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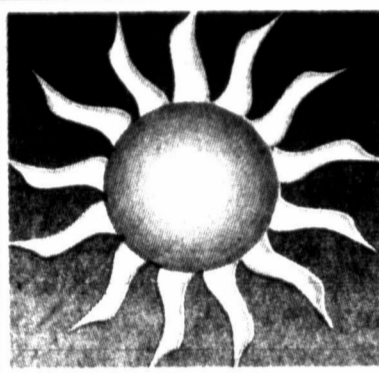
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## Edition focuses on county, people

The *Pampa News* today brings you its biggest and best newspaper of the year — The 1998 Pride edition. In fact, its the largest known single issue of *The News* to be published.

During the past four months, the staff at *The Pampa News* have worked diligently on this most significant publication that profiles Pampa and Gray County's most valuable assets — its businesses, people and places.

The 80-page Pride '98 is about the spirit, strength and soul of our community.

The eight special sections are: Leadership and Community, A Time to Build, A Walk With Friends, Columbia

## Pampa Pride '98

Medical Hospital, From the Ground Up, Faith and Inspiration, The Learning Tree and From Whence We Came.

In each of the Pride '98 sections we have focused on the people who give their time and themselves for the good of their community and the concerns each of them represent.

Some of those featured are well-known because of their involvement in community affairs — others work less publicly, but all have contributed in significant ways, making our county unique and thriving.

We hope that Pride '98 creates among our readers a sense of dignity and worth

about the people in our area of the Texas Panhandle.

Pride '98 has required extra effort on the part of every member of the newspaper staff, from those in advertising, the front office, newsroom, composing, circulation and the pressroom, where over 7,500 copies of Pride '98, were assembled by hand for you, our readers, today.

It has also involved the assistance of many area merchants and businesses, as well as individuals, who allowed us to represent them in this special edition.

*The Pampa News* salutes you, Pampa and Gray County, with Pride.

**PAMPA** — Downtown Business Association members will meet for an 8 a.m. breakfast meeting Friday at Scotty's Main Street Grill. Pam Dalton with the American Cancer Society will discuss plans for a walk-a-thon fundraiser. Other agenda items include setting dates for the spring window decorating contest and spring fling promotion. For more information contact Ronnie Holmes, president, 665-2631.

**PAMPA** — A Texas Safe Boating Course will be offered at 525 N. Gray for youths 12 and up on Saturday, April 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be an hour off for lunch. The cost is \$10 per student for a card. A card is necessary for any minor who does not have a drivers license to legally operate a motorized craft on the lake. The instructor can not accept cash, the payment must be a check or money order made out to Texas Parks and Wildlife. A social security number and written adult permission is required. Reservations must be made by April 2, by calling Sheryllyn Archer at 669-9249.

- Lenora Elizabeth Koch Appel, 81, former florist, greenhouse employee.
- Falvin Thomas "Chico" Hutchings, 63, retired Pantex employee.
- Viola Harris Hutton, 94, homemaker.
- Eloise Kenady, 63, retired beauty operator.
- Zelda Patton Stafford, 90, daughter of Pampa pioneers.
- Millie Avis Stovall, 85, homemaker.
- Mary Urschel, 77, rancher.
- Camilla Waldrop, 77, former front desk clerk at the Coronado Inn.

## Home health care cuts worry Demos; delegates chosen

Restoring parts of Medicare, including home health care, is a big item for the Gray County Democratic Party.

The party held its County Convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, electing delegates and alternates for the Democratic State Convention. In addition to picking delegates, attendees passed a resolution to be presented to the state convention.

The resolution states, "Be it resolved the Democratic precinct convention supports a change in the balanced budget act of 1997, to restore the home health benefits previously available to them, and restore the method of payment to home health agencies to insuring that service will be available to the elderly."

The delegates selected to go to the state convention are: Zetha Dougherty, Pat Lee, Jim Greene, Richard Case, Brenda Case, Bill Graham, Kathryn Graham, Brenda Moody, John W. Warner, and Jim Osborne.

Selected as alternates were: Betty Wilson, Judy Warner, Wanda Carter.

## Local juvenile drug rehab center county agenda item

The possibility of the county's Juvenile Board directing a local juvenile drug rehab center is one of the items to be considered at the Wednesday meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

Other items to be considered include the approval of an external audit by Brown Grantham & Co. and a discussion of road signs for Precinct #3 with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The following is a complete list of items for consideration.

- Amendment to investment policy
- Request from Dreyfus Natural Gas Co. to cross Gray

### The commission meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the courthouse.

County Road 13

- Request from GPM Gas Corporation for a proposed pipeline undercrossing the road located in Sections 57 and 58, Block 25, H&GN Survey; Section 41, Block 25 H & GN Survey; and Section 50, Block 24, H & GN Survey

- Budget amendments
- Request from Tax Assessor/Collector Morris to replace an employee and to add signature of Dona Kitterman to bank signature cards.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

It's time for the annual Downtown Kiwanis lawn fertilizer sale. Helping move some bags are (left) Downtown Kiwanis President Milton Cooke, and members Jerry Foote and Dennis Godwin. The fertilizer is especially formulated for this area and may be purchased by contacting any Kiwanis member or by calling 665-1665. Club members will make free deliveries.

## Groups fighting sexual assault

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas to increase public awareness about the problem. The 1998 theme is "Standing Together Against Sexual Violence."

The Tralee Crisis Center and the Pampa Crisis Coordinating Council, a group where leaders of the community unite to take a stand on family and domestic violence, is hosting an elementary school coloring contest this week to promote Sexual Assault Awareness month.

"Standing Together" means law enforcement, rape crisis centers, schools, churches, service agen-

cies, the media and private citizens looking for ways to work together to instruct our children in prevention issues, educate the general public about the facts of sexual assault and improve services to victims to and their families," according to Tralee.

Pampa students are being asked to create a picture denoting a related theme of "Standing Together Against Violence" and the winning contestants will be awarded prizes donated from community businesses. The overall winner will have his or her picture made into a billboard to be displayed in Pampa next year. Last year's winner, fourth-grader Miranda Woodruff, will have her picture displayed in the next week on a billboard at the corner of Atchison and Cuyler.

## Quite frankly... What can we do to reduce juvenile crime?



"Keep the kids in school, we need to keep kids from dropping out."  
— Carol Wade



"A parent education program. Parents have to have an avenue to be aware of the options kids are trying to make a decision on."  
— Ed Ringering



"Have more things for kids to do when they're not in school."  
— Debra Moore



"Have some discipline. Parents don't seem to care anymore."  
— Melissa Lee



"More parental discipline. More parents watching what their kids do."  
— Eula Perry

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**STOVALL**, Millie Avis — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Memphis.  
**URSCHEL**, Mary — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

## Obituaries

**LENORA ELIZABETH KOCH APPEL**  
**SHATTUCK**, Okla. — Lenora Elizabeth Koch Appel, 81, mother of a White Deer resident, died Sunday, March 29, 1998, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary McClellan officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery at Lipscomb, Texas, under the direction of Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Appel was born at Lipscomb and attended school there. She married Johnnie Appel in 1941 at Lipscomb. She helped with the family farm before moving to San Francisco where she worked at a florist greenhouse. She returned to Lipscomb prior to the end of World War II. She and her husband moved to Ellis County in 1950. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Myron Appel of White Deer and Stan Appel of Shattuck; four sisters, Hulda Schneider of Lipscomb, Martha Klein of Durham, Kan., Gertrude Hanshu of Darrouzett and Linda Wiederstein of Shattuck; a brother, Hilmer Koch of Lipscomb, and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Christ Lutheran Church in care of Mason Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Shattuck, OK 73858.

**FALVIN THOMAS 'CHICO' HUTCHINGS PANHANDLE** — Falvin Thomas "Chico" Hutchings, 63, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 28, 1998, at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Doug Harvey officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Hutchings was born at Henderson, Texas. He married Annie Mae Bapsed in 1959 at Clovis, N.M. He had been a Panhandle resident for the past 30 years, moving from Pampa. He was retired from Pantex. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Mae, of the home; a sister, Maudine Parker of Pampa; and a brother, Earnest Hutchings of California.

**VIOLA HARRIS HUTTON SPEARMAN** — Viola Harris Hutton, 94, a former Shamrock resident, died Sunday, March 29, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hutton was born at Ocoala, Mo. She married James Edward Hutton in 1921 at Kirklard; he died in 1963. She had been a Spearman area resident for the past 55 years, moving from Shamrock. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, attending TEL Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Jean Mackie of Spearman and Nada Marie Allison of Vassar, Kan.; a son, James E. Hutton Jr. of Cora, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

**ELOISE KENADY WHEELER** — Eloise Kenady, 83, sister of a Canadian resident, died Sunday, March 29, 1998. Memorial services were to be at 4 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Lindley officiating. Private graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Kenady was born July 22, 1914, at Olney, Texas. She married Harold S. Kenady on Jan. 31, 1937, at Jayton, Texas; he died in 1988. She had been a Wheeler resident since 1953, moving from Apermont with her family. She was a beauty operator in Wheeler for 20 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a daughter, Sidney Ann Thomas of Colleyville; a son, Arden Kenady of Amarillo; a brother, John Wilson of Victoria; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to First Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.

**ZELDA PATTON STAFFORD BATON ROUGE**, La. — Zelda Patton Stafford, 90, sister of a Pampa woman died March 26, 1998 and was buried in Baton Rouge La.

Mrs. Stafford was raised in Pampa and married Fuqua S. Stafford in 1929. They moved to Baton Rouge, La., in 1936. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Patton a pioneer family of Pampa.

Mrs. Stafford was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one child; a brother, Otto D. Patton; and two sisters, Bonnie Stuckey and Mary Brown.

Survivors include one sister, Virginia McDonald of Pampa, a son, John F. Stafford of Baton Rouge, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

**MILLIE AVIS STOVALL MEMPHIS** — Millie Avis Stovall, 85, died Monday, March 30, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. O.K. Bowen officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stovall was born at Salsbury, Hall County, Texas. She married Truett Lindsey Stovall in 1956 at Kingman, Ariz.; he died in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of Quail Ladies Club and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Pie Adamson of Canadian.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

The body will be available for viewing from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**MARY URSCHEL CANADIAN** — Mary Urschel, 77, died

Monday, March 30, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser, senior minister, officiating. Burial will be in Glazier Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Urschel was born Dec. 13, 1920, at Wilsey, Kan., to Ralph and Lillian Sisson. She married Lester Urschel on Jan. 8, 1941, at McPherson, Kan.; he died in August 1973. The couple moved to Hemphill County from Florence, Kan., in 1946. She was a rancher and had been a member of the American Quarter Horse Association since 1962 and was a former member of Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. She was also a member of First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Gregory Dan Urschel, in 1978.

Survivors include a son, Daniel R. Urschel of Canadian; a brother, Floyd Otis Canadian; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Edward Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014; or to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 South 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014.

**CAMILLA WALDROP SAN ANTONIO** — Camilla Waldrop, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 29, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pampa with Bishop Roger Roundy officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Mrs. Waldrop was born May 23, 1927. She married James Waldrop on Dec. 17, 1949. The couple were Pampa resident from 1952 until moving to San Antonio in January of 1993. She was a member of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and had worked as the front desk clerk at Coronado Inn from 1960's until retiring in 1989.

She was preceded in death by her mother, DSella Minnie Stinnett; her father, Henry Morrison Stinnett; two brothers, "Jimmy" Stinnett and Roger Stinnett; and a sister, June Stinnett.

Survivors include her husband, James; three daughters, Marilyn Sherrill of Azle, Cookie Smith of Abilene and Ann Ewing of San Antonio; two brothers, "Corky" Stinnett and Herman Stinnett, both of Oklahoma; and seven grandchildren.

## Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, March 30**  
 7:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Christine and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of E. Browning and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one to meet life flight to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

10:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, March 30**  
 5:22 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to E on 152 but turned back before arriving.

9:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medi-vac standby.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, March 30**  
 Michael Anthony Moreno, 24, 918 N. Gray, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

**Tuesday, March 31**  
 Holly Ruth Crutcher, 27, 922 E. Browning, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Joseph Walter Barton, 56, 804 N. West, was arrested on charges of an animal at large, no rabies vaccination, no drivers license, no insurance and displaying fictitious tags.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, March 30**  
 Margaret Hopkins, 70, 2312 Beech, was cited for failure to report an accident when her 1990 Oldsmobile Delta 88 struck a parked car owned by Patty L. Boyd, 1224 S. Finley, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. No injuries were reported.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	2.95		
Milo	4.01		
Corn	4.57		
Soybeans	8.81		
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation			
Occidental	29.38	up 1/16	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Magellan	108.00		
Puritan	20.67		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Arco	87 11/16	NC	
Amoco	79	up 1/8	
Cabot	38 5/16	up 1/8	
Cabot O&G	22 1/8	up 7/8	
Chevron	82 3/4	dn 5/16	
Coca Cola	77 7/8	dn 1/2	
Columbia/HCA	32	dn 1/8	
Enron	46 1/2	up 1/2	
Halliburton	49 7/8	dn 7/8	
IBM	127 1/16	dn 1/8	
KNE	57 1/4	dn 5/16	
Kerr McGee	70 1/8	dn 1/4	
Limited	28 7/8	dn 1/16	
Mapco	58 7/8	NA	
McDonald's	75 5/8	dn 1/2	
Mobile	76 15/16	dn 1/4	
New Atmos	29 1/8	dn 1/16	
NCE	50 3/16	dn 1/4	
Penney's	75 3/8	dn 1/4	
Phillips	50 1/4	dn 1/4	
Pioneer Nat. Res.	24 7/16	dn 9/16	
SLB	75 5/8	dn 1 3/8	
Teneco	42 13/16	up 1/16	
Texas	60 9/16	dn 1/8	
Ulgamar	34 7/8	NC	
Wal Mart	51 5/16	up 7/8	
New York Gold	298.00		
Silver	6.25		
West Texas Crude	16.19		



County Democratic Chair Jim Osborne and 13th Precinct chair Suzie Wilkinson address the County Convention Saturday. See related story on Page 1.

## Williamson Co. clerk believed drowned

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — McMullen County officials were searching today for Williamson County Clerk Elaine Bizzell, who's believed to have drowned in a lake south of San Antonio.

Ms. Bizzell, 52, county clerk since 1991, disappeared Saturday in Choke Canyon Reservoir after a strong wave knocked her and a companion out of a small fishing boat, authorities said.

Neither was wearing a life preserver, and Ms. Bizzell was not a strong swimmer, McMullen County Sheriff's office said.

At the courthouse in Georgetown, where Ms. Bizzell has worked for almost 32 years, employees shared hugs and memories Monday.

Ms. Bizzell was with a group of friends on a weekend camp-out at Choke Canyon State Park, about 70 miles south of San Antonio, said Tommy Ragsdale, who had dated Ms. Bizzell for several months and was with her in the boat.

Ragsdale said he and Ms. Bizzell had gone to bait

troutlines about 5 p.m. Saturday. Winds were stronger than 20 mph, and the lake had whitecaps, he said.

"After I got out there, I had second thoughts, and I was fixing to turn around," Ragsdale said. "It was worse than I thought."

Ragsdale said after a wave threw him and Ms. Bizzell from the boat, he struggled to help her stay above water but couldn't.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, March 30**  
 Virginia Carol Trusty, 26, Del Valle Tx, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for forgery.

Richard Scott Stone, 720 N. Nadia, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA CHESS CLUB**  
 The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**  
 Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

**TOTS-N-TRAINING**  
 Each Wednesday at the following times and locations listed below you will receive a newsletter and free materials such as books, colors, chalk boards, stickers, and much more that will help you get your child ready for school! For more information call Sue Thornton at 669-4700.  
 Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, 10 to 11 a.m.; 3 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m.

and 3 to 4 p.m.  
 Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, 10 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Community Day Care, 1100 Gwendolyn, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**TOASTMASTERS**  
 The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

**TEEN SEXUAL ACTIVITY**  
 Tuesday March 31, at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. The abstinence program that will be implemented in the P.I.S.D. in the fall of 1998 will be introduced along with a slide presentation by Dr. Dan Powell on Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

**FREE DEMENTIA SCREENING CLINIC**  
 The Windflower Nursing and Alzheimer's Center in conjunction with the Texas Tech University Health Services Center are hosting a free Dementia Screening Clinic on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. If you would like to participate and are over 55, or know of someone over the age of 55, please call Sean Lauderdale or Stacy Carter at (888) 561-5117. Deadline for all appointments is April 1.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Sunny today with a high of 62 and winds from the west-northwest at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 30s and winds from the south at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, breezy and warmer with a high of 75 and winds from the south-southeast at 15-25 mph. and gusting higher.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, clear and cold with a low in the lower 30s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. High in the lower 70s. South to southwest wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts by afternoon. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows in the 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear.

Lows near 40. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs lower 80s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows around 45. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs 80-85. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs 70-75. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows in the 20s and 30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs from around 75 mountains to near 90 along the Rio Grande.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tuesday night, mostly clear. Low 42 to 47. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 76 to 81.  
**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s to near 40. Hill Country to mid and upper 40s south central. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs near 80. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 40s inland to upper 50s coast. Wednesday, sunny. Highs near 80 inland to 70s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 50s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 70s coast to the 80s Rio Grande plains.

## City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**EMERGENCY JAIL** Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

**NOW OPEN** at 206 N. Russell - Sumthin' Old Sumthin' New, inside the Credit Bureau. Antiques, collectables, crafts & more. Adv.

**50TH DANCE** Reunion - former dance students who studied under Jeanne Willingham with Beaux Arts Dance Studio & have not been contacted yet, please call Glennette at 665-9432. Adv.

**THE HOBBY** Shop clearance continues. 30% off all down-stairs ribbons, lace, trims & silk flowers. 50% off all Easter items. Adv.

**"ALL YOU Can Eat"** - K of C Fish Fry - Friday, April 3 - 5:30 to 8 pm at Ward and Buckler Sts. Hall. Includes cat fish, hush puppies, red beans, cole slaw, dessert and bev. Adults \$7, children (6-11) \$3. Adv.

**BEAUTY SHOP** For Sale in Skellytown because of retirement. Can take over the 4th of May. Call 848-2935 or 2981. Adv.

**REMEMBER WHEN** your Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Dept.

**OPEN 8** Ball Tourn. Thurs. 8 p.m. at Holly's. Adv.

**MEALS ON** Wheels Garage Sale Open Mondays only 2-5:30 p.m. 318 N. Cuyler Donated items gratefully accepted. Adv.  
**COMEDY DEFENSIVE** Driving in Pampa. Ticket dismissal or ins. Call 359-3432. C0636. Adv.  
**WM. L. Arthur** Income Tax Preparation. Call 669-3928, 1103 Harvester, Pampa, Tx. Adv.  
**HOP ON** over to Joy's Unlimited for a pre-Easter sale. Crack an egg for a discount of 10% up to 45% off! Sale starts Wednesday, April 2 & runs through Sat. April 4, 2218 N. Hobart. Adv.  
**SALE - CAROUSEL** Expressions is having a Spring Sale, 1600 N. Hobart. Adv.

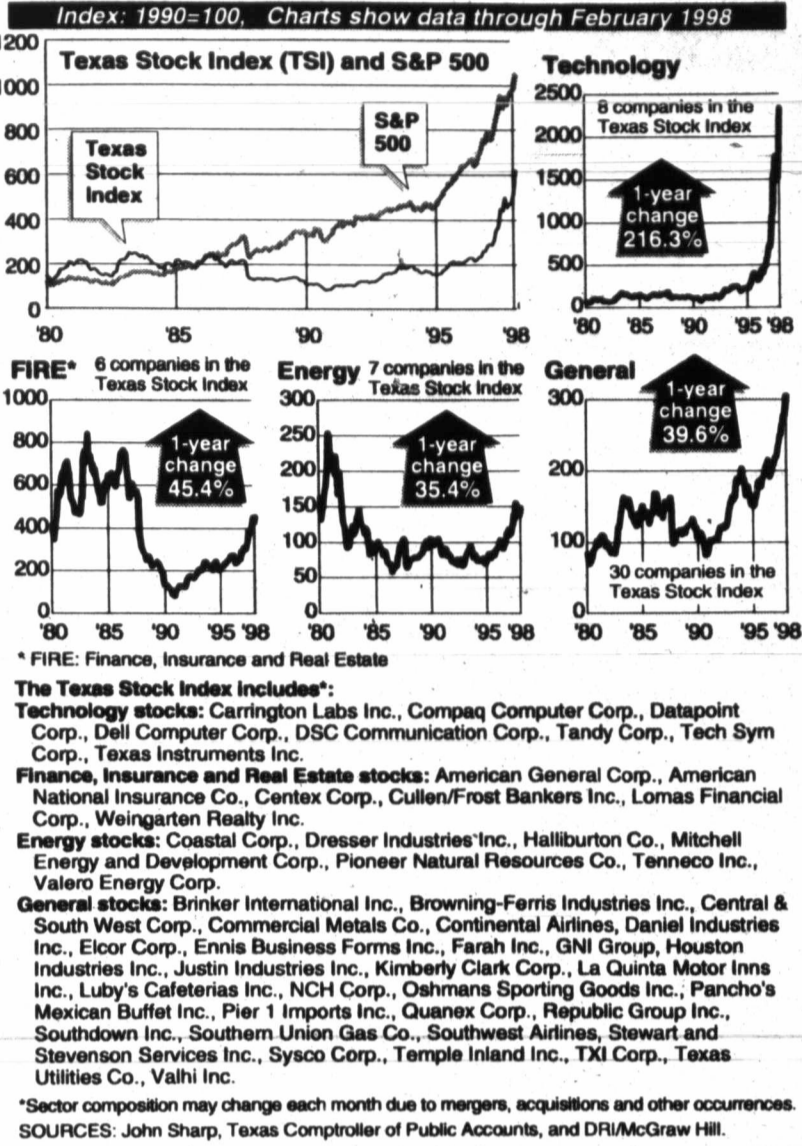
## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Stocks go through the roof

Stocks in most Texas-based companies showed a remarkable gain since 1995. In the past year, Texas stocks showed an average of more than three times the growth of Standard and Poor's Index.

1-year change  
32.7%  
S&P 500

1-year change  
111.7%  
TSI



# Jones's lawyers asking appeals court to admit Lewinsky evidence

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months after the trial judge rejected the use of Monica Lewinsky-related evidence in Paula Jones' lawsuit against President Clinton, Mrs. Jones' lawyers are asking an appeals court to allow the information into the sexual harassment case.

The Jones attorneys were filing written arguments today with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, hoping to use Ms. Lewinsky's case as another example of Clinton connecting sex with employment.

forward at this time to rebut allegations that he forced himself on her. The alleged encounter occurred in 1983 in Little Rock, Ark., the newspaper said.

In seeking reversal of orders by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, Mrs. Jones' attorneys, allegedly by Clinton more than 20 years ago.

The Clinton filing included an affidavit and deposition from the woman denying Clinton had made any unwelcome sexual advances.

In January ruled that "the substantial interests of the presidency militate against any undue delay in this matter that would be occasioned by allowing plaintiff to pursue the Monica Lewinsky matter."

The judge added that "a speedy resolution of this case is in everyone's best interests, including that of the Office of the President." She reaffirmed her decision earlier this month.

The Jones lawyers said Clinton had sought an acceleration of the trial, but never explained how doing so "would serve the Office of the Presidency as distinct from his own political goals."

*The Jones lawyers have submitted depositions in which witnesses said Clinton offered or provided government jobs to women who went along with his sexual advances — and were willing to keep silent about them.*

The president has denied any sexual encounter with either Mrs. Jones while he was governor of Arkansas or Ms. Lewinsky at the White House.

A former Miss America whose testimony is being sought in the Jones' lawsuit, Elizabeth Ward Gracen, has told the New York Daily News that she had sex with Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas, but she insists it was consensual. Ms. Gracen, 37, a former Miss Arkansas who became Miss America in 1982, previously has denied any liaison with Clinton.

In an interview, the Daily News reported today, Ms. Gracen said she was coming

Monday: "The district court's orders ... elevate White House damage control to constitutional heights, while ignoring the fundamental rights of Mrs. Jones."

While the Jones legal team was focused on their appellate filing, lawyers for Clinton submitted arguments to Wright in Little Rock, Ark., seeking a contempt citation against Mrs. Jones' attorneys.

The Clinton attorneys accused the Jones lawyers of violating a gag order imposed by Wright and disclosing the identity of a woman who, according to

Mrs. Jones contends she was denied proper pay raises and advancement in her Arkansas government job after she refused a sexual overture by Clinton in 1991. Clinton has said he can't recall meeting Mrs. Jones and denies any such incident took place.

The Jones lawyers have submitted depositions in which witnesses said Clinton offered or provided government jobs to women who went along with his sexual advances — and were willing to keep silent about them.

In denying use of evidence related to Ms. Lewinsky, Wright

## House bill, opposed by banks, Clinton administration, coming to House vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — After 20 years of failed efforts in Congress, the House is moving toward a vote on sweeping legislation to overhaul the nation's Depression-era financial industry laws.

The package, pushed by House Republican leaders, would allow banks, securities firms and insurance companies to get into each other's businesses. But it is opposed by most of the banking industry, which has won permission from federal regulators bit by bit in recent years to make many of those kinds of changes.

The bill also would let banks merge with commercial companies, within certain limits.

Proponents say the legislation is needed to keep America's financial industry competitive in an increasingly global marketplace and to bring order to changes that are occurring naturally in this country.

Congress must take action "lest we lose the lead to hungrier competitors abroad," Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Commerce subcommittee on finance, said Monday. Otherwise, he warned, foreign banks and financial companies "will be more and more aggressive" in buying up U.S. securities firms.

The Clinton administration opposes the measure in its current form, saying it discriminates against nationally chartered banks in favor of bank-holding companies. Consumer activists, including Ralph Nader, have denounced it. And some House Democrats have complained that they were cut out of the legislative process.

The bill has been endorsed, however, by the securities and insurance industries and by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who met with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the other Republican leaders last week.

The legislation was coming to a vote today by the House. Given the divisiveness, advocates tried to boost its chances for passage by attaching to it a broadly popular measure that would overturn a recent Supreme Court decision favoring banks over credit unions.

Rep. John LaFalce of New York, senior Democrat on the House Banking Committee, called that move "like taking something and putting it on the ship Titanic."

Groups representing consumers, the elderly, farmers and community groups have raised concerns about the legislation, contending it could bring about a concentration of economic power that could hurt consumers.

State securities regulators are worried about the adequacy of investor protections in the current package.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the Commerce Committee's ranking Democrat, tried unsuccessfully to get a series of investor protection measures added to the bill. He then withdrew his support, warning that lifting the remaining barriers between banking and the high-flying securities business could make U.S. banks like those in Japan — "rotten" and "eaten out from within."

Three key Republicans, meanwhile, announced opposition to the package, which they said "places significant new burdens on financial services firms to the detriment of their customers."

The bill would restrict "the ability of the banking system to meet the challenges of the future," GOP Reps. Bill McCollum of Florida, Richard Baker of Louisiana and David Dreier of California wrote in a letter to colleagues.

The Senate has not acted on similar legislation.

## Files concerning Medicaid fraud, abuse are missing

FORT WORTH (AP) — What happened to those 157 investigative files that the state Health and Human Services Commission says it turned over to the attorney general's office over the past three years?

The files, many of them documenting allegations of Medicaid fraud and abuse, are missing.

Consequently, potentially serious criminal violations are going unprosecuted, officials said.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that mismanagement and miscommunication between the attorney general's office and the state Health and Human Services Commission has resulted in numerous uncollected Medicaid overcharges, possibly worth millions of dollars.

The newspaper said a joint report of HHS and the office of Attorney General Dan Morales revealed that 57 of the 157 referrals could not be immediately located at Morales' agency.

Other files were promptly closed with no further action taken, the newspaper reported. There were at least three guilty pleas and two indictments resulting from referrals since early 1995, and 21 cases are considered active investigations.

The attorney general's office declined to address specific figures in the report, saying it was prematurely released and likely to be inaccurate.

Mike McKinney, the state health and human services commissioner, complained that the criminal inquiries, once closed or inactive, should have been returned to his office long ago so he could collect on any overcharges or overbilling.

"The taxpayers paid for those investigations, and they didn't pay for them to get lost in administrative mismanagement, whether it's theirs (the attorney general's office) or mine," McKinney said. "When the taxpayers pay for an investigation, they ought to get an investigation."

He estimated that the amount of uncollected charges, not including fines, could go as high as \$3 million.

Some of the files still exist at the commission, McKinney said. He said he hopes that at least some of the cases can be put back together and pursued.

The state attorney general's office called the report an inaccurate "draft" that contains confidential information.

Spokesman Ward Tisdale of the attorney general's office said he could not immediately identify any errors, but raised the possibility that the attorney general's office did not receive some of the files that the health commission says it sent.

"We're saying we may have never got (them) in the first place," he said. "We haven't gone through the entire report to account for all the particular cases."

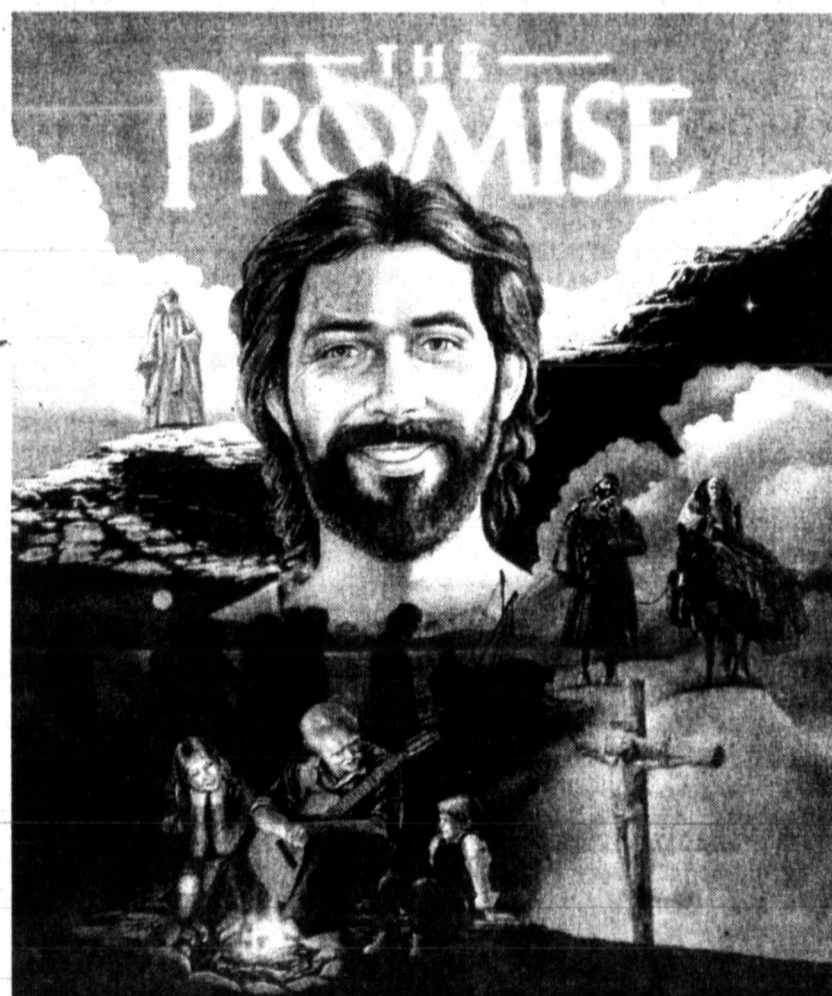
State Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who ordered the review, described the administrative flap as state-sponsored "malpractice."

"The information we had was they just flat lost the files," Harris said, referring to the attorney general's office. "If we've got bad actors out there that are committing fraud, we've got to get them out of the system."

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# Clerk Kept After Hours Has Advice for Late Shoppers

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are newly married and have been working for a large, well-known retail store for several years.

When a store posts its hours on the front door, there is no excuse for a customer to wait in three minutes before closing time and expect to shop the entire store. Even if no hours are posted, one can assume that the doors will be closing at 9 p.m. This is standard for retail stores. (Holidays and weekends may vary.)

Almost every night people stroll in three to five minutes before closing time. We will approach them and ask, "Is there anything I can help you find?" Invariably they say, "No, thanks. I'm just looking." (On rare occasions, a considerate customer will say, "Oh, thank you, I'll come back tomorrow.") Thirty minutes after we have locked the doors and are waiting to close the registers, these "lookie-loos" stroll out, without so much as a thank-you or apology.

How I wish I could say, "You may have nothing to do and nowhere to go, but most of us clerks have families waiting for us at home, sometimes a hot dinner cooking on the table, or a child waiting for a goodnight kiss. We're tired and want to get out of the store. Please give us a break."

**ANONYMOUS, NATURALLY**

**DEAR ANONYMOUS:** Some stores have public address systems over which they announce



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

that the store will be closing in 15 minutes, and it's the policy in others to flash the overhead lights to signal closing time. In others, clerks are allowed to approach the late customer and say, "We are closing in three minutes. May I help you find something?"

Discuss closing policies with your manager to determine if one of these practices can be instituted in your store.

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to the letter about using closed military bases for vocational schools.

I'm not criticizing the idea, but I am criticizing the writer's misconception of vocational school students. I was offended at his statement that those of us who attend these schools are disadvantaged kids who are not college material.

I am a girl completing 10th grade at a vocational-technical high school in Delaware. Students must

achieve a certain grade point average and fill out an application even to be accepted into this school. If they get into any trouble or don't keep up their grades, they are removed from the school. Furthermore, 60 percent of the students here go on to college after graduation.

My grandmother told me that vocational schools were first established for disadvantaged "problem children," but times have changed since Granny's day. These schools are not for dumb kids who come to learn a trade because they'll never do anything else productive in their lives. Students at my school are intelligent and excel academically as well as in their "shops."

Abby, people need to change their views about vocational schools. I speak for many of us students when I say that we are not "disadvantaged" and we are, indeed, "college material."

**HONOR STUDENT**  
 ATTENDING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN DELAWARE

**DEAR HONOR STUDENT:** Thank you for righting this misconception. You are living proof that vocational students can be college material. There are also students attending vocational schools who are learning a trade to provide themselves with comfortable livelihoods. My hat is off to them.

## Horoscope

Wednesday, April 1, 1998  
 In the year ahead you will expand upon and utilize the new strengths and qualities of character you've acquired in the past year. These attributes will be admired by your peers.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** When involved with others today don't let the reins of leadership slip through your fingers. You are better-equipped to manage things than your peers. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Let your compassionate qualities determine the way you deal with associates today. Kind gestures will be sincerely appreciated, and the recipients will reciprocate later.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In this cycle

you might be inclined to be a bit more maternalistic than usual. This is well and good, provided it is not overdone. You'll be aware of the bounds and limitations.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In competitive developments today the odds favor you rather than your opposition. This is because you'll be aware that you have reserves upon which to draw that they may lack.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This is a good day to talk directly to friends who can help you achieve your hopes and expectations. When you open these contacts, reciprocity is likely.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Don't be discouraged if the returns from a venture with which you're associated are beneath your expectations. They will become more ample later.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You might have to make a difficult decision today. Once you make your judgment, stick with it, because it should turn out to be the best for you, as well as for others involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today you

might begin to garner some rewards for your past labors. If these returns are beneath your expectations, let it be a lesson for you to try harder the next time.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A fun social gathering could turn out advantageously for you today, commercially speaking. Business and pleasure make it a compatible blend. Good luck.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** This is a good day for you to do some of the things you've been wanting to do for persons you consider special. You'll enjoy extending yourself and they'll be very appreciative of your effort.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If there is something important you want to get off your chest that you've been anxious to discuss with a friend, a meeting of the minds today is just what the doctor ordered.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** The bargains for which you've been looking are out there today. You can ferret them out by shopping shrewdly and getting more mileage from your dollars.

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"Hear that, Daddy? The Diamondbacks won!"

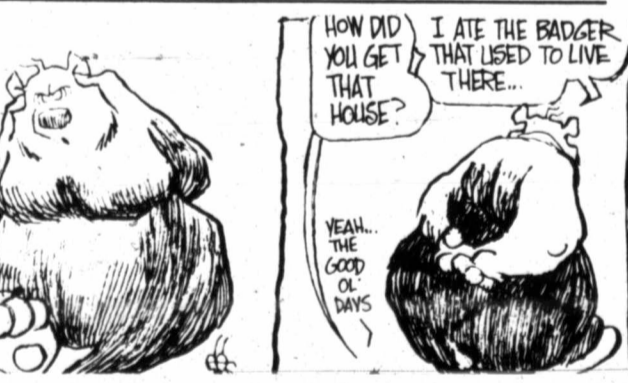


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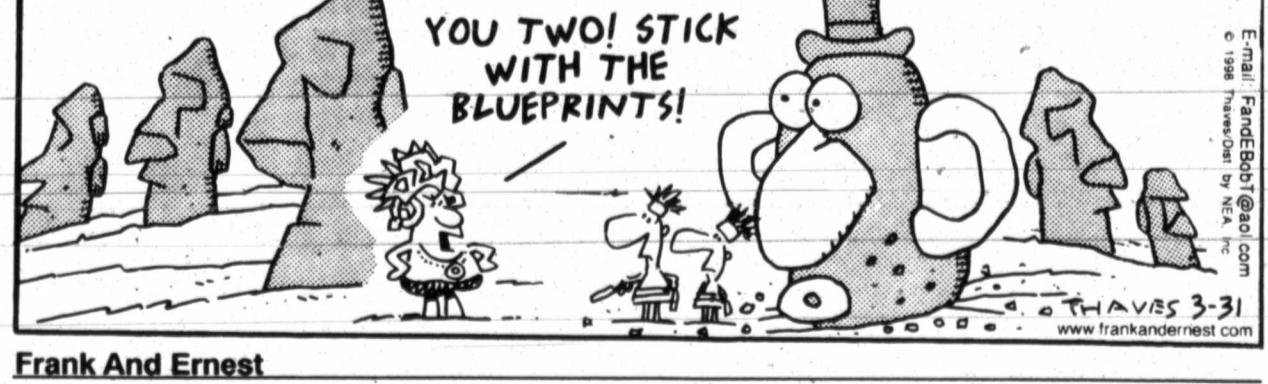
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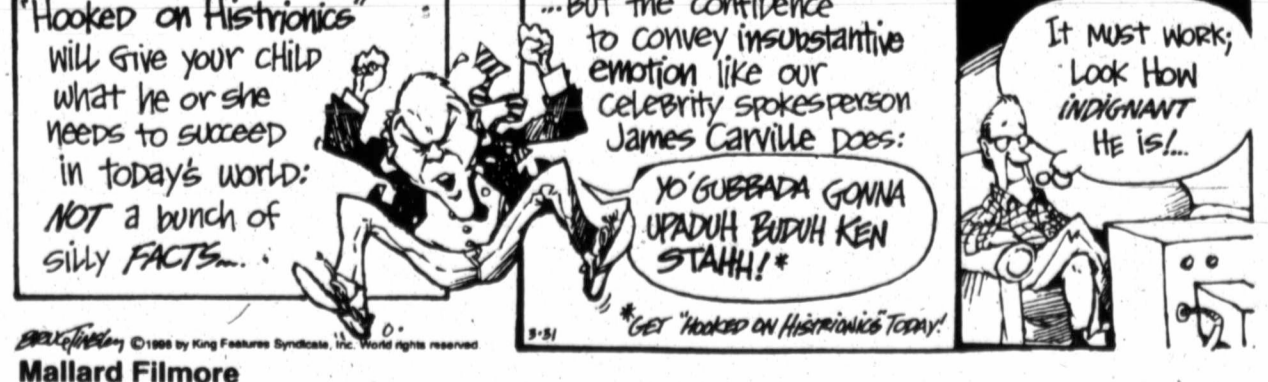
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# SPORTS

## Start counting — It's opening day, 1998

### Notebook

#### BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

**PAMPA** — Pampa Optimist baseball and softball signups will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 4 at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

Player's fees are \$35, baseball 6-8 years; softball, 7-9 years; \$55, baseball 9-12 years; softball 10-12 years; \$60, baseball 13-15 years.

Tryouts will be held April 7, 8, 9, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Players not already on a team will need to attend a minimum of two tryouts.

There will be a mandatory coaches meeting April 6, starting at 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club.

The draft will be held April 13-14.

The number of teams currently available per age group are as follows:

**Baseball**  
6 year olds: 1 team  
7-8 year olds: 4 teams  
9-10 year olds: 5 teams  
11-12 year olds: 6 teams  
13-15 year olds: 5 teams

**Softball**  
7-9 year old: 1 team  
10-12 year olds: 4 teams

#### TRACK & FIELD

**HEREFORD** — Pampa's Curtis Johnson finished third or better in four events as the Harvesters claimed sixth place in the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational with 38 points.

Johnson won the long jump at 22.4. He placed second in the 100 (11:02) and third in the high jump (6-2) and the 300 hurdles (42.12).

#### BASEBALL

**PAMPA** — Pampa hosts Dumas in a District 1-4A baseball game at 4:30 p.m. today at Harvester Field.

Pampa is 4-12 for the season and 1-0 in district play. Dumas is 10-4 overall and 2-0 in district.

"Dumas has two good senior pitchers, Matt Leslie and Joe Stewart, who've been on the varsity since they were sophomores," Pampa coach Dennis Doughty. "They're definitely the key to their team."

#### BASKETBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — North Carolina-Charlotte basketball coach Melvin Watkins will be announced as Texas A&M's new coach on Wednesday, a source told The Associated Press Monday.

Watkins' hiring will be disclosed at a news conference in College Station, an A&M athletic department source said.

Watkins, reached Monday evening by Houston television station KRIV, would not confirm numerous reports about his hiring.

"I'm going to try to make some tough decisions by Wednesday," Watkins said. "It's a difficult time for me but by Wednesday I hope to make some tough decisions."

Quoting unidentified sources, The Dallas Morning News reported in its on-line edition Monday that Watkins had agreed to a five-year guaranteed contract at \$550,000 per year.

Watkins was scheduled to meet with Judy Rose, UNC-Charlotte's athletic director, and his players on Tuesday before flying to College Station Wednesday to meet with A&M President Ray Bowen.

A&M athletic director Wally Groff was attending the Final Four in San Antonio and did not return a telephone message from the AP.

However, A&M sports information director Alan Cannon confirmed that a Wednesday news conference would be "regarding the Aggies' men's basketball program and the appointment of a new head coach."

Watkins met with Groff in San Antonio Friday, The Charlotte Observer reported.

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

### Major League Baseball

**Start counting.**  
Home runs by Mark McGwire and Ken Griffey Jr.

Wins for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Hits by Milwaukee Brewers pitchers.

New names for the Florida Marlins.

All the elements of Baseball '98 will be on display today on opening day.

Kevin Brown and Darryl Kile pitching for new teams, Andres Galarraga and Marquis Grissom playing in new places.

The Bank One Ballpark, with its swimming pool beyond the right-center field fence, in Phoenix, Tropicana Field, with its cigar bar, in Tampa Bay.

The Brewers in a new league.

The Detroit Tigers in a different division. A dozen members of the World Series champion Marlins now scattered.

And a bunch of hitters waiting to tee off on guys who made it to the majors this year only because

of expansion.

"We'll be pitching guys who don't belong here yet," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said. "But there's a big difference between not belonging here yet and not belonging here at all."

World Series MVP Livan Hernandez starts the opener at home against the Chicago Cubs, who added Henry Rodriguez, Jeff Blauser, Mickey Morandini and Rod Beck in the offseason.

The rest of the Marlins' rotation, however, includes the likes of Rafael Medina, Brian Meadows and Felix Heredia.

"Our job is to develop youngsters," Leyland said. "I'll be glad to see them get better, but we're not going to be able to compete this year for a title."

Instead, the Marlins may come close to the worst record for a defending champion — the 1991 Cincinnati Reds went 74-88 following their World Series win.

Many fans wonder whether McGwire and Griffey will con-

tend for Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs.

McGwire, who hit 58 last year, begins his first full season with St. Louis when the Cardinals open at Busch Stadium against the Rupert Murdoch-owned Los Angeles Dodgers. Griffey, the AL MVP, and the Seattle Mariners entertain AL champion Cleveland at the Kingdome.

Home runs seem to jump every time baseball expands, shooting up nearly 25 percent in 1993 when baseball added Florida and Colorado. Maris' 61, it should be mentioned, came in an expansion season.

"It has to be tough for a kid pitcher these days just to watch ESPN," Anaheim ace Chuck Finley said. "All they show are guys hitting balls where no one has hit them before. They show them bouncing into fountains and stuff. This is not a good time to be a bad pitcher."

Even though no expansion team has ever won more than 70

games, Arizona and Tampa Bay are hoping to make good showings.

The Diamondbacks, with Andy Benes on the mound and Buck Showalter in the dugout, open at home against Colorado. Kile, a free agent signed to be the Rockies' top pitcher, faces an Arizona lineup that includes Matt Williams, Jay Bell and Devon White.

Wilson Alvarez starts for the Devil Rays at home against the Tigers, who have moved from the AL East to the Central.

"The feeling here is that we can compete. In fact, we don't think of ourselves so much as an expansion team but a first-year team," said Tampa Bay's Wade Boggs, who needs 200 hits to reach 3,000.

"I mean, you think of expansion as a conglomerate of Triple-A guys trying to make a name. We have a lot of veterans who are still productive mixed in with the young players. There's a lot of talent," he said.

The Brewers, who added Marquis Grissom in the offsea-

son, make their NL debut when they visit Galarraga and the Atlanta Braves. Milwaukee manager Phil Garner and his team will be trying to adjust to double switches and life without the DH.

"We will have a lot of information," Garner said. "When you have a whole league, you don't want to get so much information that it leads to paralysis."

The 1998 season begins at Shea Stadium when the New York Mets face major league strikeout leader Curt Schilling of Philadelphia at 1:40 p.m. EST.

In other openers:

—Cal Ripken extends his consecutive games streak to 2,479 when Baltimore plays host to Kansas City. Ray Miller makes his debut as the Orioles manager.

—New manager Jerry Manuel leads the Chicago White Sox into Texas.

—Brown starts for the San Diego Padres when they play at Cincinnati.

—Moises Alou, now in Houston, may get to face former Marlins teammate Robb Nen when the Astros visit San Francisco.

## Lady Harvesters win fifth meet of the year

**HEREFORD** — The Pampa Lady Harvesters placed first in six events, including the 400 and 800-meter relays, to win the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational last weekend.

It was the fifth meet title this spring for the unbeaten Lady Harvesters. Pampa scored 132 points while second-place Hereford was far back with 89 points.

"It was another good win for us. The girls just keep improving and with the weather getting warmer, that's going to make it even better for us," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

Besides the tworelay winners, Katy Cavalier won both the long jump and triple jump, Barbara Wine claimed the shot and Von Evans ran a sizzling 25.43 to take the 200.

"Evans' win was the big one for for us. That was a good time for her. Wine had another good day with her 41-11 in the shot. Cavalier had two good jumps. She keep improving with every meet," Lopez said.

Pampa also won the junior varsity division.

**Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational at Hereford GIRLS Division 4A-5A**

**Team totals:** 1. Pampa 132; 2. Hereford 89; 3. Palo Duro 86; 4. Amarillo High 81; 5. Canyon 54; 6. Levelland 51; 7. Randall 50.

**Pampa individual results**  
Shot: Barbara Wine, first place, 41-11 3/4.  
Long jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 16-8.  
High jump: Tiffany McCullough, fifth place, 4-10.  
Triple jump: Katy Cavalier, first place, 35-11; Ashleigh Patton, fourth place, 32-10.  
3200: Samantha Hurst, fifth place, 13:12.78; Amanda White, sixth place, 13:24.19.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Lacrese Ford and Von Evans), 49.62.  
800: Jenny Fatheree, fourth place, 2:30.76; Beth Lee, fifth place, 2:31.05.  
100 hurdles: Lori Lindsey, third place, 16.87; Robin Williams, sixth place, 17.24.  
100: Lacrese Ford, second place, 12.20; Joy Young, fourth place, 12.63.  
800 relay: Pampa, first place (Jennifer Ross, Audrey Wilbon, Lacrese Ford and Von Evans), 1:45.06.  
400: Beth Lee, fifth place, 64.57.  
300 hurdles: Robin Williams, second place, 49.97; Lori Lindsey, fifth place, 51.84; Tandi Morton, sixth place, 51.88.  
200: Von Evans, first place, 25.43; Joy Young, fourth place, 26.69.  
1600: Jenny Fatheree, sixth place, 6:00.

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Pampa scored 107 points to win the junior varsity division. Hereford was second with 92.

**Pampa junior varsity individual results**  
Long jump: Chasity Nachtigall.  
Triple jump: Chelsea McCullough, second place, 31-2.  
High jump: Chelsea McCullough, second place, 4-6.  
400 relay: Pampa, first place (Beth Buzzard, Eureka Brown, Chasity Nachtigall and Chelsea McCullough), 5:24.29.  
100: Eureka Brown, first place, 12.91; Crystal Shepard, second place, 13.71.  
800 relay: Pampa, first place (Beth Buzzard, Eureka Brown, Chasity Nachtigall and Chelsea McCullough), 1:57.48.  
400: Chasity Nachtigall, first place, 67.25.  
200: Crystal Shepard, first place, 27.84.  
1600: Marci Hansen, first place, 6:29.21.

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## Kentucky claims crown

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Call them the Comeback Cats.

Kentucky capped a truly maddening March with an unprecedented second-half rally, beating Utah 78-69 Monday night to win its second NCAA championship in three years. And the Wildcats did it this time with a new coach and without stars in their lineup.

Kentucky won its seventh national title with its third straight rally of the tournament and became the first team to overcome a 10-point halftime deficit.

With Tubby Smith working the sidelines instead of Rick Pitino and with former stars Antoine Walker, Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson in the NBA, Kentucky moved one trophy closer to UCLA's record total of 11.

It was the third straight year the Wildcats were in the championship game — they lost to Arizona in overtime last season — and the third straight year they ended Utah's season in the NCAA tournament.

Utah's impressive run to what would have been the school's second title and first since 1944 ended because Kentucky did what No. 1 seeds Arizona and North Carolina couldn't do against the Utes — shoot well.

Just as they had in the South Regional

final against Duke and again in the national semifinals against Stanford, the Wildcats fell behind in the first half, trailing 41-31 at halftime. The deficit was as many as 12 points in the opening minutes of the second half before Kentucky started shooting well, something Utah's last two opponents couldn't do.

The Utes, the second-best defensive team in the country this season, had held its five tournament opponents to 39 percent shooting and an average of 62.5 points.

Kentucky, which finished 29-for-57 from the field (51 percent), chipped away at the lead by scoring on seven of 10 possessions. The Wildcats took the lead for the first time since early in the first half at 60-58 with 7:16 to play on a breakaway dunk by Jeff Sheppard after he stole the ball from Hanno Mottola.

Utah got the lead back at 62-60 on a driving layup by Andre Miller with 6:16 left and even extended it by two more points when Miller fed Alex Jensen for a layup 23 seconds later.

But a 3-pointer by Cameron Mills, Kentucky's fifth of the game — all in the second half — and a driving jumper by Sheppard with 4:53 left gave the Wildcats the lead for good.

### Young bowlers.



Youth bowlers from Harvester Lanes will be competing in the Texas State Tournament June 13-14 in Waco. The bowlers are coached by Sandi Miller. They are (front row, l-r) Tony Miller, Heather Miller, Ashleigh Burns and Chris Moody; (back row, l-r) Justin Hampton, Adam Rainey, John Johnson and Jake Woodruff. Not pictured are Wayne Bryan and Brandon Milligan.

## Fallon hangs up Final Four memories

**WACO, Texas** — For the past 21 years, Waco's Frank Fallon has enjoyed the best seat in the house as the public address announcer at the NCAA basketball Final Four.

He witnessed the 1979 championship game featuring Indiana State's Larry Bird and Michigan State's Magic Johnson that raised college basketball in the nation's consciousness.

He was at courtside when a young Michael Jordan hit the game-winning shot for North Carolina against Georgetown in 1982. He saw Danny Manning strap Kansas on his back to win the 1988 title over Oklahoma and witnessed Duke's back-to-back championships in 1991-92.

But Monday's championship game at the Alamodome was Fallon's last as the P.A. announcer at the Final Four. He wanted to end his two-decade run in San Antonio, his hometown — and the place he began his broadcasting career.

"It's special doing my last Final Four in San Antonio," Fallon said. "I certainly have mixed emotions, but 21 years is a long time and I don't mind stepping aside."

"There have been some years when my adrenalin was pumping so high that I felt like I could step out there and play," Fallon said. "But I don't feel like that any more. When you lose your enthusiasm, it's time to go on to something else."

In an era in which college basketball P.A. announcers often battle to be the loudest and most obnoxious, Fallon has always maintained a quiet dignity. You'll

never hear Fallon mimicking Dick Vitale during Final Four player introductions.

"In today's game, there's a lot of hype," Fallon said. "A lot of teams turn out the arena lights and make a show of the introductions. But the NCAA doesn't want that. I try to be enthusiastic, but I try to introduce each player the same way."

With his deep, melodious voice, Fallon only gives the crowd the information it needs during games. He keeps a notepad nearby to track individual scoring, fouls and time outs. During time outs, he'll give pertinent information like shooting percentages.

"People need to be informed without being intrusive," Fallon said. "I try not to point out the obvious. But at the same time, the guy sitting at the top of the Alamodome needs more help keeping up with the game than the guy at courtside."

Fallon landed the P.A. announcer's job before the 1978 Final Four. Instead of allowing the host city to supply the game support crew, the NCAA decided to hire its own statistical crew, sports information staff and P.A. announcer.

NCAA media coordinator David Cawood, a former Baylor sports information director, asked Fallon if he would be interested. Fallon had broadcasted Baylor's football and basketball games since the early 1950s and had done extensive television work.

"The only problem was that I didn't have an audition tape," Fallon said. "The only public address announcing I had done

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Fallon's first Final Four in 1978 featured Kentucky, Duke, Arkansas and Notre Dame at the Checkerdome in St. Louis. Kentucky beat Duke in the finals when Jack Givens scored 41 points.

There were many great Final Fours to come. Fallon's favorite championship game was Villanova's 66-64 win over Georgetown in 1985. The Wildcats played a near-flawless game as they shot a Final Four record 78.6 percent.

"Villanova was such an underdog," Fallon said. "That was the year before they put in the shot clock and Villanova slowed it down and played a great game. That's the most exciting game I had seen at that level."

Two of the most exciting finishes came in back-to-back seasons. In 1982, Jordan hit a last-minute shot to send North Carolina to a 63-62 win over Georgetown. The next year, North Carolina State upset heavily favored Houston, 54-52, when Lorenzo Charles grabbed a teammate's airball and stuffed it for a basket in the final seconds.

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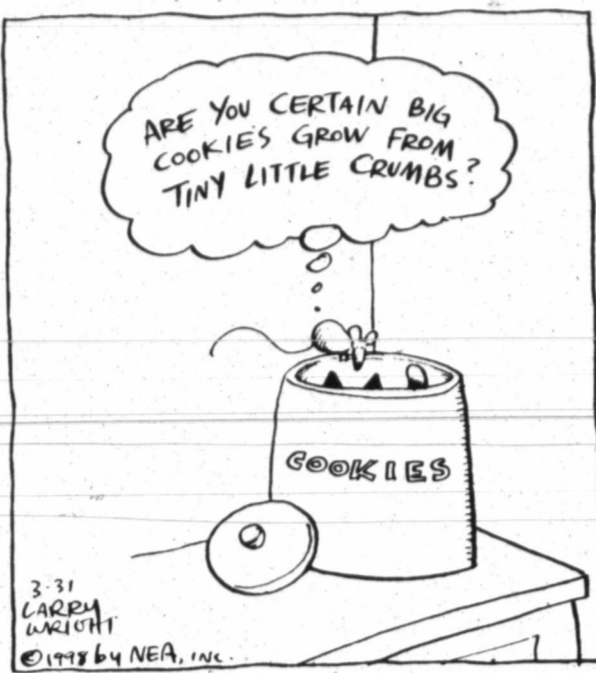
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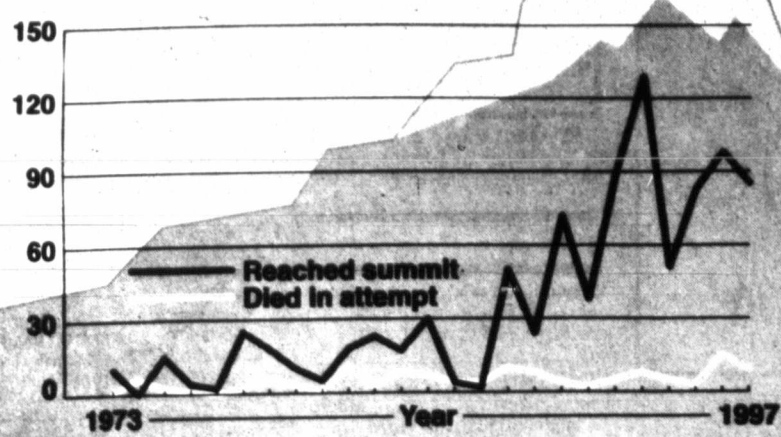
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### Everest takes its toll

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Thanks in part to Jon Krakauer's book and the recently released IMAX film, climbing Mount Everest has become much talked about. The number of people reaching the summit per year has skyrocketed since the 1970s, while the death toll has remained relatively constant.

## Self-service gas stations making debut in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Pulling into a Japanese gas station is like driving back in time.

A half-dozen smiling attendants in crisp white uniforms shout "Welcome!" as they rush up to pump your gas. When you're ready to hit the road again, they halt traffic for you, doffing their caps and bowing deeply.

After decades of claiming it was simply too dangerous for the average Japanese consumer to pump his or her own gas, however, the government has given the go-ahead for self-service stations.

With pump-your-own making its Japan debut on Wednesday, industry watchers see a potential bonanza for a whole scad of gas station-centered spinoffs, such as highway-side McDonald's outlets and pit-stop style dry cleaners.

For the legions of Japanese consumers who have grown jaded to the myriad regulations that have long ruled this country's economy, the prospect of a choice at the pump is a welcome — but somewhat daunting — concept.

"Self-service pumps are a little scary, but I'll learn," Hiroko Nozawa, a 42-year-old housewife, said as a team of attendants scurried about her red Nissan sedan at a Tokyo gas station.

Japan's restrictions at the gas pump highlight a glaring contradiction in this country's economy — while its auto and electronics makers can compete with the best, domestic industries are so used to being coddled that they have grown grossly inefficient.

But the realities of an eight-year economic slump have convinced policymakers these industries are too much of a burden, and that the time is ripe to cut red tape to spur creativity and competition in the marketplace.

Most of the attention has been focused on the so-called "Big Bang" deregulation of the finance sector that begins Wednesday. But, as the self-service debut demonstrates, the drive for deregulation could make its mark on some more basic aspects of life.

Japanese, for example, pay dearly for their gasoline. A gallon costs about \$2.80, more than twice the price in the United States. Much of the cost comes from taxes added into the gas price.

Self-service would mean cheaper gas because running the stations would require two attendants instead of eight that is the norm now. That could bring savings of as much as 32 cents per gallon.

Not surprisingly, Japan's oil retailers expect the lower prices at self-service stations to be a big draw.

Cosmo Oil Co., Japan's largest, plans to open 30 self-service stations this year.

It would open even more, but fire department regulations require each self-service station to spend about \$155,000 on safety features, said Cosmo spokesman Hozumi Tokita.

Such lingering regulations may slow the growth of the self-service market but a wide range of companies — not all of them gas retailers — are ready to give it a try anyhow.

McDonalds Japan Inc. predicts self-service stations will soon line Japan's highways, and hopes to have one of its fast-food stops at each and every one, said Seiki Minato, head of development at McDonalds.

The idea isn't exactly original — McDonalds already has 240 such outlets at gas stations in the United States.

# Campaign finance reformers to continue to wage battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any hope of campaign finance reform legislation getting through the House this year depends on plans by Democrats and a group of Republicans to outmaneuver the GOP leadership and force a vote on the bill they say has the best chance of passage.

Operating under rules that limited debate, prohibited amendments and required a two-thirds majority for passage, the House voted 337-74 late Monday to reject a Republican-drafted campaign finance bill — elements of which offended members of both political parties.

Democrats, who denounced the process as a "sham" and a "cynical

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maneuver," promised to begin pressuring colleagues to support a parliamentary procedure that would, if successful, allow them to bypass the traditional committee process and automatically schedule their bills for votes.

"It's the only way left to reverse this fraud that's perpetuated on us here tonight," said Rep. Scotty Baesler, D-Ky. "Campaign finance will not die today. The game is not over."

The effort requires 218 signatures, a majority of the House. So far, just 188 members — 182 Democrats and six Republicans — have signed what is known as a "discharge petition."

"Only 30 more signatures are needed to bring campaign finance reform to the floor under fair rules," said Ann McBride, president of public interest group Common Cause, which was launching a nationwide campaign to secure the remaining signatures.

"We're going to get that vote before this Congress ends," added House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

Even some Republicans criticized the process that brought four campaign finance bills to the floor under procedures typically reserved for the least controversial measures.

The harshest critics said GOP leaders rigged the process to allow a vote on reform — as Speaker Newt Gingrich had promised — while killing the legislation at the same time.

"When we act with such transparent tactics, can we blame the public for giving up hope?" asked Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark. "Do we really

## Jury deadlocks in murder-for-hire trial of former Senate candidate

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A deadlocked jury means former Senate candidate Ruthann Aron is free from prison, but prosecutors still get a few more chances to convince a jury that she tried to have her husband killed and even made an attempt on his life herself.

Ms. Aron's trial on charges of hiring a hitman to kill her husband and a lawyer ended in a mis-

trial Monday after nearly 30 hours of deliberation over five days.

"I'm happy that the system worked and there are those who take it seriously," she told The Associated Press.

Ms. Aron, 55, could have been sentenced to up to 36 years in prison if she had been convicted of solicitation to commit murder.

The state will try Ms. Aron again as soon as possible, said State's Attorney Bob Dean.

She also is scheduled for trial next week on charges of assault and attempted murder, accused of trying to kill her husband by sprinkling a lethal dose of prescription medicine in his chili.

believe that we can go home and tell our constituents that we had an honest debate and vote on reform? I don't think so."

The main bill, presented as the Republicans' response to calls for an overhaul of campaign finance rules, aimed to curtail union political activity and ban large, loosely regulated "soft money" donations to the national political parties. Democrats and some Republicans criticized the union provision.

Republicans subsequently extended the ban to state parties after critics said such donations could be funneled back to congressional campaigns without a similar ban.

"Soft money is the narcotic that's destroying our democracy," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who repeatedly has battled party leaders over the issue.

The bill also would have let local election officials seek federal help to verify the citizenship of prospective voters and allow individuals and political action committees to donate larger sums to candidates than current law allows.

GOP leaders — none of whom spoke in defense of the measures — also offered three other bills.

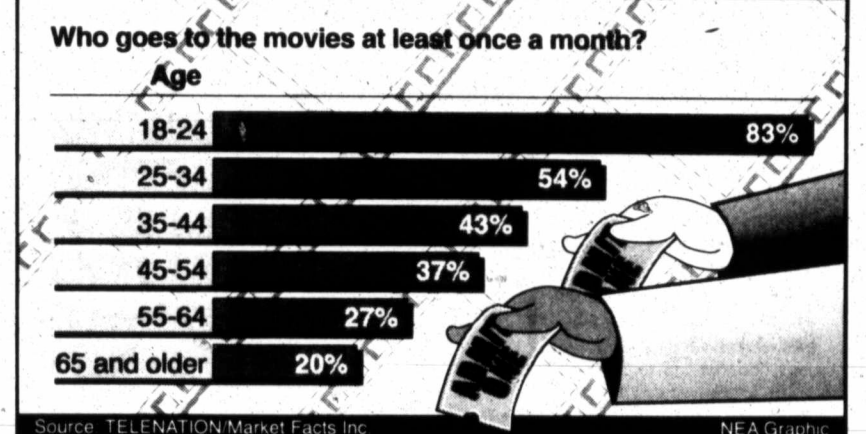
A measure to tighten the prohibition against noncitizens making donations or expenditures in connection with federal elections passed 369-43.

The House defeated, 246-166, a measure that would have required unions to get written permission from individual members before spending their dues for political activity.


The final measure, requiring stronger disclosure of contributions, passed, 405-6.

Shays, Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., and others had pressed for a vote on their alternative.

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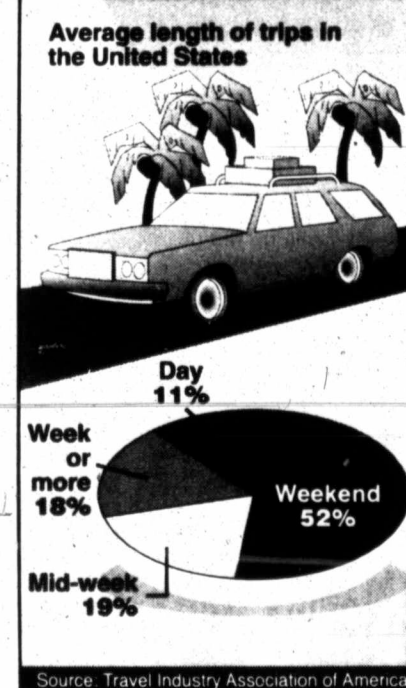


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