

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 104°  
LOW 75°

TOMORROW

HIGH 99°  
LOW 76°

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Research, observation shows women have made a comeback in the '90s in the workplace and on the home front.

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## Heat surge

### July '98 makes history with 28 100-degree days

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

If this summer's heat wave hasn't gotten you down, the following numbers about the current record-breaking hot spell will likely do the trick.

According to figures from the Office of the State Climatologist at Texas A&M University, the three-month period of May-June-July was the warmest ever in the Brazos Valley, averaging 88.4 degrees, breaking the previous record of 87.9 in 1996.

July will go down as having the most-ever 100-degree days with 28, breaking the old record of 24 days set in 1980.

On top of that, the year-to-date number of days of 100-degree heat has already set a record at 40, topping the mark of 34 set in 1925.

If those figures don't have you reaching for that glass of ice water yet, consider this: the consecutive number of 100-degree days in College Station is now at 26, tying the record set in 1917.

And if those numbers still don't have you in a sweat, remember this sweltering fact: August, historically the hottest month, still awaits.

The current record of 100-degree days is 58 set in 1917, and that record could easily be toppled, according to graduate student Brian Belcher, who has compiled the figures for the state office.

"What has been unusual about this summer is the hot weather so early," Belcher explains.

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## Parties urge Clinton to reveal relationship with Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP)—A senior Republican urged President Clinton on Sunday to reveal his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, saying he thought Congress would forgive the president if his story turns out to be a matter of sexual misconduct. Key Democrats agreed and said the sooner the better.

"If he comes forth and tells it and does it in the right way and there aren't a lot of other factors to cause the Congress to say this man is unfit for the presidency and should be impeached, then I think the president would have a reasonable chance of getting through this," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"I don't know anybody at the top of the system who really wants to see the president hurt in this matter," said Hatch, who is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A similar message was coming from Clinton's Democratic allies in the wake of revelations last week that there may be physical evidence of a relationship between the president and Lewinsky, including a stained dress she has turned over to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

As Clinton returned home from a weekend in New York, his senior advisers at the White House recognized that the growing sentiment for some sort of conciliatory statement, even among Starr supporters like Hatch, presented new opportunities.

"We're cognizant of a number of outside voices, both Republican and Democrat, urging some sort of public statement," said one senior adviser, speaking only on condition of anonymity. The adviser said it was too early to assess what Clinton's next move might be.

In Milwaukee at a meeting of the nation's governors, there was agreement that Americans, who have generally been critical of the uproar surrounding the Lewinsky affair, are starting to pay more attention.

"It's a sideshow, but a serious sideshow," said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, co-chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "There's a higher level of interest than ever before."

Clinton has denied, both in public statements and in testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against him, having had a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. He will be asked again on Aug. 17, when he must testify for Starr.

Lewinsky, 25, also has denied having sex with the president, but last week received immunity from prosecution and reportedly will acknowledge a sexual relationship when she appears before Starr's grand jury.

Former White House senior adviser George Stephanopoulos said if Clinton had a sexual relationship with the former White House intern, it's time to come clean.

"Democrats believe the best thing for him to do right now is to go forward and tell the story," Stephanopoulos said.

"I would make peace with my wife and I'd stand up and say, 'Here's the deal,'" Time magazine quoted Senate Judiciary Committee member Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., as saying. "Even though it might make Starr's case, no Congress would ever impeach him."

Hatch, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," said that if the president had a sexual affair with Lewinsky, did not commit more serious crimes such as obstruction of justice or suborning perjury and tells the truth about it, "it could certainly result in a non-impeachment."

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# Messina Hof Wineries

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Left: Terry Debo, a resident of Grapevine who was down for the Messina Hof harvest, enjoys his third harvest weekend.

Above: Kriss Hall, a second-year veterinary student, and Paul Axtell, a fourth-year veterinary student, get their feet messy during grape stomping on Sunday.

Every weekend for four weeks, people go out to stomp grapes, taste the wines of the world and enjoy gourmet dinners at Messina Hof.