John Kennedy sailed. Harry Truman played poker. William Howard Taft, Dwight Eisenhower, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton golfed. Ronald Reagan enjoyed his California ranch so much that he rode horses and cut brush there for 335 days of his eight-year presidency.

Some presidents, much like the current one, just return to the comforts of home — homes with names like Mount Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier, Sagamore Hill, Hyde Park and the LBJ Ranch.

The current president's father galloped through his vacations at Walker's Point, the Bush family's oceanside compound at Kennebunkport, Maine.

He golfed, fished, threw horseshoes and bounced and rattled over the waves on his high-power speed-

His son relaxes at a calmer pace at his 1,600-acre spread in central Texas, while ignoring the August heat that can push well beyond the 100-degree mark.

"The heat doesn't bother me in the least," he said last year.

His new ranch house, however, employs two breezeways to make maximum use of whatever cooling wind comes to hand.

The ranch, the president says, is "a place to look forward to."

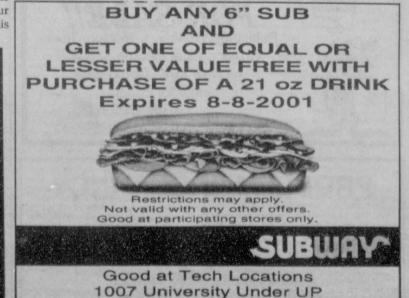
"It gives me a lot of balance; I relax out here (and) it does help give you perspective," Bush said during a break from his 2000 presidential

Although the place has the horses necessary for a proper Texas ranch, Bush doesn't necessarily ride them.

"I'm what they call a windshield rancher," Bush said last year as he slipped behind the wheel of an all-terrain vehicle to lead a convoy of reporters through some of the seven canyons on the property and along a winding tributary of the Middle Bosque River.

But Bush has already discovered, as all chief executives do, that "the job seems to follow you around" with briefings and urgent messages and international phone calls. During his month on the ranch he plans four trips around the country to keep his name before the public.





19th and Brownfield

Chan and Tucker rule box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Traffic was heavy for "Rush Hour 2," the Jackie Chan-Chris Tucker action comedy that debuted as the top weekend movie with \$67.4 million.

The buddy-cop sequel had the biggest comedy debut ever and the third-best non-holiday opening on record, according to studio estimates. The top non-holiday debut came the previous weekend when "Planet of the Apes" grossed \$68.5 million. "The Mummy Returns" is No. 2 with \$68.1 million.

Two other new movies debuted in the top 10. "The Princess Diaries," starring Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway, was No. 3 with \$22.9 million. "Original Sin," starring Antonio Banderas and Angelina Jolie, had a sixth-place opening of \$6.4 million.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI Inc.:

1. "Rush Hour 2," New Line, \$67.4 million, 3,118 locations, \$21,619 average, \$67.4 million, one week.

2. "Planet of the Apes," Fox, \$27.5 million, 3,530 locations, \$7,800 average, \$123.7 million, two weeks.

3. "The Princess Diaries," Disney, \$22.9 million, 2,537 locations, \$9,012 average, \$22.9 million, one week.

4. "Jurassic Park III," Universal, \$12.3 million, 3,462 locations, \$3,545 average, \$147 million, three weeks.

5. "America's Sweethearts," Sony,

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\$8 million, 3,011 locations, \$2,670 average, \$74.7 million, three weeks.

6. "Original Sin," MGM, \$6.4 million, 2,194 locations, \$2,918 average, \$6.4 million, one week.

7. "Legally Blonde," MGM, \$5.9 million, 2,536 locations, \$2,307 average, \$71.4 million, four weeks.

8. "The Score," Paramount, \$4.9 million, 2,211 locations, \$2,200 average, \$57.2 million, four weeks.

9. "Dr. Dolittle 2," Fox, \$2.3 million, 1,681 locations, \$1,352 average, \$106.2 million, seven weeks.

10. "Cats & Dogs," Warner Bros., \$2.2 million, 2,122 locations, \$1,042 average, \$86.7 million, five weeks.

11. "The Fast and the Furious," Universal, \$2.1 million, 1,620 locations, \$1,315 average, \$137 million, seven weeks.

12. "Scary Movie 2," Miramax, \$1.2 million, 1,312 locations, \$902 average, \$70 million, five weeks.

13. "Shrek," DreamWorks, \$1.1 million, 1,010 locations, \$1,062 average, \$257.9 million, 12 weeks.

14. "Kiss of the Dragon," Fox, \$714,221,591 locations, \$1,208 average, \$34.7 million, five weeks.

15. "Made," Artisan, \$600,098, 117 locations, \$5,129 average, \$2.3 million, four weeks.

16. "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," Paramount, \$522,794, 690 locations, \$758 average, \$129.5 million, eight

17. "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," Disney, \$441,726, 501 locations, \$882 average, \$80.5 million, nine weeks.

18. "Pearl Harbor," Disney, \$434,965, 462 locations, \$941 average, \$194.6 million, 11 weeks.

19. "The Closet," Miramax, \$411,060, 128 locations, \$3,211 locations, \$3.4 million, six weeks.

20. "Ghost World," MGM, \$342,576, 23 locations, \$14,895 average, \$739,623, three weeks.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

CRUZ TALKS ABOUT RUMORS

NEW YORK (AP) — Penelope Cruz has reluctantly gotten used to the rumors that she's dated her co-stars Matt Damon, Nicolas Cage and Tom Cruise.

"This happens to every actor and actress who's in the public eye and sometimes it goes too far," Cruz said in the September issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine. "Just because I'm in this profession doesn't mean I have to deal with that and it's OK. Sometimes it is not OK.

"I don't get angry anymore because most of those things that they write are lies. I have been dealing with this since I was 16," the 27-year-old actress said. "Finding things in magazines saying that I was going to marry a man, and I didn't even know him."

While working with Cruise on "Vanilla Sky" — an American version of the Spanish film "Open Your Eyes," in which she appeared in 1999 — Cruz said she wasn't dating her co-star. The two started going out after shooting ended.

"They did the rarest thing: They fell in love with someone onscreen," Cameron Crowe, director of "Vanilla Sky," said of Cruise and Cruz. "You watch them actually go through that hideous, great, awful, intoxicating moment. Without it, we wouldn't have a movie."

JACKSON CANCELS AGAIN

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the third time in a month, Janet Jackson has had to cancel a concert in her "All for You" tour.

The 35-year-old singer called off Sunday's show at Gund Arena because of the flu, her promoters said.

A statement from tour manager David Russell said the singer apologizes to her fans. Tickets will be honored at a show rescheduled for Sept. 5.

Jackson put off a July 18 concert in Milwaukee because she had to undergo emergency dental surgery, and the opening date of the tour's North American leg in Vancouver, British Columbia, scheduled for July 5, was postponed because a piece of stage equipment didn't arrive in time.

CROW: KID ROCK HOLDS HIS OWN

NEW YORK (AP) — Kid Rock is not dumb. That's according to Sheryl Crow, who recently dated him.

"He has an overview of what entertainment is that just blows my mind, a great scope of what people want and what's considered kind of challenging to the audience," Crow said in the September issue of *Esquire* magazine. "The other thing is, he's wildly talented. As he gets out and plays with other people, people are shocked at how talented he is."

Kid Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, is known for his sometimes racy lyrics. But the 30-year-old rocker also performed a duet with Aretha Franklin at a VH1 tribute in April and had a small role in the David Spade movie "Joe Dirt."

As for her own career, the 39year-old Grammy winner said she's had a hard time with her latest album — she's been working on it for nearly a year — and she'd like to start a family.

"I want a husband who wants to be a part of a team. And it's hard to find people that want to be with someone who's in the public eye and who is gone a lot ...," she said.

HILFIGER PLANNING MUSEUM

ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP) — Tommy Hilfiger plans to turn an old mansion into a museum housing memorabilia from his 30 years in the fashion industry.

The 50-year-old fashion designer told the *Elmira Star-Gazette* in Sunday's editions that he's paying \$400,000 for the 1929 Strathmont mansion in his hometown, and plans to invest \$2 million in developing it into a Tommy Hilfiger museum.

The deal has not yet been closed, but there already is speculation about what the museum might include. Fashion experts said it could track Hilfiger's influence on Ameri-

can style and pop culture.

The museum also could display Hilfiger's extensive collection of art and artifacts, including artwork by Andy Warhol and guitars signed by Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

"It will be decorated with all of my memorabilia from my 30 years of doing what I've been doing," Hilfiger told the Star-Gazette.

Hilfiger said he would live at the mansion when he came to town.

The Strathmont property also is known as the Rathbone Estate. The French manor sits on 18 acres and has 21 rooms, seven guest rooms and 11 bathrooms. There's also a caretaker's house, a carriage house and stables.

FOX SHOW HEADS TO CANADA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The new Fox TV series "Pasadena" shouldn't count on getting roses from its namesake city: Vancouver will be the Rose Parade town's stand-in when filming begins this week.

Dana Delany stars in the series about a wealthy newspaper family.

"It's very ironic and unfortunate," said Ariel Penn, the city of Pasadena's filming and special events chief.

Filming a show about a U.S. city in Canada symbolizes how bad the problem of so-called "runaway production" has gotten, unions said. Film and TV producers head north to take advantage of a favorable exchange rate and tax incentives.

"The irony is they are taking it to Vancouver when Pasadena is literally outside the doors of the studios," said Bryan Unger, Western executive director for the Directors Guild of America, which lobbied producers to shoot "Pasadena" in Southern California.

The decision was entirely about saving money, said Brad Grey, who is producing "Pasadena" in association with Columbia TriStar Television.

"It is certainly not by choice. Our preference is to be shooting locally, but the economics are such that it is basically impossible to produce it in any fiscally responsible way unless we go to Canada," Grey said.

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Females to receive gridiron knowledge

By MATT MUENCH STAFF WRITER

Women that want to learn their x's from o's in the sport of football will get their chance Thursday.

From 6 to 9 p.m. in the City Bank room in the United Spirit Arena, the Texas Tech coaching staff, including football coach Mike Leach, will be on hand to conduct the inaugural Football Clinic 101 for

Dennis Simmons, Tech's di-

rector of football quality control and the clinic's coordinator, said the purpose of the clinic is to provide the female football fan with insight into the gridiron game.

'Most clinics cater to men, not allowing women the same opportunity," Simmons said. "We want to provide the female football fan with the same knowledge of the game that men receive in these type of clinics."

Leach said the event already reached its maximum enrollment of 368 Friday eight days after sign-up began.

"We have had a great response," Leach said. "In West Texas we know that there is a big interest in football and this illustrates that."

Simmons said he was really surprised to see a great turnout because it is the first year of the clinic.

"Anytime you do something the first time, you don't have an idea what to expect." Simmons said. "This just shows how strong football is in this area.

He said he would have liked to have more participants, but since the Lady Raiders are preparing for their trip to Europe, they couldn't move the clinic onto the playing court.

During the three-hour clinic, participants will have a buffet dinner and get a free Tshirt and rulebook.

The women also will learn about what football players wear and the types of plays they run.

Leach said it should be fun.

"We are going to talk about everything from equipment to formations," Leach said. "Plus at the end the coaches' wives will do a Q and A about being married to a coach. It will be enjoyable."

Simmons said he realizes some women know the basics of the game so the coaches are going to try not to concentrate on the real basic things while focusing on the more complicated concepts.

"We are going to do a double hitter," he said. "A lot of

women have a lot of knowledge about the game so we don't want them to be bored." he said. "But some women don't know so much so we also want to get some of them up to speed.'

Leach said women in West Texas love football and want to learn more about it.

He uses his wife as an example.

He said she was not knowledgeable in the sport until she

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Call to Order; Convene into Open Session of the Board;
Introductions and recognitions; Executive session: The Board will
convene into Executive Session to consider matters permissible
under State law including (i) deliberations on personnel matters (discussions regarding the duties and responsibilities of the interim chancellor and associated presionnel actions; discussion of System and
University personnel, positions and functions) pursuant to Section
551:074, Texas Government Code; (ii) consideration of negotiated
contract for a prospective grit pursuant to Section 55.1073, Texas
Government Code; (iii) consideration of the value, lease of university
peral estate (consideration of contract negotiations for the development of a hotel and goff course; consideration of contract negotiations concerning an EI Paso land transaction) pursuant to Section
551:072, Texas Government Code; (iv) consultation with general
coursei regarding pending and contemplated litigation (general litigation update; consideration of contract negotiations with (a) Ben
E. Keith Co. regarding stock transaction), (b) the City of Lubbock
regarding fire station and Jones SEC Stadium, (c) University Medical
Center, (d) university investment advisors, and (e) the Texas
Department of Transportation) pursuant to Section 551:071, Texas
Government Code; and (v) deliberations on the deployment or speoific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices,
pursuant to Section 551:078, Texas Government Code, and Experimental
Committees to develop reports to the Board, Meetings will cour
sequentially in this order: Facilities Committee (TTU: Authorize
adjustments to the budget and funding source for the Experimental
Sciences 1 and 11 facility, TTU: Approve project budget for a new
Animal Science and Food Technology facility, TTU: Approve planning of a Performing Arts Center; TTU: Authorize release of right
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Research Facility 1; TTUHSC: Approve planning budget for a Clinical Tower/Research Center in Lubbock; TTUS: Report on Office of Facilities Planning and Construction projects); Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee (TTU: Approve a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Hospitality Administration; TTU: Approve appointments with tenure; TTU: Approve degree programs offered via distance education; TTU: Approve consulting agreement for student housing program; TTUHSC: Approve change in academic rank; TTUHSC: Approve resident/fellow supplemental medical training stipend agreements and extension of faculty employment agreement terms; TTUHSC: Approve agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to provide health care services to Texas Department of Crininal Justice offenders; TTU: Report on invertiony of holdings in the Museum of Texas Tech University; TTU: Scheduled reports on the status of academic units; a. TTU: Report on the Texas Tech Library; b. TTU: Report on the National Ranching Heritage Center); and Finance and Administration Committee (TTU and TTUHSC: approve PY 2002 premium rates for the professional medical self-insurance plan; TTUS: Approve FY 2002 operating budgets.
a. TTU System Administration; b. TTU; c. TTURSC; TTUS: Approve selection of primary depository institution; TTUS: ATUS Authorize changing the Facilities Planning and Construction surcharge collection methodology; TTU: Report on Athletic Department budget). The board will then convene into the Committee of the Whole and meeting of the Board of Regents to consider and act on: Approve minutes of board meetings held on May 11, 2001, June 28, 2001, and July 9, 2001; Approve Cornion and Deferred Maintenance Master Plan (Five-Year Campus Master Plan MP-1 through MP-4 Reports); TTUS: Approve amendments to the Lubbock Campus Master Plan; TTUS: Approve amendments to the Fourbasition of the Pracilities Construction and Deferred Maintenance Master Plan (Five-Year Campus Master Plan MP-1 through MP-4 Reports); TTUS: Report of the

Wisconsin man suing Bob Knight

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Bob Knight pressured a friend into falsifying details of a 1999 hunting accident to avoid potential legal problems, according to a lawsuit filed Monday.

Thomas Mikunda of Exeland claims in the federal lawsuit Knight also wanted to avoid any problems with his job at Indiana University.

Mikunda was shot in the back and upper shoulder with Knight's 20gauge shotgun while the two were hunting grouse in northern Wisconsin two years ago.

Knight was cited in the Oct. 12, 1999, incident for failing to report a hunting accident and hunting without a nonresident small game license in 1999 and 1998. He pleaded no contest to each count and paid \$582.10 in fines

Knight told investigators that as he turned to aim at a grouse, his finger slipped off his 20-gauge shotgun's safety and hit the trigger, accidentally firing the gun before he was ready to shoot.

Mikunda was hit by 16 pellets, causing wounds that were not life-threatening but required medical attention.

The suit claims that Knight fired the gun intentionally, even though Mikunda was clearly in the line of fire.

The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages, as well as legal

Calls to Mikunda's home went un-

answered Monday morning.

Knight said Monday he had not seen the lawsuit.

"I have no comment," he said.

Indiana fired Knight for violating a "zero-tolerance" policy that the university imposed following an internal investigation that eventually produced a videotape showing Knight with his hand around a former player's neck.

Texas Tech hired the Hall of Fame coach this spring.

Football grad rate recognized by AP

The American Football Coaches Association has recognized Texas Tech football as one of the nation's top 30 programs in graduating its student athletes.

Texas Tech recognized a jump in graduation to 70 percent this past year after graduating 54 percent the previous year.

Tech, Baylor and Nebraska were the only schools from the Big 12 recognized as having graduated 70 percent or higher.

Ninety-five of the 117 NCAA Division I-A members responded to an AFCA 2001 graduation rate survey.

The survey measures an entering freshman class that received athletically related financial aid from the institution of initial attendance and analyzes its academic progress for more than five years. The study includes Tech freshmen from as far back as the 1995-96 academic year.

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married him.

"Women are fans of football," Leach said. "When I got married my wife didn't really know the rules. Now every Sunday when I walk in she is in the middle of watching NFL games. She watches them start to finish."

Leach said this camp is only for women, but added that Tech runs a clinic open to the public during the spring.

Simmons said he plans on running the clinics yearly.

"With the response we got this year, we would be in trouble if we didn't do it again," he said.

Raider football tickets available for purchase

Individual football game tickets are now on sale in the Athletic Ticket Office.

Season tickets remain on sale.

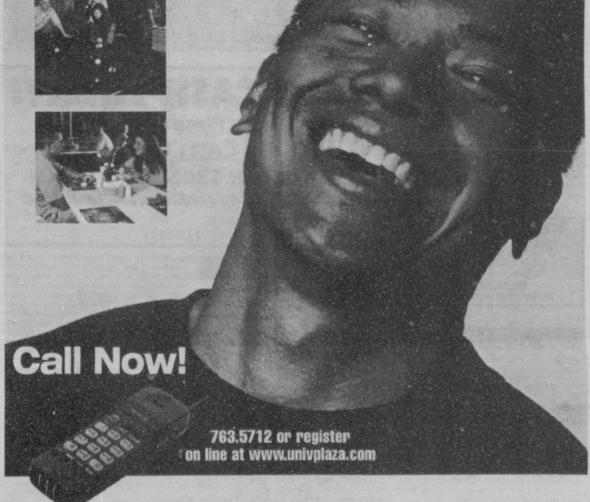
Individual tickets range from \$8 to \$93 depending on seat location and opponent.

Season tickets range from \$63 to \$423.

Texas Tech has five scheduled home contest this season including the season opener Sept. 8 against New Mexico.

Tech also hosts Kansas, Kansas State, Texas A&M and national champion Oklahoma.

The contest with the Sooners will close out the regular season.



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