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Burton Enlisted Contributor to Help Daughter Into Vet
School

By Ed Henry

Like any father, Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind) was concerned
when his daughter, Kelly, wasn't admitted to Purdue
University's veterinary school.

So Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform and
Oversight Committee, decided to call a campaign
contributor -- who runs a university in the Caribbean --
on his daughter's behalf. The contributor, Dr. Robert
Ross, is currently lobbying Congress on the flow of US
student loans to his university in Dominica and,
according to a letter obtained by Roll Call, promised to
help Burton's daughter gain admission and to help his

son-in-law get a job.

Ross and his wife, Anne, each gave \$1,000 to Burton's campaign in the 1996 cycle.

Burton's panel has oversight of all federal programs, and his staff admits that they could hold hearings on virtually any program, including the student loans that benefit Ross's university -- although Burton says he has no intention of getting involved in the issue.

"It was a pleasure speaking with you on the telephone today," Ross wrote Burton on Feb. 14. "I was delighted to hear about your daughter's interest in Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. I am sure that she would be a welcome addition to our student body."

In the letter that was also sent to the university's Congressional lobbyist, Ross promised to act on Kelly Burton's application "expeditiously." Ross also said he had already told an aide to try to line up a position for Burton's son-in-law, who is a doctor, if the couple moves to the island of St. Kitts for the veterinary program.

"I have asked Neal Simon to contact the authorities in St. Kitts to ascertain the necessary permission needed

for your son-in-law to practice medicine as well as what positions might be available to him," wrote Ross. "I am sure [Simon] will be able to work this out."

There is no evidence that Burton has done anything for Ross University, and a top Burton aide said that Kelly Burton has not yet filed an application with the university because she is uncertain about her education plans.

Kevin Binger, Burton's staff director on Government Reform, added that Burton did not discuss the university's lobbying efforts in his call to Ross.

"Dan Burton has not done anything improper, period," said Binger. "All he did was call and ask for information, period."

Binger said that after Kelly Burton was rejected by Purdue, a guidance counselor there suggested that she apply to several offshore medical schools, one of which was Ross University.

Binger said that Rep. Burton had probably gotten to know Ross in the last Congress, when Burton chaired the International Relations Western hemisphere subcommittee, because Ross is a "major employer in the Caribbean."

"Congressman Burton happened to know Dr. Ross, so he called him to find out how one goes about applying to the veterinary school," said Binger.

But Ross cc'd the letter to his Washington lobbyist, Jonathan Slade, who is vice president of MWW Strategic Communications. Slade's firm has earned \$40,000 in the past year lobbying for the university, according to Congressional disclosure reports.

Burton is no stranger to Slade, who also lobbies for the Cuban American National Foundation, a strong supporter of Burton's work on Cuba policy. Binger said that Burton did work with Slade "a little bit" when the Congressman crafted the Helms-Burton Act, which tightened sanctions against Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

When asked if Burton discussed his daughter's veterinary school plans with Slade, Binger said, "I doubt it."

Binger said he had no idea why the Ross letter was sent to Slade.

Slade did not return calls seeking comment about his role in the Ross University matter.

In an odd twist, Slade attended one of the Clinton White

House coffee events, which Burton is now investigating. Federal Election Commission records show that Slade's firm contributed \$4,400 to the DNC in the months before and after the coffee, which was hosted by Vice President Al Gore last May.

Ross said in an interview that he could not recall whether he had talked to Burton on the telephone about his daughter or whether he had written Burton the letter -- even though Burton confirmed both pieces of information.

Ross, whose office is based in New York, said he did happen to bump into Burton in a Congressional hallway a couple of weeks ago. But Ross said they only exchanged pleasantries and did not discuss Burton's daughter or the university's lobbying efforts.

"He's not on the Education Committee, so he wouldn't be of any help to us," Ross said of Burton.

But Ross said that he keeps in touch with various Members by phone, including Burton, anyway. "We're always interested in what new rules or regulations might affect us," said Ross.

An Education Department official said that the

university is very aggressive in its lobbying efforts.

"They're like a dog without a bone," said the official.

"They're just tenacious."

Around the time of Ross's letter to Burton, Ross University was lobbying the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation.

An Education Department official said that in March the 11-member committee reviewed whether it should change the eligibility standards for US loans for schools in Dominica, including Ross's primary medical school, but no decision has yet been announced.

Ross's veterinary school is located in St. Kitts.

The committee was formed by the Education Department in 1994, after the General Accounting Office issued a scathing report on the department's failure to assess whether the foreign schools participating in the US student loan program meet the standards of US schools.

"Education's standards for assessing foreign medical schools are not adequate to assure that these schools are comparable to US schools," the report said.

Ross received the third-highest total of US student aid

of any offshore medical school in 1991-92, according to the latest figures available from the Education Department.

Ross told Roll Call that his university has high education standards and now attracts nearly 2,000 students per year. The university's page on the World Wide Web said that applicants to the medical school are not required to take the Medical College Admission Test and that they are only "generally expected" -- not required -- to first earn a bachelor's degree.

Ross once told the New York Times that he started his university in 1979, after a staffer's son was denied admission to an American medical school.

The medical school opened in 1979 in a motel in the Dominica with just 11 students. In 1982, Ross added the veterinary school in St. Kitts.

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White House Offers Mexico Post to Weld

[W] ASHINGTON -- The nomination of Gov. William Weld of
Massachusetts to be U.S. ambassador to Mexico moved
a step closer to reality as the White House confirmed
Sunday that President Clinton had offered the job to
Weld.

Weld, a Republican, told reporters Saturday night at the
annual White House correspondents' dinner that he had
been offered the job and would accept.

His remarks were slightly premature, diplomatically
speaking. The White House had intended to make a formal
announcement this week after it had officially cleared
Weld's nomination with the government of Mexico.

"The president asked him if he wanted to do it and we
understand Gov. Weld said yes," said Eric Rubin, a White
House spokesman.

"But we are not ready to go formally with an
announcement until we double check with the Mexicans,"
Rubin added.

At the dinner Saturday night, Weld told reporters that
the position of ambassador, which requires Senate
confirmation, would take him out of politics during his
tenure.

"I don't think you can be an ambassador for the State
Department and be involved in politics," he said.

Rubin said the president thinks "very, very highly" of Weld, a moderate Republican who would have run for a third term as governor in the 1998 election.

Weld said he expects to remain in Boston as governor until he is confirmed, a process that could take several months. The Mexico ambassadorship is normally one of the most sensitive diplomatic postings, and has taken on even more importance in light of congressional concerns over Mexico's response to drug-trafficking activities.

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----- WASHINGTON (AP) -- President
HCI's National News forum Clinton repeated that he did

nothing illegal in the Whitewater

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Susan McDougal, who has gone to

* Thursday: HCI Special: Cal jail rather than testify, was
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jury's life extended "I have told the truth," Clinton

* Tuesday: Whitewater grand jury said in an interview with CBS'
extension sought Face the Nation taped Saturday and

* April 16: Top White House aide aired Sunday. "I will continue to
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* April 14: McDougal gets 3-year President and Mrs. Clinton in the
prison term Whitewater land deal, were
convicted of bank fraud charges.
Mrs. McDougal also has been jailed

for refusing to testify before the Whitewater grand jury.

Asked why, if he has nothing to hide, he doesn't tell Mrs. McDougal to cooperate, Clinton said: "I have no comment on it. It is none of my business. She has a lawyer. And it would be very wrong for me to inject myself in this."

Clinton noted that in a CBS interview last week, Mrs. McDougal said that the truth, if told, would not harm the Clintons.

The president said the Americans must decide whether the Whitewater inquiry, which has lasted three years at a cost of millions of dollars, has been worth the money or time.

For him, Clinton said, the matter "is just going to be over here in a box" while he concentrates on his duties as president.

That includes working with Republicans to reach a balanced budget deal, he said.

On that subject, Clinton told interviewer Bob Schieffer, the two sides, are "moving closer" after weeks of intense negotiations. "We will know, within a few days, whether we can get an agreement earlier or not," he said.

Clinton was conciliatory on a principal element of the deal, saying "there ought to be a cost-of-living adjustment" to more accurately reflect the real inflation rate.

He said he sees "overwhelming consensus" that the current formula for determining cost-of-living increases overstates the inflation rate. Lowering cost-of-living increases for recipients of Social Security

and other federal programs could save the government billions of dollars, but Clinton, pressured by liberal Democrats, has previously been cool to changes.

Time magazine, in its edition on newsstands today, said Erskine Bowles, the White House chief of staff, met secretly with House Speaker Newt Gingrich last week to discuss changes in the Consumer Price Index. Gingrich resisted because he and other GOP leaders consider it "political suicide," Time said.

Clinton, in the CBS interview, also said it would be "very difficult" to envision endorsing a settlement in which tobacco companies would set up a huge trust fund but be immune from future lawsuits in connection with health problems.

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By John McCaslin

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Fourth Estate

.... "I also feel very uptight because I understand there are quite a few scary people around here."

.... --Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, upon arrival at the National Press Club in Washington, where he delivered a speech Friday evening.

One of the boys

. . . . The presidential motorcade sped into the driveway of the Washington Hilton Hotel, disappearing into a secured area only yards from where President Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr. in 1981.

. . . . At that precise moment, the large crowd of mostly tourists and autograph seekers, kept locked inside the lobby of the hotel by police, went absolutely wild. But not over President Clinton.

. . . . For once, it was a journalist they were after.

. . . . John F. Kennedy Jr. might be a member of the Fourth Estate now -- a scribe if you prefer -- but that doesn't make him any less popular, particularly with his cool blond wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, clinging to his arm.

. . . . The dashing lawyer-turned-publisher and the former Calvin Klein publicist were among the crowd of journalists, politicians, and Hollywood types on hand for Saturday night's annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association.

. . . . Judging from the reception John-John received, he seriously ought to consider following in his father's footsteps. But for now, he is clearly enjoying politics from a safe distance.

. . . . "The magazine is wonderful!" he told Inside the Beltway of George, which much to his credit -- and family name -- attracts more readers each month.

Fecal fears

. . . . It was just nine months ago that water quality monitoring in the nation's capital detected coliform bacteria in the drinking water in excess of the threshold level established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

. . . . Fecal matter, E. coli bacteria --no matter how you label it, Washingtonians were gulping it down by the glass full.

. . . . That's not the case anymore, even though Mayor Marion Barry and his team of water guardians have assured citizens that our pipes are clean.

. . . . The International Bottled Water Association, a trade association based in Alexandria, Va that represents 85 percent of the bottled water sold in the United States, informs us that restaurants in Washington have

seen an average 41 percent increase in sales of bottled water.

. . . . When asked what they attribute the sharp increase to, 100 percent of restaurant owners and managers surveyed -- from Coco Loco and Jaleo to Les Halles and Gerard's Place -- cited "safety" as a leading factor.

. . . . "Consumers in D.C. are paying more attention to the water they drink due to concerns about public supplies in recent years," says Sylvia E. Swanson, executive vice president of IBWA.

Debating with facts

. . . . Sen. Michael B. Enzi, Wyoming Republican, is a new breed of senator who is changing the way Capitol Hill works.

. . . . A former computer programmer for an oil-well-servicing company before being elected to the Senate, Mr. Enzi made his debut as the "cybersenator" recently when he flipped open his laptop computer at a Labor Committee hearing on technology and the "virtual university."

. . . . "I share your interest in and enthusiasm for computers and all their possibilities," he told hearing witnesses. "One thing I plan to do is introduce my laptop to the Senate floor ... [where] I can access volumes of information while I follow the debates."

Federal downsizing

. . . . Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, Vermont Democrat, will be glad to know that the Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing for this morning on federal judicial nominations and appointments.

. . . . He complained last week that so far in this 105th Congress, which has been in session for some four months, only two federal judges have been confirmed, despite nearly 100 vacancies.

. . . . "This is something that I have never seen in 22 years here," Mr. Leahy said. "It is a form of zero population growth, as far as the federal judiciary is concerned."

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Style By Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer

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Sunday

crossword NOW YOU KNOW ...

and other

features Uh-oh, here we go again. Larry King has given his tall
you'll only blond "informercial goddess" Shawn Southwick a "friendship
find on the ring." It's not the kind you got in junior high; this one
Web. is a diamond band with a ruby in the center.

All Style "We are committed," said King, grabbing Southwick tightly
stories and around the waist at a book party Friday night at Morton's.
columns And they're talking marriage, she allowed.
from this
morning's Among the 100 guests who dropped by to celebrate the
Washington publication of "Daddy Day, Daughter Day," which the TV gab
Post and an guy wrote with his daughter, Chaia, was ex-wife Alene King,
image of Chaia's mother. "I'm number two and also number four," she
the Style helpfully explained. By that reckoning, Shawn, 37, would be
section No. 7.
front.

The body of Checkers may be exhumed from the Bide-a-Wee Pet Memorial Park on Long Island and reinterred in California near his master, Richard Nixon. U.S. News & World Report says officials at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda would not comment on the cocker spaniel's reburial except to say that they are "keeping [their] paws dry."

British actor Sir Derek Jacobi tonight will receive the Shakespeare Guild's theatrical excellence award. Fellow thespian Dame Diana Rigg will present it at the Folger Shakespeare Library's 65th-anniversary gala, where composer Marvin Hamlisch will play a piece he wrote for the black-tie fete. And two Miami City Ballet dancers will do a scene from (what else?) "Romeo and Juliet."

Putting Up Their 'Dukes'

"No shirt, no shoes, no problem!" read the invite, but this being a starchy town, the best that some 100 friends of former representative Ben Jones (D-Ga.) could manage was

trading power suits for jeans, boots and other down-home duds. Jones and his wife, Ford's Theatre managing director Alma Viator, threw a party at their Kalorama home to watch Jones reprise his TV role as good ol' grease monkey Cooter in Friday night's two-hour "Dukes of Hazzard: Reunion!"

Among those chowing down on North Carolina barbecue (lots of vinegar, no tomatoes) were playwright Larry King, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, satirist Mark Russell, Common Cause President Ann McBride, Ford Theatre's Frankie Hewitt, and Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) and his wife, Susan Blumenthal, Health and Human Services deputy assistant secretary.

Many guests privately 'fessed up that they never saw the original show, which ran in the early '80s and featured two male Duke cousins and the bodacious Daisy in her denim cutoffs.

Jones is the three-term congressman who was redistricted out of the House, mounted an unsuccessful '94 challenge to Newt Gingrich and filed the ethics complaints that now have Gingrich in hock to Bob Dole for \$300,000. Early next month, he begins filming "Primary Colors," playing political consultant Arlen Sporkin. Last week, he auditioned for a part in "Meet Joe Black," starring Anthony Hopkins and Brad Pitt.

Such crossover success prompted Russell to quip, "I think I'll go home and write a screenplay called 'The Dukes of Cleveland Park.' "

Out-and-Out Affectionate

Now that she's out, she's way, way out.

It falls to us to specify just how Ellen DeGeneres and girlfriend Anne Heche spent Saturday night: hand-holding, neck-nuzzling, back-rubbing, lip-locking. This week's most famous female couple worked the White House Correspondents' Association dinner and its satellite parties, indulging in huge Public Displays of Affection nearly every step of the way -- even during their private meeting with President Clinton.

In a clingy short turquoise dress, twirling atop sexy bronze sandals with skyscraper heels, Heche, 27, raised an eyebrow and allowed that a few weeks ago, nobody much cared who she was. Now she's out there, too, twinkling in the spotlight of what she says is her first lesbian relationship, which just happens to coincide with her current roles as Tommy Lee Jones's leading lady in "Volcano" and as Johnny Depp's wife in "Donnie Brasco." And she's just finished shooting a political satire with Dustin

Hoffman and Robert De Niro and has been cast as a romantic lead opposite Harrison Ford. This is what is called, in Hollywood, an erupting actress.

Not too long ago, she spent a couple of years paired with Steve Martin and crowed with glee over filming sex scenes with Alec Baldwin and Depp. The daughter of a fundamentalist Baptist preacher, she learned when he was diagnosed with AIDS that he was a closeted homosexual. "What I learned from his death is that if you don't accept your own sexuality, it will kill you," Heche told an interviewer last year.

For now, she and DeGeneres, 39, who met at an Oscar party last month, are portraying themselves in the first flush of passion. Said fellow blond actress Sharon Lawrence, watching their show early yesterday morning: "They make a good couple, don't you think?"

I can't tell you here, but I can leak it to you later.

-- White House press secretary Mike McCurry, asked at Friday's daily briefing about who would be the next surgeon general.

@CAPTION: Anne Heche, right, next to girlfriend Ellen DeGeneres, with George Clooney and girlfriend Celine Balitran, before the White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

@CAPTION: Cooter coterie: Former representative Ben Jones threw a "Dukes" bash at his Kalorama home for his friends.

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Lonely at the Just Us Department

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By Al Kamen

Washington Post Staff Writer

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Community

Section: It's still home-alone time for Attorney General Janet Reno
news and at the Justice Department. Even Republican Senate Judiciary
columns for Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch (Utah) wrote recently to
federal complain about the number of important posts still vacant.

workers and

tips on There's no one named to head the criminal and civil rights
finding divisions and Elizabeth Nolan's nomination to head the
government Office of Legal Counsel has not gone to the Senate yet.
jobs. Also, there's no decision on anyone to replace John R.

Schmidt in the number three job of associate attorney

Today in general.

Congress:

House and But it looked for a moment that things had changed. Top
Senate aide Robert S. Litt, once nominated but never confirmed to
hearings head the criminal division and with a foot out the door,
and witness may be staying to be top deputy to Deputy Attorney
lists. General-designate Eric H. Holder Jr.

All federal And it appeared that Associate Deputy Attorney General Paul
government Fishman, a hard-charging former assistant U.S. attorney in
stories New Jersey, was going to head the criminal division. But
fromthis some U.S. attorneys, ruffled by the abrasive Fishman, have
morning's objected.

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Post. Reno strongly backs Fishman -- there's no other nominee in
sight for the job -- but sources use words like "derailed"
and "cratered" to describe his bid. Still, Justice sources
remain confident that Fishman will get the nod.

There's still talk of New York lawyer Lewis Kaden or Los
Angeles lawyer Raymond Fisher to be associate attorney
general. Some even think Massachusetts Attorney General
Scott Harshbarger would be interested. But with
Massachusetts Gov. William F. Weld (R) practicing Spanish
for an ambassadorship to Mexico, and continuing news
stories about Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II (D-Mass.) and his
former or "never-was" wife, Harshbarger's gubernatorial bid
looks stronger than ever, and his interest in coming down
here must be less than minuscule.

Channels of Information

A number of chairs are moving about at the U.S. Information
Agency. John P. Loiello, director for the Bureau of
Educational and Cultural Affairs, is under consideration
for an ambassadorship -- maybe Africa -- and is expected to
be leaving soon. A number of replacement candidates are
available to choose from. Also, former National Education
Association president Keith Geiger is said to be the pick
to be director of academic programs, a key position in the
agency. He would be replacing career Foreign Service
officer Edward McBride, who's been holding the fort for the

last year, in what has usually been a political job.

In other recent moves, political veteran Ronnie Freiberg, who's worked on the House side of Capitol Hill, in the Carter White House and on Democratic presidential campaigns, has been named to head the congressional and intergovernmental affairs office.

Marthena Cowart, another longtime Democratic activist who had been senior adviser to chief spokeswoman Kimberly Marteau (who's gone to California with husband and former White House aide John Emerson), has moved up to be head of the office of public liaison.

Peggy Ann Lewis, former aide to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's outgoing chief of staff, Margaret A. Williams, is now senior adviser to Cowart. Lula Rodriguez moves over to the State Department, where she'll be deputy assistant secretary for public affairs.

Needing a Lift

Word at the White House was that Chief of Staff Erskine B. Bowles was "not having any fun" in the job. His family is still down in North Carolina, he misses them and, oddly enough, he doesn't enjoy testifying before grand juries. A senior administration official was heard saying Bowles would be gone after the budget deal is wrapped up or maybe by the end of the year.

No way, says the White House. "Erskine is doing a tough balancing act but it's worth doing in his view if we're doing things that are helping the country," said spokesman Michael McCurry. Especially after last week's chemical weapons treaty victory, "Erskine is convinced the system can work."

On the Immigration Front

Robert K. Bratt, a 19-year Justice Department veteran who's now executive officer for the criminal division, moves to a temporary job as executive director for naturalization operations, where he is to develop a plan to "correct the systemic problems" in the citizenship program, the department said.

Former comptroller general Charles A. Bowsher was named special adviser to Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris M. Meissner, a part-time, unsalaried job advising on the plan.

The moves came after a report on new procedures taken in response to charges that the INS was naturalizing thousands of criminals as part of its Citizenship USA program. The

report found that only one of 23 INS offices surveyed had fully complied with the new procedures.

No Parking

Republicans on the House Resources Committee have been blasted for allowing anti-enviro lobbyists to roam on the dais and to write laws. So it was with some surprise that some of them walked into a national parks, forests and lands subcommittee markup last week to find none other than Steve Holmer, campaign coordinator for the Western Ancient Forest Campaign, huddled in a corner on the dais with minority staff.

Holmer shot off "like a goose on fire," one aide said, as Rep. Helen Chenoweth (R-Idaho), or "Madame Chairman," as she's called, reached for the gavel. "I wasn't writing legislation," Holmer said. "I can tell you that." Enviros don't do that anymore, anyway. And Holmer says he didn't know he wasn't allowed there.

No rules were broken, a Democratic aide said. Outsiders are barred from the dais when the committee is in session, he said, and it wasn't in session yet.

Nearing Nomination

The long-expected nomination of David Satcher, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, to be surgeon general appears to be closer, with Satcher also likely to be named the Health and Human Services Department's assistant secretary for health.

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discuss hot You hear the charge everywhere these days. It is uttered as
topics of a defense by politicians who get in trouble and as a
the day general sigh of exasperation by others who are just bummed
online. out by all the disillusioning news. The charge itself goes

something like this: A hounding, disrespectful press is

All tearing down our institutions and our leaders, destroying
Editorials confidence in both and, into the bargain, making the
and Op-Ed American people ever more cynical. I will concede a whole
columns lot of grievous faults on the part of the news-gathering
from this and opinion-peddling professional clan to which I belong.
morning's All too often we are morally smug or factually reckless or,
Washington on our worst days, both. But to say this is not even to
Post. begin to address the underlying problem, let alone to

dispose of it. To do that we have to acknowledge that to a

All very great extent it is the institutions and leaders
editorials themselves that are at fault, that are famously not what
and they have pretended or seemed to be. If you stripped away
commentary all the reporting and columnizing excesses of the media,
from you would still be left with that.

Sunday's

Washington Although there have always been strains of suspicion and
Post irreverence in our politics, and plenty of denunciations of

Outlook whole industries, economic classes and ethnic groups, all

section. these sulfuric feelings oddly don't seem to impair our
faith in the virtue and competence of our institutions. We
profess disgust, but remain for some reason gullible,
suggestible to the point of naivete and readily shocked. By
"we" here I mean both the press and the public.

Typically, the press reports with surprise and the public discovers with dismay that something or someone we had assumed was on the up and up wasn't -- the sworn testimony was a lie or the forces of law and order were committing the same crimes they were meant to be combating or the authoritative enterprise on which we depended was doing sloppy, unreliable work. The Justice Department report on the deficiencies of the FBI crime lab earlier this month is a case in point. It is only the latest revelation about an institution to which we attributed almost magical powers and perfections of technology. Like other operations, whether to do with air safety or health regulations or medical testing or any of a number of other critical subjects, the lab had gained a reputation for being beyond the tainting, compromising reach of human fallibility. Instances of laziness, sloppiness and corner-cutting didn't go with our mental picture of the operation or with our Tinker Bell-like capacity to believe.

This is an era in which famed moralist preachers have turned out to be practicing sexual predators, in which a man who had been fulfilling for several years the suitably

sermonizing role of U.N. secretary-general turned out to have had an active Nazi past, in which more Justice Department and other law-enforcement officials than you or I can remember ended up deservedly in the clink. It is an era in which the leaders of greatly respected academic, commercial and financial institutions had to confess systematic skulduggery on the part of those institutions. The former, all-powerful chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is doing time in prison. The list could fill volumes. The point is that we are paying the price of our rosy, unquestioning outlook, not being victimized by finally learning the reality.

And what of our poor leaders, the individuals who are said to be taking as much destructive, unfair assault as our righteous institutions? Well, yes, some of them are being unfairly hounded, just as plenty of them are only belatedly getting the critical scrutiny they deserve. But I would say that the public disaffection with politicians and political leaders is not a result of shock at some of the disclosures of outright crime and impropriety on their part. I think it is a result of the moral self-shrinking of so many of those leaders. You don't have to lapse into good-old-days-ism to notice how readily and shamelessly in our time the lines are being crossed from public service to private exploitation of that service. They step out of office and demean themselves at once for obscene sums in silly TV commercials; without even a decent interval they hasten to join the business enterprise they were regulating or even prosecuting a few months before; they suddenly let it be known that now they can (and for a suitable fee will) say what they really think about their colleagues still in office -- what they themselves said while in office presumably having been lies.

Given this, does the public really need a whole lot of irresponsible (as it is said), icon-smashing help from the press to have doubts about the character of its leaders? I have been struck in the past several weeks by the awful posturings and vanities and insecurities so many of them reveal as they defend or promote themselves. Great political leaders and inspirers -- a Roosevelt, a Churchill, a Nelson Mandela, a Vaclav Havel, a Natan Sharansky or an Andrei Sakharov -- must have huge egos, by which I mean a kind of towering belief in self equal to the task of fulfilling some heroic purpose for their people. But such ego is not to be confused with the yucky little vanities and braggings of which so many of those in our upper circles are guilty. It is simply not possible to imagine a Mandela or a Sakharov or a Havel losing sight of his grand cause in an orgy of self-promotion or tiny point-proving or self-pity such as we have been treated to in our current political life.

Republicans and Democrats alike quit office and rush to tell us how they were the only good ones and how rotten all the others are. They seek unworthy victories in petty quarrels we didn't even know about. Now, here is true and glorious and productive ego: Winston Churchill saying and believing in the darkest, most hopeless hours of World War II that he could and would lead Britain to survival; Nelson Mandela, never giving up the battle from Robben Island; Sharansky, a runt with the nerve of a giant, tapping out on the gulag wall to his fellow prisoners when he arrived: Sharansky is here, we will fight this together.

Okay -- our leaders don't face those dramatic situations. But I think we should be grateful that they don't. Like our institutions, in my opinion, they need plenty of work. We have to improve their quality. That won't happen so long as we are gullible about them, or believe the problem is that we are learning and observing unwelcome truth.

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Cross off Kerrey

. . . . Sen. Bob Kerrey, Nebraska Democrat,
yesterday crossed himself off the list of
potential candidates for president in 2000.

. . . . "I'm happy in the Senate today, as
happy as any individual can be in Congress at
the moment, and I really don't have any desire
to be president," Mr. Kerrey said on "Fox News

Sunday."

. . . . Mr. Kerrey, who sought the Democratic nomination in 1992, had been considered a likely candidate next time around.

Reburying Checkers

. . . . President Nixon's dog Checkers will be dug up and reburied near the graves of Mr. Nixon and his wife at the Nixon Library, says U.S. News & World Report, citing "well-informed sources."

. . . . Checkers became famous in 1952 when Mr. Nixon, accused of keeping a slush fund from contributors, denied the allegations while admitting that he had accepted one gift -- a puppy for his daughters.

. . . . "The kids love the dog," Mr. Nixon said on national television. "And I just want to say this right now, that regardless of what they say about it, we're gonna keep it." The "Checkers Speech" won over the public and GOP presidential nominee Dwight Eisenhower, who decided to keep the 39-year-old senator as his running mate.

. . . . "The famous flop-eared cocker spaniel died at age 12 in 1964 and was buried at the Bide-A-Wee Pet Memorial Park on Long Island," the magazine said.

. . . . "Asked to comment on the report, library officials in Yorba Linda, Calif., Nixon's birthplace, said only that for now they were 'keeping their paws dry.' They noted, however, that Sept. 23, 1997, will mark the 45th anniversary of 'that extraordinarily important speech.'"

Thanks, Mrs. Clinton

. . . . Rep. Bob Barr, the Georgia Republican who seeks an impeachment inquiry concerning President Clinton, has thanked first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for her work on the Nixon impeachment proceedings.

. . . . "Mrs. Clinton, when I first raised the notion last month that the House should take but the first step in determining whether impeachment might lie against President Clinton

for a pattern of abuse of office and improper administration of his duties, little did I realize your work 23 years ago would provide clear historical and legal basis and precedent for my proposition," Mr. Barr said in an open letter to the first lady, published Friday on the Wall Street Journal editorial page.

. . . . "Amazingly, the words you used in your report are virtually identical to those I use today," Mr. Barr said. "For example, you said in 1974, much as I did in my March 11, 1997, letter to Judiciary Chairman [Henry J.] Hyde, that '[i]mpeachment is the first step in a remedial process' (page 24 of your report) to correct 'serious offenses' that 'subvert' our government and 'undermine the integrity of office' (page 26).
. . . . "Thank you, Mrs. Clinton, for giving Congress a road map for beginning our inquiry."

Same things

. . . . President Clinton "is guilty of essentially the same things over which Mr. Nixon was hounded from office -- abusing his office to cover up criminal activity by himself and his accomplices, and misleading the public with a campaign of lies about it," the Wall Street Journal says in an editorial.
. . . . "From the first days of his administration, with the firing of all sitting U.S. attorneys and Webb Hubbell's intervention in a corruption trial, we have seen a succession of efforts to subvert the administration of justice. The head of the FBI was fired, and days afterward a high official died of a gunshot wound, and the investigation ended without crime scene photos or autopsy X-rays," the newspaper said.

Tactical error

. . . . Paul Weyrich, head of the Free Congress Foundation and NET television, says Ralph Reed has done a splendid job as executive director -- with one exception.
. . . . "Organizationally, Reed made few mistakes. He was able to zero in on even small state legislative districts with pinpoint accuracy, as he promoted the agenda of the Christian Coalition," Mr. Weyrich said on NET.
. . . . "He did make one tactical error, however, which prevented the Christian Coalition from realizing its full potential. In fairness to Reed, this error may have been at the insistence of his boss, Pat Robertson. We will probably not know until Reed writes an inevitable third book on the subject.
. . . . "Reed positioned the Christian Coalition as too cozy with the Republican Party. As a result, the Christian Coalition was unable to exercise the moral authority of an independent voice. It came to be known as part

of the Christian Right that the Republican leadership could depend on whenever it was needed. Thus the Christian Coalition avoided the sort of confrontation with the Republican power structure which was necessary to really advance its agenda."

.... Mr. Reed has announced he will be leaving the organization to start his own political consulting firm.

Clear the runway

.... The chairman of Northwest Airlines -- pondering a run for governor of California as a Democrat -- is stepping down from his job.

.... "As my attention turns more to public service, this seems an appropriate step for me, for my family and for Northwest," multimillionaire businessman Al Checchi said Friday.

.... Mr. Checchi, 48, will continue to serve on the airline's board of directors, the Associated Press reports. He will be replaced as chairman by Gary Wilson.

.... Mr. Checchi has put \$3 million of his \$550 million personal fortune into an exploratory campaign effort. He has never held elective office.

Small givers

.... The GOP shattered records last year for small givers, the Philadelphia Inquirer reports.

.... "People who write checks in response to letters or phone calls -- who don't attend fund-raising galas or receive private audiences with decision-makers -- gave Republicans more than twice as much money as they provided Democrats last year," the newspaper said, citing federal records.

.... The GOP brought in \$64.8 million in amounts of \$200 or less, more than twice as much as the Democratic National Committee's \$30.8 million, reporter Jodi Enda said. That helps explain the White House frenzy in tapping fat cats last year.

Political romance

.... Neal Travis, the New York Post columnist, reports "one of D.C.'s best-kept secrets: Fred Thompson and savvy GOP pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick have been an item for more than two months."

.... "The dazzling couple have been hiding in plain sight, dining at Washington hotspots

like Red Sage, Galileo and Palm. They've been getting away with it because everyone figures their relationship is purely professional," the columnist said.

. . . . Mr. Thompson is a Republican senator from Tennessee. Miss Fitzpatrick runs the Polling Company and does analysis for CNN.

Symbols, please

. . . . You won't find the Equal Rights Amendment in any copy of the Constitution, but it has gone into effect anyway, writes Anita K. Blair in the Women's Quarterly.

. . . . "Even though it was rejected by the states two decades ago, the ERA has quietly and stealthily become the law of the land thanks to 25 years of Supreme Court decision first guided and then written by ERA advocate and now-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," said Miss Blair, executive vice president and general counsel of the Independent Women's Forum and a member of the Board of Visitors at Virginia Military Institute.

. . . . Her source for this astounding assertion? None other than Justice Ginsburg, who said in a speech: "There is no practical difference between what has evolved and the ERA. .. I would still like it as a symbol to see the ERA in the Constitution for my granddaughter."

. . . . The writer added: "Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney obliged by reintroducing the failed amendment for a third run on March 22."

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ABC World News Tonight

1 Labor Secy Meets With Both Sides In UPS Strike As Tensions Mount

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| Jackie Judd | Washington | 2:20 |
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- 2 UPS Management Employee Killed In Driving Accident
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| Forrest Sawyer | New York | 0:20 |
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- 3 Low-Altitude Warning System Wasn't Working At Guam Airport
- | | | |
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| Lisa Stark | Washington | 1:20 |
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- 4 Clinton Uses Line Item Veto Against Three Items In Budget Bill
- | | | |
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| John Donovan | Washington | 2:05 |
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- 5 FDA Gives Drug Companies Permission To Run Television Ads
- | | | |
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| Beth Nissen | New York | 2:00 |
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- 6 JFK, Jr. Takes Jabs At Two Of His Famous Cousins
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| Forrest Sawyer | New York | 0:30 |
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- 7 Atlanta Braves' Maddox Signs 4-Year, \$57 Million Contract
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| Forrest Sawyer | New York | 0:30 |
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- 8 Many Amateurs Hiking The Alps Causing Tragedy After Tragedy
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| Mike Lee | French Alps | 2:00 |
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- 9 US Envoy To Meet With Arafat After Talking With Israelis
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| Forrest Sawyer | New York | 0:30 |
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- 10 Family Of Man Who Told NYPD Of Bomb Plot Are Heroes In Mideast
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| Hilary Brown | no location | 2:00 |
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- 11 "Biomagnetic Therapy" Helping Major Athletes Recover, Compete
- | | | |
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| Juju Chang | New York | 2:35 |
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- 12 On-Line, Elvis Presley Lives, And Gets Many "Hits"
- | | | |
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| Gina Smith | New York | 2:10 |
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CBS Evening News

13 Clinton Is First President To Use Line-Item Veto Power

Cheryl Attkisson Washington 1:55

14 High Court Expected To Review Line-Item Veto

Dan Rather New York 0:20

15 Labor Secy Meets With UPS, Teamsters To Push Talks

Dan Rather New York 0:25

16 Small Companies & Their Employees Struggle As Strike Continues

Diana Olick Dallas 2:05

17 UPS Management Driver Killed In Road Accident

Dan Rather New York 0:20

18 FAA Orders Prompt Test Of Low-Altitude Warning Systems

Dan Rather New York 0:20

19 Low-Altitude Warning System Was Not Working At Guam Airport

Bob Orr Washington 1:35

20 Judge Denies McVeigh's Motion For A New Trial

Dan Rather New York 0:20

21 Thousands Of Blood Recipients Are Infected With Hepatitis C

Jacqueline Adams New York 1:50

22 Montserrat Residents Bracing For Another Volcanic Eruption

Dan Rather New York 0:20

23 Kilauea Volcano Sets Off Spectacular Light Show In Hawaii

Dan Rather New York 0:20

24 Plaintiff Testifies In Flight Attendant Smoking Lawsuit

Dan Rather New York 0:35

25 New York Cocaine Smuggling Being Taken Over By Mexicans

Jim Stewart Washington 1:40

26 "Drug Court" For Nonviolent Offenders Is Stunning Success

Wyatt Andrews Miami 3:50

27 Researchers Searching For Culprit In Huge Maryland Fish Kill

Dan Rather New York 0:20

28 Crack Develops In Kennedy Family Solidarity

Dan Rather New York 0:45

29 Photos Of Princess Di Romance Have England In A Stir

Vicki Mabrey London 2:05

NBC Nightly News

30 UPS Strike Turning Ugly; Businesses Frozen, A First Fatality

Andrea Mitchell Washington 2:25

31 Clinton Becomes First President Ever To Exercise Line-Item Veto

Claire Shipman Washington 2:25

32 Report Finds High Pesticide Levels In Midwestern Drinking Water

Jim Avila Chicago 2:15

33 Judge Turns Down Tim McVeigh's Request For New Trial

Brian Williams New York 0:15

34 Big Drug Bust Reveals That Mexican Cartels Now Reach Into NY City

Pete Williams Washington 1:55

35 Scientists Search For Causes Of Earth's Wild Weather, Warming

Mike Boettcher Los Angeles 3:10

36 FAA Orders All Low-Altitude Warning Systems Tested

Brian Williams New York 0:20

37 Scientists Learning More About Dyslexia, Improving Treatments

Robert Bazell New York 3:00

38 Lady Di Appears To Have New Love Interest, & Media Goes Wild

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"I believe it is essential that gun owners unite in an active, growing

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capable of flexing great muscle as the next millennium commences."

-- Actor CHARLTON HESTON, writing in the latest issue of Guns and Ammo

magazine.

Heston (Hollywood's Moses in "The Ten Commandments") is vice president of the National Rifle Association.

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ELLEN MAY QUIT, BILL COSBY'S CAVEAT

ELLEN LAMBASTS ABC

Ellen DeGeneres is threatening to quit her ABC sitcom "Ellen," The New York

Times reports. She's fuming at the on-screen warning of "adult content" that

preceded last night's show in which her character, Ellen Morgan, kissed female

co-star Joely Fisher. "This is blatant discrimination," the actress told the

Times, adding that the discretionary comment is only being aired because her

show has gay themes. "This advisory is telling kids something's wrong with being

gay." In defense of the warning, ABC spokeswoman Patricia Matson told the Times

that the network has a responsibility to help viewers decide what's appropriate

for their children to watch.

## THIS WEEK ON

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Kevin Sorbo is one Greek god no one would mind studying about in school.

Sorbo's

the hunky actor who plays Hercules in the syndicated TV series of the same name.

Find out more about Sorbo in our exclusive online profile with bio, photo gallery, clips and more!

Whatever happened to Richard Beymer? Every week PEOPLE Online's own Maria

Ciaccia brings us up to date on the stars of yesterday -- and this week

she

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## COSBY: VIEWERS' RESPONSIBILITY

Bill Cosby says viewers must shoulder some responsibility for the content of the

shows they watch, the Associated Press reports. "If there's violence and sex,

it's because you turn it on," Cosby declared Tuesday before 1,500 people in

Minneapolis at the unveiling of the new ratings system, "KidScore."

Developed

independently from Hollywood's new system, "Kidscore" will rate film, video

games, CD-ROMs, CDs, Internet sites and television presentations. The results

will be published monthly in Cornerstone, the magazine of the Aid Association

for Lutherans. During his speech, Cosby told the audience to be wary of commercials, too. "The networks say they don't influence anybody," he said. "If

that's true, why do they have commercials? Why am I sitting there with Jell-O

pudding?"

#### FRACTION JACKSONS

When was the last time anyone saw Michael Jackson and younger sister Janet together? Not since the 1995 Billboard Awards. Janet tells Vibe magazine that

she hasn't seen or spoken to her brother since then. It's not surprising, then,

when she says she's never met her new nephew, Michael's son Prince. No reason is

given for the lapse in communication, but Janet insists there's no

animosity.

She's been keeping a low profile while recording her new album, "The

Velvet

Rope."

#### ESTEFAN'S OPEN MIND

Ay Caramba! Miami's Cuban community is taking singer Gloria Estefan to

task for

her defense of a local arts official, the AP reports. She defended an

official

who was fired after he said Cuban artists should be allowed to perform in

Miami

even if they represented a Communist country. Estefan, who emigrated from

Cuba

to the United States at age two, has spoken out against Cuba's Communist

policies, but the recent uproar spurred her to pen a recent piece in the

Miami

Herald. "As an American, I am frightened to see one of our most basic

liberties

being trampled on in the march for political gain. As a Cuban-American, I

am

embarrassed that non-Cubans might think that we are all narrow of mind."

#### OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN'S CRUSADE

Australian singer Olivia Newton-John wants governments to explore the

links

between environmental pollution and breast cancer, according to the

Canadian

Press. The multiple-Grammy-winner and actress (she starred opposite John

Travolta in "Grease" 19 years ago) says she is a breast cancer survivor and is

now in her fifth year of being cancer-free. "The cure is all very well and good,

but we need to look at prevention," Newton-John, 49, told CP from Los Angeles

where she's recording a new country album. Newton-John is also a strong supporter of the Children's Health Environmental Coalition, a California-based network of parents and grassroots groups.

#### ACTRESSES GRAB STORIES

Several big-name actresses, fed up with the scarcity of appealing leading roles,

are buying up the rights to female-centered stories, New York's Daily News reports. Whitney Houston scooped up the rights for the story of actress Dorothy

Dandridge's life, Demi Moore bought a bio of Coco Chanel, a screenplay about

Georgia O'Keefe is being written for Michelle Pfeiffer and Madonna is focusing on a story about artist Frida Kahlo.

#### SARANDON TV-BOUND

Oscar-winner Susan Sarandon ("Dead Man Walking") is gearing up to star in her

first TV movie next year, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The film,

"Earthly Possessions," for HBO, is based on Anne Tyler's story of a

disillusioned homemaker who is taken hostage by a young bank robber just

as she

is on the verge of leaving her husband.

## TOM & KATHIE LEE

Tom Arnold, best known as Roseanne's ex-husband, has returned to TV in a sitcom

on the WB network this fall playing a washed-up talk show producer. Among his

upcoming guest stars is Kathie Lee Gifford, playing a rival talk show host.

Arnold has first hand experience -- he's filled in for Gifford's TV co-host,

Regis Philbin, on several occasions.

## PASSAGES

\* TREATED: John F. Kennedy Jr. for an unspecified hand injury. The George magazine publisher was accompanied by his Mrs., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg to New York's Lenox Hill Hospital, where he underwent surgery, says New York's Daily News.

\* SUED: The rapper known as Wish Bone, by an Arizona woman who says she suffered neck and back injuries when the singer jumped into the audience during a Tucson concert. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from him, his group (

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony), the group's record label, the concert promoter and  
the  
city of Tucson.

\* DONATED: A reported \$8 million, to Duke University by Dr. Walter  
Kempner,  
who developed a weight-loss program known as the Duke Rice Diet. The  
German-born  
doctor died on Sept. 27 at the age of 94. Lorne Green and Buddy Hackett  
were  
among his 22,000 "ricers."

-- KATHLEEN SAMPEY (STEPHEN M. SILVERMAN will return on Monday.)

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MAN IN THE MIRROR: HEWITT

60 MINUTES Executive Producer Don Hewitt, who last week blasted network news divisions for an unhealthy hunger for ratings and for obliterating the line between news and entertainment, this weekend offers up the Kennedy scandals in a heavily promoted 60 MINUTES segment.

Pause.

Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D -Mass.) calls the sexual relationship his brother Michael allegedly had with a teen-age baby sitter "horrific" and Robert Kennedy says alcoholism is in the Kennedy genes. 60 MINUTES gets the dirt as six of RFK'S children gather for the largest

number of third-generation Kennedys ever featured in a television interview.

Robert Kennedy Jr. tells the cameras that he believes alcoholism is in the family genes and has warned his children about it. "I talk to them about my own experience and they're all aware of that. I tell them that it's in their genes. I feel in many ways that I was born alcoholic," Robert continues, "that it wasn't something I became and I don't know whether the same is true for them or not. And I wouldn't tell them not to drink, you know. I think for many people, it's something they can do. For me, it's something I can't do...." [Ed Bradley nods.]

Senator Ted Kennedy also gives 60 MINUTES an interview; JFK Jr. takes a pass. But one topic Bradley raises, besides the sex and booze, is John Kennedy Jr.'s editorial in GEORGE magazine criticizing Joseph and Michael. Juicy.

Rewind to Hewitt, speaking before members of the Institute for Public Relations Research and Education last Thursday night: "News is News and entertainment is entertainment and crossing the line between them is often dishonest and always bad broadcasting ... At 60 MINUTES ratings sought us, we never sought them."

[Applause. Laughter.]

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FRIDAY ENDING...

Seismologists remain baffled by the continuing tremors in Italy. More than 2,000 events, six of them measuring more than four on the Richter scale, have hit central Italy over the past 20 days. Many DRUDGE REPORT readers in Italy have e-mailed in with dramatic details of life during the swarms.

But now the LONDON TIMES runs a report in Friday editions that takes it all the way: rumors are spreading throughout Italy that "the Big One" is set to strike within the next 24 hours, in accordance with the prophecies of Nostradamus.

The TIMES' Rich Owen filing from Rome:

"For many superstitious and increasingly nervous Italians, the quakes reveal 'the hand of God' or at least of fate. 'An earthquake obsession without end' was the headline in yesterday's LA STAMPA, which reported that people near the epicenter were 'awaiting the end of the world...'

"Bookshops in Rome and Perugia have sold out of the prophecies of Nostradamus, who is said to have predicted that the end of the world would be presaged by quakes "on three Fridays in a row". Many Italians believe Nostradamus predicted a third, apocalyptic earthquake today. Psychologists said pre-millennial fears were becoming

widespread."

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## NEW BABY BOOM RESULT OF DIANA DEATH?

The AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE moved one Thursday evening: Family planning services in Britain say they are expecting a baby boom on the back of public grief over the death of Princess Diana

The wire quotes an industry spokesman who claims that people often react irrationally when suddenly confronted by an outpouring of emotion, and forget to take adequate precautions against pregnancy or are more likely to give into temptation.

A doctor in southwest England cites a record number of demands for the "morning-after" contraceptive pill on the weekend of Diana's funeral.

"Some women may have felt they wanted to enjoy life while they could," death expert Fiona Cathcart says from London.

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\*\*\*HERE'S A GREAT REASON TO GIVE THANKS THIS YEAR\*\*\*

Sprint is giving away up to two hours of free calls to  
everyone who orders a Sprint FONCARD (SM) by Thanksgiving  
(Nov 27). Sign up is always free, and you get our famous  
dime-a-minute rate (7 p.m. - 7 a.m.), too.

Please visit <http://www.sprint.com/collegeoffer6/> now for details!

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- \*\*\* Expressing anger increases stroke risk - study
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- \*\*\* UK archeologists find temple as old as Stonehenge
- \*\*\* Telemedicine extends doctors' reach thousands of miles

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- \*\*\* Danka in deal with Hewlett-Packard
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- \*\*\* African fashion stylists reclaim heritage
- \*\*\* Little Kennedy on the way?

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## U.S. Front Page Stories

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- \*\*\* U.S. seeks tighter Iraq sanctions before military action

The United States said Monday it would seek to have the U.N. Security Council tighten sanctions on Iraq before resorting to military action. A State Department spokesman said the U.S. was "seeking strong a resolution" condemning Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's action. The U.S. also demands Hussein "reverse course." It was the first time the Clinton administration had spelled out its strategy publicly in the conflict between the United Nations and Iraq which developed two weeks ago over Baghdad's attempt to exclude Americans from a U.N. inspection team looking for weapons of mass destruction.

For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5884192-f09>

### \*\*\* British au pair in baby killing case freed

A Massachusetts judge freed British au pair Louise Woodward on Monday after her conviction for manslaughter, saying she had already served enough time in prison. Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel, who earlier Monday reduced a jury's second-degree murder conviction of the 19-year-old au pair to involuntary manslaughter, sentenced her to the same 279 days she had already spent in prison.

For the second part of the story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5884379-e67>

### \*\*\* Clinton concedes defeat in trade battle

President Clinton conceded defeat for the year Monday in his struggle to win expanded trade negotiating power from Congress in one of the worst legislative setbacks of his presidency. "What we're going to do now is regroup a little bit and find a way to succeed," Clinton said.

He spoke hours after a House of Representatives vote on the so-called fast track bill was postponed because of its certain failure. The decision was a body blow to Clinton's attempt to negotiate new free trade agreements with emerging markets in Latin America and Asia. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882683-456>

"Fast track" failure seen hitting WTO, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882756-b93>

### \*\*\* Americans not getting their cholesterol down - study

Americans may not be getting the message when it comes to cholesterol, and their doctors may be part of the problem, according to a study released Monday. More than 60% of patients being treated for high cholesterol failed to get their cholesterol levels down enough, a University of Rochester team told the American Heart Association. "Doctors will have to become more aggressive in their treatment," said Dr. Thomas Pearson, chairman of the Community and Preventive Medicine at Rochester. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5880100-418> No need to lower cholesterol too much - studies, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882856-8ae>

\*\*\* Book questions notion of tormented Vietnam vet

A soldier returns home from war convinced people are still trying to kill him. When night falls and his family goes to sleep, he takes a gun, crawls around in the dark and shoots at imaginary objects. His story is typical of the psychological trauma thousands of U.S. veterans of the Vietnam War are still grappling with, but this soldier never served in Vietnam. He was a veteran of the American Civil War. The account of his postwar distress is in a new book, "Shook Over Hell," that seeks to correct the notion that Vietnam was unprecedented for the number of psychological casualties it produced. Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5880558-96f>

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## Crime and Catastrophe

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### \*\*\* Newborn found in Disney World toilet

Police were searching Monday for the mother of a baby found dumped in a toilet just minutes after its birth at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla. The baby, nicknamed Princess Jasmine by nurses at the local hospital, was found Saturday night and was reported to be in good condition Monday. A sheriff's deputy said the mother apparently gave birth in the restroom and fled without being seen. The baby was found by a guest of the resort. The mother could face charges ranging from child endangerment to attempted homicide. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5878206-823>

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## The U.S. Political Scene

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### \*\*\* U.S. to cut military bureaucracy to save billions

Defense Secretary William Cohen announced a drastic plan to cut 28,000 jobs from the military's civilian bureaucracy Monday and make business reforms to save \$3.2 billion a year for arms modernization. He also called on Congress to approve two new rounds of politically-explosive domestic base closings in 2001 and 2005 to save

another \$2.8 billion a year for new weaponry. Congress rejected such a request earlier this year. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882832-aff>

### \*\*\* Fast track setback weakens Clinton politically

Sooner or later, every second-term U.S. president gets his political wings clipped and becomes a "lame duck." For Bill Clinton, the fast track trade policy fight may mark the start of that process. Clinton pulled out all the stops to get the U.S. House of Representatives to approve his bid for the power to negotiate trade deals without fear of congressional revision - a power enjoyed by every president since Gerald Ford. But a vote on the measure was postponed in the House because of its certain failure. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882958-2a5>

### \*\*\* Senate approves 6-month highway funding measure

The Senate approved a six-month measure by voice vote Monday providing states with \$9.7 billion in funding for highway, transit and safety programs. The legislation, which must be passed by the House, is designed to tide states over until Congress completes work on a long-term highway bill next year. The previous highway law expired this fall. State governors have warned they will run out of money for needed programs unless lawmakers act on a short-term bill before adjourning for the year. Congress will likely recess later this week. Story at

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## The Courts

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### \*\*\* Technical expert appears in Oklahoma bomb case

An independent expert testified at the second Oklahoma City bombing trial Monday that a drilling tool belonging to defendant Terry Nichols strongly resembled one allegedly used in a robbery to steal ingredients for the deadly bomb. Prosecutors hope to link distinctive marks made by a drill bit found in Nichols' home to those left on a drilled-out padlock discovered in a 1994 break-in at a Kansas rock quarry. Nichols robbed the quarry of explosives to create the fertilizer-based truck bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah federal building on April 19, 1995 and killed 168 people, prosecutors say. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883622-277>

### \*\*\* Supreme Court denies school strip-search appeal

The Supreme Court let stand Monday a ruling that public school officials did not violate clearly established constitutional privacy rights by twice strip-searching two girls in the second grade. The justices left intact a U.S. appeals court ruling that the officials may be guilty of "questionable judgment," but could not be held liable for money damages for an unconstitutional search of the

8-year-old girls. The case began May 1, 1992, when a teacher and a school counselor in Talladega, Ala., conducted the strip-searches after a classmate reported \$7 missing from her purse. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881244-ab5>

### **\*\*\* Artist Peter Max pleads guilty to tax fraud**

Pop artist Peter Max, whose work ranges from the psychedelic posters of the 1960s to designs for the Super Bowl, pleaded guilty Monday to federal conspiracy and tax evasion charges. Max, 60, admitted during a hearing that he bartered art work worth over \$1 million to pay for real estate. He also admitted being paid for his pieces in cash and structuring the size of check transactions in order to avoid income taxes. The two counts of conspiracy and tax evasion carry a total possible maximum prison term of 10 years and fines of \$500,000. The judge set sentencing for Feb. 11. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881787-3ab>

### **\*\*\* Cruise lines plead guilty to polluting**

Two cruise ship companies pleaded guilty in Miami Monday to federal charges of dumping oil, plastic, and other debris at sea and agreed to pay \$500,000 in fines and restitution, officials said. Ulysses Cruises Inc, a Panamanian company that operated ships owned by Dolphin Cruise Line Inc, pleaded guilty to two felony counts of illegal plastics dumping and one misdemeanor count of dumping water

polluted with oil. In a separate case, Ulysses and Seaway Maritime Co pleaded guilty to dumping oil from the cruise ship Star of Texas into the Atlantic Ocean off southeast Florida. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883295-14d>

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### U.S. Business and Financial News

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#### \*\*\* MCI agrees to be bought by WorldCom for \$37B

MCI Communications Corp. agreed to be acquired by WorldCom Inc., for \$37 billion in the largest corporate takeover in history. The deal would combine the second- and fourth-largest U.S. long-distance providers and create a powerhouse in global telecommunications and Internet services. WorldCom, a little known, Jackson, Miss.-based telecommunications upstart, raised its bid to \$51 a share in stock and cash from \$41.50 a share in stock. Its prior bid totaled \$30 billion. British Telecommunications Plc, which holds 20 percent of Washington- based MCI, has agreed to the deal and will take \$7 billion in cash for its stake. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5880267-0d0>

#### \*\*\* Stock post modest losses

U.S. stock markets posted modest losses in a quiet session Monday as investors saw an opportunity to cash in on profits after a brief

market rise in the morning. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 28.73 at 7552.29. On the New York Stock Exchange advancers led decliners, 1,464 to 1,392, as more than 467 million shares changed hands. In broader markets, the Nasdaq Composite was down 11.68 at 1,590.72 and the S&P 500 index fell 6.38 to 921.13. The bond market lingered in a narrow range and is expected to see some nervousness ahead of Wednesday's Federal Reserve policy meeting, although the Fed is widely anticipated to leave interest rates unchanged. In afternoon trading, the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond closed 3/32 lower to yield 6.14 percent. The Treasury market will be closed Tuesday for the Veterans Day holiday. (CNN)

**\*\*\* Hilton says it will not raise bid for ITT**

Hilton Hotels said it would not revise its \$80-a-share takeover offer for ITT Corp insisting that its bid was "clearly superior" to Starwood Lodging Trust's offer of \$85 per share. Hilton is offering about \$5.2 billion cash and \$4.1 billion in Hilton stock. Starwood is offering \$10.2 billion in cash and stock, but less cash than Hilton. Hilton also said it will not be joined in its bid for ITT Corp by rumored partners Mirage Resorts or buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5878850-cae>

**\*\*\* IBM to unveil disk-drive technology**

International Business Machines Corp plans to announce a breakthrough

in disk-drive technology that the company said would pave the way to far-better personal computer storage devices than exist today. The development, which IBM plans to unveil Monday, represents a major step forward for disk drives, said Bob Scranton, vice president of technology for IBM's Storage Systems division. IBM will begin shipping drives to personal computer manufacturers worldwide next month and plans to license the technology to other disk-drive manufacturers. See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5869476-e88>

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#### World Front Page Stories

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\*\*\* Iraq still bans Americans; Annan hopes all not lost

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday Iraq was still sticking to its ban on American U.N. weapons inspectors, but he hoped that "all is not lost." Speaking after meeting Iraqi deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz, Annan said: "... He did not give me the answer I had hoped for in Baghdad ... I hope all is not lost and that there could be some room for maneuver ...." The meeting followed Sunday's return of a three-man U.N. mission that failed to persuade Iraqi officials to rescind an Oct. 29 decision banning American participation in U.N. teams searching for Iraqi weapons. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883435-9c2> Iraq publishes contents of letter to U.N.'s Annan, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882670-b8c> Iraq

sees little to lose in U.N. showdown - analysts, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881472-2e5>

### \*\*\* Swiss banks print WWII-era accounts in newspapers

Swiss banks changed course Monday and took out newspaper ads listing nearly 3,700 more foreign owners of World War II era dormant accounts in a bid to counter charges of hoarding Holocaust wealth. The reversal followed criticism that the original system of finding names on the latest list - via keyword searches on an Internet site ([www.dormantaccounts.ch](http://www.dormantaccounts.ch)) - was too opaque. The list was first posted this way Oct. 29. The move brings to around 5,500 the number of non-Swiss accounts that banks have released to the public. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881800-f33>

### \*\*\* U.N. seeks funds for Somalia flood victims

The United Nations said Monday it urgently needed millions of dollars, equipment and skilled personnel to help hundreds of thousands of Somalis displaced by floods in the south of the country. But officials said security concerns in the country, without central authority since 1991, would complicate the operation to tackle Somalia's latest crisis. An official for the U.N.'s World Food Program, said the first WFP boat assessment mission had spotted 40,000 stranded people on the Juba River Monday. Thousands of acres of crops were also destroyed. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883450-c8d>

**\*\*\* Yemeni tribesmen free Russian hostages - diplomat**

Four Russian hostages held by Yemeni tribesmen since last month were released into Yemeni authorities' custody Monday and were on their way to the capital Sanaa, a Russian diplomat said. The vice-consul at the Russian embassy in Sanaa said Yemeni Interior Minister Hussein Mohammad Arab personally informed the mission the hostages were safe and healthy and that they would be in Sanaa Tuesday. The four - two doctors and their wives - were kidnapped on Oct. 23 by tribesmen demanding officials implement the death penalty in a child rape case. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5884404-4a2>

**\*\*\* Amnesty says foreigners at risk in Japanese jails**

Foreigners detained in Japan are at serious risk of being beaten, humiliated or sexually assaulted by racist officials, Amnesty International said Monday. Calling on the Japanese government to "clean up its own backyard," the human rights group said detainees were subjected to violence, abuse and humiliation by immigration officials, prison guards or police officers. Some foreign detainees had been harshly punished for minor breaches of the many secret rules which govern day-to-day lives of prisoners, Amnesty said. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882276-bb1>

**\*\*\* Mir crew still working to seal failed airlock**

The Russian-U.S. crew aboard Mir space station still needs some time to be sure they have succeeded in sealing a leaking airlock, a Mission Control spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said from Mission Control outside Moscow that the crew had pumped more air over the weekend into the outer airlock, which is part of the Kvant scientific module. The crew failed to seal the airlock completely when returning from a spacewalk last Monday. Thursday, they inspected the airlock and found some unidentified white coating on the hatch.

For the full text story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882012-f1b>

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## The World Political Scene

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### \*\*\* China, Russia in post-Cold War bear hug

The Chinese dragon and the Russian bear, allies-turned-enemies in the Cold War era, are once again enjoying cozy ties. A summit declaration Monday revealed how far they have come from ideological confrontation in the 1960s by setting out a common vision for the post Cold War world. Both China and Russia, which vied for supremacy in the Communist camp, now advocate a "multi-polar" world, jargon meaning no single power - the U.S. - should dominate. The era of alliances "aimed against third countries has passed," Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Chinese head of state Jiang Zemin said jointly. For the

story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5878144-02c> Yeltsin,

Jiang show off a personal chemistry, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882087-b9c>

### \*\*\* China PM to tour Japan amid regional rapprochement

Chinese Premier Li Peng arrives in Japan Tuesday for a visit expected to set aside irritants over World War II and to focus instead on regional security and economic issues. Li's summit with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, scheduled to mark the 25th anniversary of the normalization of Sino-Japanese relations, will be the latest of an unprecedented flurry of top-level talks between the leaders of the major powers of the Asia-Pacific region. Japan hopes the summit in Tokyo will help keep Sino-Japanese ties moving toward rapprochement. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882137-7a4>

### \*\*\* French 'Day for Algeria' demands massacres probe

Human rights groups, intellectuals and entertainers joined forces to stage a "Day for Algeria" in France Monday to try shake politicians into action and force an international probe into massacres of civilians in the North African country. "Algeria keeps me awake at night. What about you?" said Isabelle Adjani, a French film star of Algerian descent. Seminars, marches and vigils throughout the country marked growing horror as the former colonial power watches helplessly as Algeria sinks further into bloodshed which has claimed more than

65,000 lives in the past five years. For the full text story, see  
<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881841-8d6>

\*\*\* Britain can be pivot of new world - Blair

Prime Minister Tony Blair, in his first major foreign policy speech since taking power, pledged Monday to lead in Europe and to give Britain a voice heard by nations across the globe. Vowing to end the isolation suffered by Britain under the ousted Conservatives, Blair also promised to forge new ties with the U.S. and to take a global lead on human rights and the environment. The speech was an attempt to set out how Blair intends to capitalize on what he believes is an international focus on Britain after Labour's May election landslide.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883310-d6f>

\*\*\* No early breakthrough in Cyprus, says Holbrooke

U.S. envoy for Cyprus Richard Holbrooke said Monday he did not expect any imminent breakthrough on the conflict splitting Cyprus during his two-day visit to the island. Holbrooke, who arrived in Cyprus Monday night, is due to meet with Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides and Rauf Denktash, respective leaders of the island's divided Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities. Turkey invaded the northern third of Cyprus in 1974 after a brief Greek Cypriot coup in Nicosia engineered by the military then ruling Greece. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5883460-f37>

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## World Business and Financial News

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### \*\*\* Hong Kong, Tokyo stocks fall on fears over finance sectors

Investors' worries about the health of the financial sectors in their domestic economies sent the indexes across most of the region falling. Tokyo's key Nikkei average fell nearly 1%, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 1.1%. In Hong Kong, the market was weak on thin, rumor-driven trade, with small banks taking a particular pounding. Taiwan investors shrugged off concerns over volatility in global financial markets, prompting a rebound. But in Manila, shares fell on listless trade, dragged down by the slide Friday of the Dow Jones Industrial Average. However, in South Korea, the key index rose nearly 6% on hopes for government financial reform measures, as well as more market-boosting measures to stabilize the domestic financial markets. (WSJ)

### \*\*\* Signs of stability in Asia boost European markets

Stocks edged up across Europe Monday as investors were soothed by a strong start to the day on Wall Street and calmer trading in Asia. Both Hong Kong and Tokyo stock lost about 1%, but the declines were narrower than those on Friday. British, Belgian, and Italian shares rose in response, while Swiss stocks were bolstered by gains in early in New York. A stronger dollar bolstered Swedish and Dutch issues.

South African issues rallied despite losses in the gold sector. But Spanish equities lost ground as investors, fearing the Latin American market troubles, traded nervously. All financial markets in France were closed ahead of Tuesday's Armistice Day holiday. (WSJ)

**\*\*\* Brazil cutting spending, raising taxes**

Rocked by the ripple effects of turmoil in Asian markets, Brazil has taken harsh steps to cut spending, raise taxes and reduce its vulnerability to the whims of currency speculators. The package of 50 measures is expected to save 20 billion reals - about \$18 billion - next year, making Brazil less dependent on foreign capital. But it also is expected to bring higher unemployment and slower economic growth. (USA Today)

**\*\*\* Nissan earnings soar**

Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-biggest automaker, says exports helped boost profits for the latest six months by 231%. The company, which in May announced its first profitable year in five years, earned 38.50 billion yen, or \$310.48 million. Nissan says an increase in operating profit to 50.51 billion yen (\$407.3 million) from 38.04 billion yen (\$306.8 million) a year earlier was mainly due to streamlining efforts and foreign exchange profits from the weaker yen. (USA Today)

**\*\*\* Rumors spark Hong Kong bank run**

Depositors rushed to branches of the International Bank of Asia in Hong Kong Monday to withdraw money, prompting the government to deny rumors that some banks were experiencing financial troubles. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the territory's de facto central bank, said the rumors were "without foundation." (USA Today)

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### Sports

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\*\*\* Streaking 49ers visit Eagles Monday to close week 11

Two streaks are on the line when the San Francisco 49ers visit the Philadelphia Eagles Monday night to close out Week 11 of the NFL season. San Francisco (8-1) has won eight straight games since a season-opening loss to Tampa Bay. The Eagles are struggling at 4-5, but enter Monday night with a six-game home winning streak dating back to last season. Philadelphia is 4-0 at Veterans Stadium this year, but 0-5 on the road. The Eagles will switch back to quarterback Ty Detmer as their starter for Monday night's game. Rodney Peete started the previous three games. Monday night's game will be a rematch of an NFC wild card game last December won by the 49ers 14-0 at San Francisco. The 49ers are the winningest Monday Night team in the 1990s with a 15-6 record.

\*\*\* Seahawks' Kennedy out for season

The Seattle Seahawks rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to beat the San Diego Chargers 37-31 Sunday, but the victory carried a heavy price. Six-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy fractured his left ankle in the first half and will be sidelined for the rest of the season. Kennedy and Sam Adams formed one of the best starting defensive tackle tandems in the NFL. The season-ending injury to Kennedy will move Dan Saleaumua into the starting right tackle spot. The 6-foot-3, 306-pound Kennedy has been one of the NFL's top interior lineman since joining the Seahawks in 1990 as the No. 3 pick in the draft. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl each of the last six seasons and was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1992.

\*\*\* Clemens favored to win fourth AL Cy Young

Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Roger Clemens is expected to become the American League's first four-time Cy Young Award winner when this year's recipient is announced Monday. Clemens was the league's dominant pitcher this past season, leading the American League in victories (21), earned run average (2.05) and strikeouts (292). He became the first AL pitcher to complete pitching's "Triple Crown" since Hal Newhouser of Detroit in 1945. Clemens, in his first season with Toronto after signing as a free agent, won his first 11 starts, finished the season with a 21-7 record, and threw nine complete games and three shutouts.

\*\*\* Avalanche's Forsberg day-to-day with bruised shoulder

Colorado Avalanche center Peter Forsberg, tied for the team lead in points with Joe Sakic, is listed as day-to-day with a bruised right shoulder. Forsberg suffered the injury when he was checked by Geoff Courtnall of St. Louis in the first period of Saturday night's 4-1 win over the Blues. "He's going to be questionable for the next few games," said Avalanche coach Marc Crawford. Forsberg has four goals and 17 assists for 21 points in 17 games this season. Sakic leads the team with 10 goals and also has 21 points. Forsberg missed 17 games last year with a deep thigh bruise, but still led the Avalanche with 28 goals and 86 points with a plus-31 rating.

### \*\*\* North Carolina's Davenport to undergo surgery

North Carolina quarterback Oscar Davenport will undergo season-ending surgery to repair a broken right ankle Monday in Chapel Hill.

Davenport suffered the injury in the third quarter of Saturday night's 20-3 loss to Florida State. Davenport was scrambling out of the pocket toward the left sideline when he was tackled. His leg snapped at the ankle in a graphic display caught on camera, similar to the infamous broken leg suffered by Joe Theismann on Monday Night Football. Davenport had taken over the full-time quarterback job from Chris Keldorf, but was unable to move the Tar Heels into the end zone in their Atlantic Coast Conference showdown against Florida State. He completed just 4 of 10 passes for 50 yards with an interception before the injury.

### \*\*\* Pistons' Dumars injured again

Joe Dumars, the last remaining link to the Detroit Pistons consecutive championship seasons in 1989 and 1990, is nursing a strained left shoulder injury after already missing four games with a pulled hamstring. Dumars pulled his left hamstring in Detroit's season-opening win over Washington and missed the next four games. He returned Sunday night at Vancouver, but played just 11 minutes and scored five points before leaving with the shoulder injury. The Pistons suffered a 104-96 loss in overtime to fall to 2-4. The 34-year-old Dumars missed only three games last season. Dumars is fourth on Detroit's all-time scoring list with 15,038 points.

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### Science and Medicine

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### \*\*\* Exercise may fatally rupture heart patients' plaque

Sudden strenuous exercise can bring on a heart attack in people with blocked arteries and researchers said Sunday they had finally found out why. The fatty plaque that blocks the arteries of some people with heart disease is more delicate and liable to rupture, they said. Bits of the plaque then block the arteries leading to the heart, causing a heart attack. They said their findings meant men with high cholesterol and other evidence of heart disease who do not regularly exercise should be careful about doing anything strenuous. For the

full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5875918-c80>

### \*\*\* Expressing anger increases stroke risk - study

Men who lose their cool have twice the risk of stroke when compared to more mild-mannered men, researchers reported Monday. The researchers said their study was the first to confirm the old stereotype about blustering men who dropped dead from apoplexy - the old-fashioned word for stroke. Dr. Susan Everson said her study of 2,110 middle-aged men found that those who got angry were twice as likely to have a stroke than those who were able to defuse their anger. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5879885-0ce>

### \*\*\* Doctor warns of CJD risk in British blood supply

Britain's national blood supply could be infected with a new strain of the human equivalent of mad cow disease, a health official said Monday. Professor John Pattison urged the government to take action to minimize the threat from the variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), following recent discoveries about the brain-wasting illness. Two recent studies have confirmed that bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE, or mad cow disease) causes the new strain of CJD, and that eating infected beef is the likely cause. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882405-239>

### \*\*\* UK archeologists find temple as old as Stonehenge

British archeologists have unearthed the ruins of a pre-historic timber temple which they said was as "old and significant" as Stonehenge, a stone monument built by ancient Britons. The discovery of the ruins, thought to be 5,000 years old, was described by officials Monday as the most exciting archeological find in Britain in 30 years. Traces of the temple - in well defined pits within a 440-foot circular ditch - were found after archeologists scanned below an ancient site of Stone Circles at Stanton Drew near the southwestern English port of Bristol, an official said Monday. For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5882927-272>

### \*\*\* Telemedicine extends doctors' reach thousands of miles

The patient was in a television studio with a high-resolution camera in the town of Alta, far above the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, while the doctor, 6,600 miles away in Johannesburg, South Africa, examined images of his ear, nose and throat. The two never met but the patient was diagnosed as having a disease of the middle ear and was sent for treatment. "Distance is not an issue any more," said Dr. Steinar Pedersen, a pioneer of telemedicine, who carried out the long-distance examination while on a trip to South Africa. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881277-f59>

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## Technology

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### \*\*\* Bullish Taiwan defies microchip naysayers

Taiwan's microchip makers have shaken up the industry by announcing plans to invest over US\$80 billion to build more than 30 advanced wafer fabrication plants in the next 10 years. But is all that investment just money down the drain or the bedrock of a world-beating and lucrative high-tech future? For every US\$100 in earnings, Taiwan plans to spend \$110 in investment, compared to \$60 in South Korea and just \$22 in Japan and \$21 in the United States, the data shows. Worldwide spending for wafer fabrication equipment during the first half of 1997 totalled US\$9.6 billion, of which Taiwan accounted for 14 percent, the same survey showed. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5855656-41e>

### \*\*\* PSINet to buy iSTAR for \$25M

PSINet Inc said it agreed to acquire iSTAR internet inc for 86 US cents per share (C\$1.206) or about US\$25 million (C\$35 million) in PSINet Inc convertible preferred stock. Combining iSTAR with PSINet's Canadian operations will create a business with annual revenues of more than US\$34 million (C\$48 million), making it the largest Internet service provider in the Canadian marketplace. The

transaction is expected to be completed within 60 to 90 days, PSINet said. Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5880513-52c>

### \*\*\* Danka in deal with Hewlett-Packard

Danka Business Systems Plc said Monday it is in a deal with Hewlett-Packard Co to distribute HP LaserJet printers, scanners and other peripherals to its U.S. customers. Terms of the deal were not disclosed, and Danka declined to comment on the financial impact of the deal. Danka said the alliance broadens its portfolio of products in the digital copier and printer markets. Danka said the deal is effective immediately and will be fully implemented in the first quarter of 1998. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881357-869>

### \*\*\* U.S. au pair ruling caught in Internet snafu

A power failure at an Internet service provider snarled the planned ground-breaking release on the World Wide Web of a judge's ruling reducing the British au pair Louise Woodward's conviction to manslaughter Monday. Middlesex County (Mass.) Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel had intended that his decision would be issued only over the Internet at more than a score of sites. He said he wanted to avoid a media crush at the courthouse and wanted to make the document instantaneously available to people on both sides of the Atlantic who have closely followed the case. But the plan was undone by a power

outage in nearby Brookline, Mass., where the Internet service provider, Software Tool & Die, is located. The company was helpless. Court clerks then provided paper versions of the decision.

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### Human Interest

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#### \*\*\* Andersen, creator of 'The Little Mermaid,' died a virgin

Hans Christian Andersen, creator of "The Little Mermaid," was inspired by his love for a series of women but died a virgin, according to his latest biographer. "I believe he never had a sexual relationship," said Bente Kjoelbye, whose book "H.C. Andersen and His Lady Friends" was published Monday. Andersen always had a circle of adoring women who shielded him from public indifference and ridicule, the book says. The book claims Andersen, who died in 1875 at the age of 70, had five unrequited loves and seven platonic friendships.

Andersen's work includes "The Little Match Girl" and "The Ugly Duckling." Full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881637-e69>

#### \*\*\* Napoleon and Hitler organized Bolshevik revolt?

Confused schoolchildren in the former Soviet peninsula of Crimea think Napoleon or Adolf Hitler led the 1917 Russian Revolution. The children also showed a lack of knowledge about Vladimir Lenin. About

150 pupils in Ukraine's Crimean capital of Simferopol took part in the poll, journalists said Monday. Fewer than half knew the Russian Revolution led by Lenin took place 80 years ago, and one in 10 did not know who started it. A few fifth-grade students said Napoleon, Hitler or Soviet dictator Josef Stalin was behind the revolt. Some guessed its date as 1814. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5880371-2c6>

### \*\*\* African fashion stylists reclaim heritage

A new generation of African fashion designers, tired of seeing their heritage hijacked by Western stylists, threw a week-long party in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, black Africa's most sophisticated city this month and demanded the industry take notice. K'Palezo, billed as the first international Salon of African creative artists, was the biggest fashion show ever in black Africa, excluding South Africa, organizers said. Locals were skeptical when organizers said they would sponsor a fashion fair in an unfinished hospital on wasteland, but the concrete shell proved ideal for the radical chic of the fashion industry. For story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5881853-9ad>

### \*\*\* Little Kennedy on the way?

The rumors that Carolyn Bessette Kennedy is pregnant are gaining new life after she appeared with husband John F. Kennedy Jr. at a party Wednesday night. According to The New York Daily News, guests were

talking about her bulging tummy and the fact that she looked happy.

The Daily News quotes Village Voice columnist Michael Musto as saying

"I had to do a double-take to make sure it was her. She was radiant

and smiling and acting affectionate with John-John." The News says

the normally rail-thin woman did have a "new and unmistakable

fullness in the abdomen" and her face looked fuller. Kennedy's

spokeswoman only said, "Oh, wow," when told Carolyn appeared to be

expecting.

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HAVE tongue, will tattle: Hizzoner

----- Mayor Bob and Elyse Lanier had

[Directory Center] more to celebrate Thursday than

just Thanksgiving. Elyse's son,

----- Kevin Robins, an attorney, and his

HCI's Lifestyle forum best girl, Sara Bird, were married

Thursday morning at the Laniers'

abode in the Huntingdon. It was a

family affair, and after the

wedding, instead of a reception,

they all sat down for Thanksgiving

dinner. Incidentally, Elyse is

feeling better after her recent

bout with pleurisy. ... MIX 96.5

Morning Show DJ Larry Moon and

Jennifer Freeman will tie the knot

in the spring. Larry had meant to pop the question last summer when the two went to Los Angeles for a taping of Caroline in the City, but darn if they didn't have a tiff out there, and he called it off. The wedding date is forthcoming, and friends already are planning parties for the couple. Larry's radio-show partner, Schelby Sweeney, is organizing a bachelor party/golf tournament, which will benefit a local charity. Details are being worked out now, such as where the tourney will be and which charity it will benefit. ... Comedian Bill Murray was on Inside Edition Wednesday and said he'd be in Houston for Thanksgiving. He's in a movie, Rushmore, that's being filmed here -- some of it at St. John School, I hear. The film's director is ex-Houstonian Wes Anderson, who attended St. John, and much of the movie's action takes place there. ...

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Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, will be in Houston June 14-20 to participate in a Jimmy Carter Work Project as part of Habitat for Humanity.

They're expecting 1,500 volunteers from all over the country to come here to work, along with 2,500 Houston volunteers. The crews will build 100 homes that week in the Fifth Ward and in Magnolia Park in the Second Ward -- the most homes ever built in a single community by a Jimmy Carter Work Project.

When the Carters started the project, they had two goals. One was to build homes in communities, and the second was to raise awareness of the critical need for decent and affordable housing around the world. FYI: These homes are not free, but they are made to be affordable. The Carters didn't found Habitat for Humanity; that was Millard and Linda Fuller of

Americus, Ga. ... George and Mary  
Ellen Glass recently celebrated 50  
years of wedded bliss at a dinner  
with family and friends at the  
Houstonian Hotel; all six of their  
children and all of their  
grandchildren were there. ...

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Publicist Melissa Stevens is back  
from Washington, D.C., where she  
attended the fifth annual Larry  
King Cardiac Foundation Gala;  
she's on King's honorary  
committee. Michael Bolton  
headlined the show, and Melissa  
said he looked great with a new  
short haircut. He said he'll be  
releasing a new album the first of  
the year that will be entirely  
operatic arias. It was Larry's  
birthday, and his new wife, Shawn,  
a singer, warbled the birthday  
song a la Marilyn Monroe for  
President Kennedy years ago.  
Meanwhile, don't forget that Larry  
will be in Houston Tuesday to

receive the Denton A. Cooley  
Leadership Award at a dinner at  
the Hyatt Regency. ...

Congregation Emanu El has inked  
one of America's pre-eminent  
singers and writers of Jewish  
music, Debbie Friedman, for its  
Dec. 20 fund-raiser. Diana  
Brackman and Joy Jacobs are  
chairing the event, and Lillian  
Gaylor and Ken Kates are heading  
up the fund-raising drive. For  
tickets, call 713-529-5771. ...

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The Houston Forum is bringing one  
of my favorite emcees and  
humorists, Cactus Pryor, to  
Houston Dec. 10 for what it's  
calling "A Special Holiday  
Champagne Celebration." Cactus  
lives in Austin and is always in  
great demand to emcee events  
there. He also is a mainstay of  
radio and television there. If  
you've never seen Cactus, I urge  
you to attend the luncheon, which

will be at 11:30 a.m. at the J.W.

Marriott Exhibition Center on

Westheimer at Sage. For tickets,

call 713-439-0466,

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Texans support NAFTA but think it is costing jobs

By Carlos Sanchez

Star-Telegram Austin bureau

AUSTIN -- More Texans favor the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada, but still believe that the treaty takes away American jobs, a recent Texas Poll said.

"If you get beneath the trade name and look at what NAFTA is doing, you start losing support for it and these results show that," said Ed Sills, a spokesman for the Texas AFL-CIO, which is a vocal opponent of the international pact.

Still, 47 percent of the 1,000 Texas respondents said they favor the treaty, while 29 percent said they oppose it. Another 12 percent said they don't know.

Nearly as many respondents -- 40 percent -- said they believe that the trade agreement, which has eliminated several international barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada, resulted in the loss of American jobs. ]Thirty-two percent disagree with that assessment.

"It's real easy to count the number of job losses, but real hard to count the number of job gains," said Duane W. Burdorf, director of the Texas Center, which tracks NAFTA at Texas A&M International University in Laredo.

"I personally have NAFTA to thank for my job, but nobody can count that," he said.

The poll was conducted Oct. 27- Nov. 7 for Scripps Howard and the Star-Telegram by the University of Texas Office of Survey Research and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Thirty-four percent of the respondents said they do not believe that NAFTA has significantly helped the U.S. economy, and 32 percent said they believe that it has helped the economy. Thirty-one percent said they didn't know or hadn't thought about the issue.

Far more Texans -- 56 percent -- believe that NAFTA has helped the Mexican economy compared with the 13 percent who do not.

Vick Hines, a legislative aide for the Senate International Relations Trade and Technology Committee, said a better question would have been what effect the trade pact is having on the Texas economy.

"Texas has done much better with NAFTA than the U.S. economy in general has done," he said.

Still, different regions of the state are likely to have different responses to NAFTA, based on how the agreement has affected them, Hines said.

"The Texas economy as a whole has done quite well, but there are some very significant exceptions to that," he said. He said El Paso, for example, has been hit hard with job losses to Mexican plants.

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[Image] Conservatives Wallowed in the Arlington Smear

NOT SINCE THEY tried to push the openly heterosexual Rep. Thomas Foley (D-Wash) "out of the liberal closet" - and were forced to back off after implying that the House speaker was a closeted homosexual - have the Republicans and their conservative media handmaidens shown such disregard for the consequences of their recklessness.

At least when they smeared Foley in 1989, the party's hierarchy, led by then-President George Bush, denounced the tactic. No such decency or even contrition has been forthcoming from the senators, the esteemed subcommittee chairmen in the House, the current House Speaker or Republican National Committee chairman Jim Nicholson, who accused President Bill Clinton of "a perversion of common decency" in stooping to "sell graves in Arlington Cemetery" to campaign contributors in a "money-for-gravesites" scheme.

That there's no evidence supporting the allegation that Clinton allowed big donors to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in exchange for campaign money is beside the point. Once an obscure conservative magazine began faxing advance copies of an article making the charge - based entirely on anonymous "sources" - the conservative radio talkmeisters spread the word. And if it's good enough for Rush, it's good enough for Newt.

Now, apparently, others use that standard, too. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who chairs the Veterans Affairs Committee, demanded a personal response from Clinton, and pledged hearings. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), perhaps the best known Vietnam-era veteran in Congress, jumped aboard. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), a Vietnam-era nonveteran, announced he would subpoena the information on the allegedly suspect internments.

It so happens that the material in question, a list of those for whom the Army made exceptions and the reasons for them, had been given to a subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee last June. And, thus far, the only hint of special consideration given was by Secretary of Defense William Cohen, a former Republican senator from Maine, who intervened on behalf of a Republican

congressional aide whose veteran father would normally have been entitled to burial at Arlington, but for tree roots that had encroached on the family's existing gravesite. But why let the facts get in the way of a good smear?

In the hothouse atmosphere that enveloped Washington, not even Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was safe. On Friday, when Army Secretary Togo West delivered for the press a name-by-name accounting of the veterans - yes, they were veterans, some with records of valor - and their family members who'd been allowed Arlington burials, one questioner raised the possibility that President John F. Kennedy's widow was unworthy. After all, hadn't she remarried?

Everyone knows she was a Democrat. Perhaps we should examine her contribution records.

West displayed more honor and leadership than Congress can collectively muster. The only apology on record in the entire matter came from him. This man, whose own integrity was called into question - it was West who approved a handful of questioned waivers from Arlington's strictures - apologized to the families whose privacy was invaded and whose motives were maligned.

Make no mistake: The real perpetrators of this scam weren't conservative writers or even the likes of G. Gordon Liddy and Rush Limbaugh. Few read the tracts that circulate within Washington's conservative echo chamber and much of America really does think Limbaugh is a big, fat idiot.

The only reason this incredible tale gained credibility is that people who are supposed to have it - members of Congress - made it seem like it did.

West, constrained in what he can say publicly because he awaits confirmation as secretary of veterans' affairs, nonetheless delivered what amounted to a polite tongue lashing.

"At another time and under other circumstances, I might even have said 'shame,'" he said. The veterans and service members who were justifiably outraged at the unsubstantiated reports deserved better, West said.

So do we all.

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Fort Worth mayor pledges airport offensive

By Dan Reed and Kristin N. Sullivan  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH -- Mayor Kenneth Barr said yesterday that he is launching a new media offensive in his city's escalating legal battle with Dallas over the expansion of air service at Love Field because he fears that Fort Worth is losing "the public relations war."

In another development, Southwest Airlines contends in a letter sent to the Dallas City Council that Dallas would owe the airline up to \$100 million if the city imposes new noise restrictions on flights at Love Field.

Southwest says Dallas must reimburse the airline for permanent improvements Southwest has financed at Love Field if the city adopts any regulation that has "the effect of being a noise reduction ordinance."

The airline said the reimbursements are spelled out in its lease contracts with Dallas.

Southwest, Love Field's largest tenant, said it has made about \$100 million in improvements since it began service at the airport in the early 1970s, including refurbishing gates and building office, training and maintenance facilities.

Barr said he is intensifying Fort Worth's public relations efforts in hope of winning support for the city's legal efforts to protect D/ FW Airport from added competition at Love Field.

Dallas Councilman Bob Stimson, who has served on a Fort Worth- Dallas joint airport policy committee, said Fort Worth officials are losing the public opinion battle because "they're just wrong on the issue."

"It's legal fantasyland to think that Dallas can overrule Congress," Stimson said. He emphasized that Congress allows cities to regulate only airport noise and ground congestion issues -- not flight routes.

Stimson said public relations efforts, particularly those funded by American Airlines, have annoyed Congress so much "that Congress is just going to turn around and repeal the whole Wright Amendment."

Barr said he is frustrated both by what he perceives as Dallas' history of trying to renege on its historic deal with Fort Worth for joint development and promotion of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and by "exorbitant" air fares paid by some local business travelers at D/FW.

Barr, Councilman Chuck Silcox, City Manager Bob Terrell and City Attorney Wade Adkins met yesterday with the Star-Telegram Editorial Board and reporters for a discussion of the battle over the expansion of Love Field to include long-haul flights. Barr said he and council members will take their case to other newspaper and broadcast news outlets in Fort Worth- Dallas.

Proponents of opening up the old central Dallas airport to long-haul service have a simple, easily understood message, Barr said. That message, which focuses on high fares at D/FW and the belief that allowing more competition at Love Field will bring down fares at both airports, resonates with consumers, he said.

On the other hand, Fort Worth's position of maintaining the status quo "is a much more difficult message to deliver, and we haven't done a very good job of delivering it," Barr said.

He added, "A deal is a deal. We made a deal almost 30 years ago and the city of Fort Worth expects Dallas to live up to that deal."

Barr said he has grown weary of hearing some in Dallas say the Love Field situation should be resolved for the final time. He said Fort Worth officials believed that it was resolved each time the debate flared during the past three decades.

"We thought it was solved once and for all in '92 when a concurrent resolution was passed by the two cities," he added. "But it keeps coming back up again. And not one of those times has it been opened up by people on this end of the corridor."

Still, Barr acknowledged, Fort Worth's argument tends to get lost in the media buzz because "it's a lot more complex" than the message of lower air fares.

Barr said he was shocked himself when he inquired about rescheduling his trip next week to Philadelphia for a meeting of the National League of Cities.

He had booked an advance-purchase discount ticket on American Airlines that cost \$202 but required him to spend a Saturday night in Philadelphia. But when he decided he needed to return home Friday instead, he was quoted a price of \$1,440.

"I think the big problem in air travel in the Metroplex has to be the exorbitant air fares that American charges for next-day air service," Barr said.

Barr also strongly disputed assertions that by suing Dallas, Fort Worth is doing the bidding of Fort Worth-based American Airlines, the largest corporation based in Tarrant County and the largest employer in North Texas. More than 33,000 people work for American or its affiliates locally, most of them in Tarrant County.

In 1979, when Dallas-based Southwest Airlines sought to fly beyond the

borders of Texas for the first time, Fort Worth sued to protect its investment in D/FW, Barr said.

"And American wasn't the dominant carrier at D/FW back then," he said. "Braniff was the dominant carrier at D/FW in those days.

American's interests and those of the city are the same at this point, Barr added. But that won't be the case if Dallas approves Legend Airlines' plans to offer long-haul service at Love Field and American follows through on its threat to move some of its 530 daily flights to Love Field, he said.

American officials have said they will move flights to protect the carrier's local market share, especially its share of the high-fare business travel market, because far more than half the carrier's local business travelers live or work closer to Love Field than to D/FW.

Fort Worth sued Dallas in October, the day after Congress changed the Wright Amendment, the law that has restricted Love Field to short-haul service for 18 years. Barr said Fort Worth believed it had to sue because Dallas leaders signaled that they would go along with Congress' push to allow expanded service at Love Field.

A federal countersuit by Dallas and subsequent legal maneuverings have landed the case in the Fort Worth court of U.S. District Judge John McBryde.

McBryde has ordered all the parties in the case to have a settlement conference and report its results to him by Dec. 12. The conference has been set for 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at the D/ FW Airport administration building, Barr said.

In an order Tuesday, McBryde granted a motion to allow Barr and Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk to represent their cities at the conference. McBryde ordered the cities to send individuals with unlimited settlement authority to the meeting.

Staff writers Max B. Baker and Jack Z. Smith contributed to this report.

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## DIANA RULES THE WORLD - OF BOOKS

THE People's Princess has become the reigning Princess of Publishing, with more than 40 Diana titles either in the works or already in stores in time for holiday shopping.

Diana is the subject of three books on the Nov. 23 Times Best-Seller Lists. They include Andrew Morton's "Diana: Her True Story," which appeared sixth on the paperback list, and "Diana: Her True Story - in Her Own Words," the updated version, which ranked third on the hardback list.

As the title implies, Morton's expanded version of the book that rocked Buckingham Palace in 1992 with revelations of Diana's bulimia and suicide attempts contains a transcript of a tape-recording the Princess of Wales made for Morton.

The third current bestseller, ranked 15th in hardback, is "Diana: A Tribute to the People's Princess," a 142-page picture book with text by Brit journalist Peter Donnelly. Sensing a winner, its publisher, Running Press, is bringing out another volume of photographs, "Diana: A Book of Remembrances." This one focuses on the response to her death and thoughtfully includes blank space for your own reflections and Diana memories.

Michael O'Mara's "A Tribute in Photographs" which features portraits by Lord Snowdon, Patrick Lichfield and Diana's own favorite, Patrick Demarchelier, has also been reissued with new pictures.

But this is just the beginning of the Diana craze in publishing. While many titles are simply reissues of earlier works such as

Lady Colin Campbell's "Diana in Private" or Anna Pasternak's gushy "Princess in Love," there are many quickly produced new books. Diana's step-grandmother, Dame Barbara Cartland, wrote an introduction to "Diana: A Commemorative Biography," which features chapters by 12 lesser-known names.

Veteran biographer Donald Spoto's "Diana, The Last Year" relies heavily on Spoto's diverting earlier history of the Windsors.

Two Paris-based Time magazine correspondents, Thomas Sancton and Scott MacLeod, have teamed up to produce "Death of a Princess," due February from St. Martin's. The authors will focus on the events leading up to Diana's death in Paris and the intrigue and police investigation afterwards.

Brit journalist Julie Burchill and Vanity Fair contributing editor Sally Bedell Smith, whose "Reflected Glory" was released to wide acclaim last year, will compete for the highbrow market. Smith is in London now working on a biography of Diana. But don't expect Smith, a demon researcher, to finish in time for Christmas.

Two-timer

WESLEY Snipes takes his sex seriously. On a junket promoting his new flick, "One Night Stand," Snipes insisted he's never lived out the title. "I've never had a one-night stand in London, New York, Hollywood, anywhere," the 34-year-old bachelor said. "It never happens because for some reason, they always want to see me again. I can't imagine why." As for his steamy sex scenes with co-star Nastassja Kinski, he said, "People don't believe that just getting into bed with someone like her is just work. But 95 percent of sex is

mental - and in the movies, it is just the same as having a fight."

#### Item fodder

THE just-out 1998 Zagat Survey of New York City restaurants is obviously compiled by and for followers of this column. The entry for Stephen Lyle's The Independent on West Broadway reads, "This 'urbane,' 'happening' TriBeCa duplex newcomer has made a 'good start' with surprisingly 'well-prepared' American home cookin' (like you wish mamma made) for the 'gossip column set' (JFK Jr., Michael Jordan); outvoted critics say 'you can't eat PAGE SIX.'" The squib on Raoul's on Prince Street notes that it "offers a 'beautiful garden,' comfy booths, late hours and Uma (Thurman) sightings."

#### Just asking

WHICH supermodel called the head of a modeling agency to ask him to intervene with a fellow top mannequin whose substance abuse has gotten out of hand? It was a rare gesture of concern from the usually self-centered gal ... WHICH baseball superstar on one of the local teams isn't quite as squeaky clean as he seems? Turns out this married-with-children slugger has a girlfriend on the East Side he visits during the season ... WHICH rumored romance between an online gossip and a television cutie is not to be believed? The Internet hack still sees his male model boyfriend of three years now and then.

#### Gillian shares her X-treme theories

UFO-hunting "X Files" star Gillian Anderson isn't stretching too much when it comes to aliens. Anderson, who donned a whacked-out "Bride of Frankenstein" look courtesy of

David LaChapelle for an Allure photo spread, told the mag she believes extraterrestrials have definitely landed - and the authorities, straight out of an "X Files" script, are covering it up. "It would shock the hell out of me if the government had never been involved in a UFO cover-up and if there was not life on other planets," she says. Why would the Feds do it? To keep control. "The concept of other beings more powerful than us human beings places the public in a state of fear," she states. "The government no longer has the same kind of control." As for aliens, Anderson believes they seem hostile because they are projections of our own negative vibrations. "They vibrate on another energy level than we do," she says earnestly, adding they are "adaptable" to our beliefs. On a more credible note, she apologetically predicts, "This is going to make me sound like a complete nut." Meanwhile, back on earth, Anderson, who's starring in an "X Files" movie, is soon to appear in "The Mighty" opposite Sharon Stone in which she plays a biker chick who's living with portly rocker Meat Loaf. As for her TV show, Anderson says fans are so obsessive that secrecy on the set has become paramount - with all scripts shredded before they are thrown in the trash.

### Sightings

THE world-weary crowd at Chez Essada perking up when political rivals Chris Cuomo and Ed Koch made peace over dinner ... HUNKY historian Michael Beschloss noting above the din of The Palm in Washington, D.C., that he'd personally transcribed 250 hours of LBJ tapes. It was the monthly Palm Reading lit chat.

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\*\*\* Oklahoma City bombing jurors sent home for night

Jurors were sent home for the night Wednesday after deliberating the fate of Terry Nichols, the 2nd man charged in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people. At the end of their 1st full day of deliberations, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch told the jurors to go home and "rest, relax, let the matter sit." They will return Thursday morning for more deliberations. The jury weighed the charges of conspiracy and murder against Nichols between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

MT, with a lunch break. They had considered their verdict for nearly 3 hours Tuesday. The jury had asked for a list of witnesses Wednesday. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6488744-5b3>

\*\*\* Gays granted joint adoption rights in N.J.

In what is being hailed as a landmark ruling, a N.J. judge granted gay couples Wednesday the same status as heterosexual couples in adopting children. In an out-of-court settlement of a class action suit filed in June by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of gay and lesbian families, Superior Court Judge Sybil Moses cleared the way for gay or lesbian couples to adopt children jointly. Gay people in N.J., as well as about half the nation's states, are allowed to adopt children, but a partner or "spouse" had to petition separately, resulting in extensive delays and legal costs. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6486988-75d>

\*\*\* Nazi gold was stored in N.Y. Federal Reserve Bank

More than 2,500 bars of looted Nazi gold were legally stored in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as late as 1956, according to newly declassified documents released Wednesday. The Nazi gold, in ingots emblazoned with swastikas, was owned by the central banks of the Vatican, Canada, Britain and other countries and by institutions such as the International Monetary Fund. Although the bars were looted by the Nazis from the countries they occupied, the

gold was not considered stolen goods in 1956 because of agreements

Switzerland and other neutral countries had with the Allies. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6490170-3e3>

\*\*\* U.S. data firms agree to limit access to private info

Computer database companies, under fire for releasing Social Security numbers and other private information, agreed Wednesday to block the release of sensitive data to the general public. But privacy advocates said the agreement had loopholes and would do little to restore consumer confidence in the industry. The Federal Trade Commission largely endorsed the effort, signed by 14 leading companies that account for 90% of the information market. Qualified subscribers, such as law enforcement agencies, would still have access to all data. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6484863-542>

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### Crime and Catastrophe

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\*\*\* Another hostage released at day-care center

Police worked through the night trying to persuade a lone gunman to release the last of about 70 young children and adults he took hostage at a day-care center near Dallas Wednesday. Dozens of heavily armed police officers and FBI agents surrounded the Rigsbee Child

Development Center in the Dallas suburb of Plano, where the man was believed to be holding 4 or 5 hostages. 60 toddlers and young children as well as 6 adults were set free earlier and authorities said they were optimistic they could persuade the gunman to release his remaining hostages and surrender peacefully. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6492618-0d9>

**\*\*\* Lioness captured in Fla. tourist zone**

Florida game officials Wednesday captured an escaped lioness that had wandered the state's crowded tourist mecca near Orlando for three days after fleeing her cage at a theme park. Nala, named after the female lead in Disney's "The Lion King" movie, appeared to be in good condition when trackers shot her with tranquilizer darts and tied her up, Lt. Rip Stalvey of the Florida Fish and Game Commission said. The capture ended a three-day hunt for the 450-lb., 2-year-old lioness, which escaped Monday from the JungleLand Zoo theme park by jumping a fence while handlers were repairing her cage. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485208-6f5>

**\*\*\* Del. 8-year-old arrested on gun charges**

An 8-year-old 2nd-grade student at Baltz Elementary School in Elsmere, Del., was released to his parents Wednesday after his arrest on charges of taking a gun on a school bus. A trial was set for Jan. 14. The child arrived for a hearing with his hands manacled behind his back. A court commissioner appointed a public defender to his

case and then released him to his parents on \$750 in unsecured bail.

He was charged with carrying a deadly weapon, concealing a deadly weapon and bringing a deadly weapon into a school zone. Prosecutors say he could be jailed if convicted. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6487745-a99>

\*\*\* Red Cross expects to spend \$2.5 million on Guam relief

The American Red Cross expects to spend more than \$2.5 million on disaster relief in Guam and Rota, Pacific islands where Typhoon Paka has left a trail of destruction, the organization said Wednesday.

President Clinton has declared parts of Guam a disaster area. His action made federal funds available to people affected by the torrential rains, high winds and tidal surges that struck the U.S. territory Tuesday. Red Cross workers say the damage may be as severe as that from Typhoon Omar in 1992, when the Red Cross spent \$4.5 million on relief to more than 6,000 families on the Pacific islands.

See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6486457-7ae>

\*\*\* 2 more Detroit-area deaths linked to Kevorkian

Police and hospital officials said Wednesday 2 more bodies had turned up in the Detroit area with links to assisted-suicide proponent Dr.

Jack Kevorkian and his associate, Dr. Georges Reding. Police said they were investigating what they termed a homicide after discovering the body of an elderly California woman in the Best Western Greenfield Inn. A note near the body instructed authorities to

contact Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger. The Oakland Press identified the woman as 89-year-old Margaret Weihart of Oceanside, Calif. Fieger said she was partially paralyzed and going blind. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6486603-a70>

\*\*\* U.S. hotel manager freed by Mexican abductors

Kidnappers freed a well-known U.S. hotel manager in this Acapulco, Mexico, after 8 days of captivity, officials said. Wednesday. Vincent Carrozza, manager of the deluxe Acapulco Princess, was released unharmed and rejoined his family more than a week after being seized by armed gunmen in a deadly shootout with security guards. 1 security guard was killed in a vain attempt to thwart the abduction and another was seriously wounded. Local police, who allowed the Carrozza family to negotiate his release directly with the kidnappers, said they did not know whether a ransom had been paid. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6488060-1ab>  
U.S. Embassy warns against taking taxis in Mexico, See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6487367-66a>

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### The U.S. Political Scene

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\*\*\* Gephardt says will push Clinton climate change plan

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt gave guarded praise

Wednesday to the international treaty reached last week to fight global warming, and said he would push the Clinton administration's plans to curb energy use. Labor unions, which are core supporters of Gephardt, view the global warming treaty warily, saying it would force reductions in energy use that could cut U.S. employment and move jobs overseas. 160 nations in Japan agreed last week to a treaty to reduce industrialized countries' heat-trapping emissions from burning fossil fuels. Gephardt also said developing countries should be part of the treaty. see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6486923-74c>

### **\*\*\* Republicans face new showdown over abortion**

A new showdown over abortion is about to rock the Republican Party. Anti-abortion activists have presented a resolution for next month's meeting of the Republican National Committee that would cut off all party funding for candidates and incumbents who do not support a ban on late-term abortions. The resolution, if passed, would prevent the RNC and associated committees from supporting candidates like recently re-elected New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, all of whom oppose the ban. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485072-377>

### **\*\*\* Auditors say GOP should return \$3.7M**

Auditors for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) have recommended that the Republican Party return some \$3.7 million in contributions

that helped fund last year's San Diego Republican Convention. FEC spokesman Ron Harris said the recommendation would be discussed by the body's five commissioners some time next year but no decision had been taken to demand repayment of the funds. Four votes are needed to proceed and the commission is made up of three Democrats and two Republicans. The FEC auditors found that Republicans may have violated federal regulations in the way they financed the San Diego convention. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485553-a55>

### \*\*\* U.S. lawmakers requested Arlington burials - report

At least 42 U.S. lawmakers have sought waivers for burials at Arlington National Cemetery, and one rejected request was for a Republican fund-raiser whose military record may have been fabricated, The Hill newspaper reported Wednesday. The waiver requests came from Democrats and Republicans. At least 25 requests were denied since 1985, according to the weekly newspaper, which circulates in Congress and Washington. The report comes as some Republicans demand an investigation of the burial in the prestigious military cemetery of a former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Democratic campaign contributor, Larry Lawrence. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485577-395>

### \*\*\* House report shows drop in welfare caseload

The national caseload of families on welfare fell to 3.9 million in

fiscal year 1997 from 5 million in 1994, said a report released Wednesday by the House Ways and Means Committee. The new figures show declining welfare caseloads resulted in more federal support for families attempting to leave the welfare rolls. But in a separate development, Sen. John Chafee called attention to the plight of some 142,000 children whose disability benefits had been terminated under the guise of welfare reform. Chafee praised a decision by the Social Security Administration to institute automatic review of the cases. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6489541-a08>

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### The Courts

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#### \*\*\* Clinton denies Jones' claims, urges dismissal

President Bill Clinton emphatically denied Wednesday all of the allegations made against him in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit, and urged a federal judge to dismiss the case. Using his strongest language in the case to date, Clinton said in a court filing in Little Rock, Ark., that the lawsuit was a "groundless attempt" by Jones and her conservative supporters to humiliate him. Jones has accused Clinton of exposing himself to her and asking her for oral sex inside a Little Rock hotel room in May 1991. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485336-142>

#### \*\*\* Tobacco documents likely to be made public soon

A Minnesota court ruling and a congressional review make it likely a cache of secret tobacco documents will be made public, perhaps as early as Thursday, sources said Wednesday. In a long-awaited ruling, Minn. District Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick decided this week 864 secret documents should be turned over to state lawyers and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Minn., who are suing tobacco companies. Those documents are under a court protective order and cannot be made public immediately. Minn. Attorney General Hubert Humphrey has been seeking access to them for the upcoming trial of his lawsuit against the industry. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6488862-6c4>

**\*\*\* Yale told to pay HIV-infected doctor \$12.2 million**

A Connecticut jury awarded \$12.2 million Wednesday to a former Yale intern who sued the Yale Medical School after she contracted the AIDS virus while working on an AIDS patient 9 years ago. The student, known only as Dr. Doe, had been seeking \$21.7 million in compensatory damages for her infection with HIV. The plaintiff, now a full-time doctor, said the Yale residency program failed to train and supervise her properly in the procedure that led to her pricking her thumb on a needle as she rushed to stem spurts of blood from a patient critically ill with AIDS. The incident occurred in 1988. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6487898-1e5>

**\*\*\* Reported Spielberg stalker planned rape**

A man newspapers say has been charged with stalking filmmaker Steven Spielberg planned to handcuff and rape his victim, said to court papers released Wednesday. The papers refer to the alleged victim as "John Doe," but it has been widely reported he is Spielberg. Media reports accused Los Angeles officials of giving Spielberg special treatment by keeping his name secret and sealing all documents. In a partial concession, the judge released the grand jury transcript. In it, Deputy District Attorney Rhonda Saunders said suspect Jonathan Norman admitted "this obsession with raping" his intended victim. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6488728-e09>

\*\*\* Cosby extortion defendant gets jail term

A defendant in the scheme to extort \$40 million from entertainer Bill Cosby was sentenced Wednesday to 3 months in prison followed by 3 months of home confinement. Boris Sabas, 43, was convicted in July of helping the plot's key figures Autumn Jackson and Jose Medina with their threat to ruin Cosby's reputation if they did not receive a payoff. Prosecutors presented evidence during the trial that Sabas was with Jackson and Medina when they demanded \$40 million from Cosby's lawyer. He was accused of driving them to the airport to fly from Calif. to N.Y. to collect the money. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485949-f58>

\*\*\* Split verdict in JAL case against New York airport

A federal jury in Brooklyn held Japan Airlines and John F. Kennedy International Airport equally liable Wednesday for damage to a JAL 747 that resulted when the plane landed in heavy snow in 1993. Both parties agreed the Dec. 13, 1993 landing caused ice and snow to be sucked into the engines of a Japan Airlines Boeing 747. Repairs for the mishap amounted to \$1.3 million. The airline sued the Port Authority, which operates the airport, for repair costs. The Port Authority claimed JAL pilots made a bad landing, the plane touched down off-center and that part of the plane ran off the runway. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6487767-c39>

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#### U.S. Business and Financial News

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#### \*\*\* U.S. stocks fall on latest earnings warning

Stocks tumbled Wednesday as Dow component Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co became the latest victim of Asian turmoil, wiping out a rally on a positive economic stimulus package by Japan. The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 19 points at 7957 after an early surge of more than 50 points on Japan's surprise program to kick start its economy. But in the broader market, advancing issues beat decliners by a 16 to 13 margin on active volume of more than 621 million shares on the NYSE. The Nasdaq was off six points at 1547. The S&P 500 fell 2.5 to 966. The 30-year Treasury lost 20/32 to bring the yield to 6.00%. The dollar plunged to 127.10 yen and 1.7734

marks. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485590-545>

\*\*\* U.S. workers getting pink slips for Christmas

While most people focus on finding the perfect gift for the holidays, many workers will give thanks if they can make it through the season without getting a pink slip. The unemployment rate may be the lowest in a generation, but after years of corporate "downsizing" and "outsourcing" many Americans are still afraid their jobs won't last. Little more than a week before Christmas, some of the best-known names in Corporate America, including Boeing Co., RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. and Polaroid Corp., announced sweeping job cuts. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485266-095>

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#### World Front Page Stories

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\*\*\* Iraq halts weapons data; bars presidential areas

Iraq says it has not "1 gram" of biological agents or other weapons of mass destruction and would offer no new information on them, according to a report by chief arms inspector Richard Butler in advance of his Thursday briefing to the Security Council. Butler also said Iraq flatly ruled out inspections or overflights at "presidential and sovereign sites." It refused say where they were

unless the Council president assures in writing Washington would never bomb them. He said he would resume spot inspections shortly to test new arrangements arrived at with Iraq for some sensitive sites.

See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6491683-5e0>

Thumb nail sketch of U.N. weapons project in Iraq, See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6491912-b3a>

\*\*\* UN approves \$2.2M in Gulf War compensation pay

The United Nations Gulf War reparations body approved payments totaling \$2.2 million Wednesday to nine governments claiming compensation for Iraq's occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91, a U.N. statement said. The decision was announced after a three-day meeting of the 15-member governing body of the Geneva-based U.N. Compensation Commission, which is handling recompense for the victims of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. The commission in its latest meeting considered claims from individuals with losses of more than \$100,000 as well as those from governments and companies, officials said. See

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UK Gulf veterans hand back medals in syndrome protest, see

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Sports

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**\*\*\* Lindros signs two-year, \$16 million contract with Flyers**

Philadelphia Flyers All-Star center Eric Lindros agreed to a \$16 million contract Wednesday that makes him the highest-paid player in the NHL -- and a free agent again in about 18 months. Flyers chairman Ed Snider revealed financial terms of the deal, which doubles Lindros' salary for this season to \$7.5 million and adds another season at \$8.5 million. Lindros was scheduled to make \$3.75 million this season, the last of a six-year deal. The agreement comes less than a week after star right wing Paul Kariya of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim ended his holdout and signed a two-year deal worth \$14 million. Lindros, who led the Flyers to the Stanley Cup finals last season, has the highest average salary over the length of his contract, although some players are making more money this season. Lindros has 14 goals and 24 assists in 33 games this season.

**\*\*\* Heat's Alonzo Mourning scores 24 in return**

Miami Heat All-Star center Alonzo Mourning did not look like he had rust from six weeks of inactivity. His teammates, however, did. Mourning, who missed the entire season recovering from knee surgery, was activated Wednesday and had 24 points and nine rebounds for the Heat in their 88-74 loss to the Washington Wizards at the MCI Center. He appeared to have fully recovered from the Sept. 27 arthroscopic surgery that repaired a partially torn patella tendon in his left knee. Mourning had been working out since Nov. 30 and traveled with

the team on its recent three-game road trip, although he did not dress. The 6-10 Mourning came off the bench and played 28 minutes. He went 9-of-16 from the field, 7-of-9 from the foul line and blocked four shots. Mourning also committed six turnovers and got into a shoving match with Wizards' center Terry Davis.

\*\*\* Washington's Juneau to miss 4-6 weeks with knee injury

Washington Capitals center Joe Juneau will be sidelined for four to six weeks after an examination by team doctors revealed a strained posterior cruciate knee ligament. Juneau was examined Tuesday, when doctors found he had strained his posterior cruciate ligament. He suffered the injury on Saturday in a knee-to-knee collision with Los Angeles Kings forward Sandy Moger, who was assessed a clipping major and a game misconduct. At the time of the injury, Juneau was ranked sixth on the team in scoring with six goals and 11 assists for 17 points. The injury ended his five-game point streak, which included four goals and two assists.

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Science and Medicine

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\*\*\* FDA approves new biotech diabetes drug

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday it approved a new genetically engineered drug for treating diabetic foot ulcers, a

common side-effect of diabetes. The drug, to be marketed under the name Regranex Gel, includes a natural bodily cell growth factor grown in yeast. It is one of a growing number of genetically engineered products hitting the market, but is the first to be used in this way. The drug, known generically as becaplermin, is used as a salve along with the surgical removal of dead skin from diabetic ulcers. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6484837-360>

### \*\*\* Fossil excrement may shed light on Neanderthals

Fossilized excrement found in a cave in Gibraltar may show whether there are links between Neanderthal man and present day humans, British scientists said Wednesday. Professor Chris Stringer of London hailed what he called a "spectacular discovery" earlier this year by a team of international experts. After they found the specimens near a fireplace, the scientists wrapped them in metal foil and plastic bags to prevent contamination. In January, the specimens will be sent to Munich to be sectioned and analyzed for DNA content. Scientists do not yet know why Neanderthal man died 27,000 to 35,000 years ago. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485916-700>

### \*\*\* Drug found to reduce childhood epileptic seizures

People suffering from the most severe form of childhood epilepsy can have the number of seizures reduced by 40% using the drug lamotrigine, said a study released Thursday. Tests were done on youngsters with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a difficult-to-treat

condition that accounts for about one out of every 20 cases of childhood epilepsy. When either lamotrigine or a placebo were added to the medicines already given to 169 children, the average number of seizures declined to 9.9 per week from 16.4 per week in the lamotrigine group. The number of seizures rose slightly in the placebo group to 14.2 from an average of 13.5. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485083-452>

### \*\*\* Drug prevents irregular heartbeat after surgery

A drug given before heart surgery can cut the risk of an irregular heartbeat in half, according to a study released Thursday. Doctors found that when they gave the drug amiodarone to heart patients 7 days before their surgery, the risk of irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation declined dramatically. Only 25% of the 64 volunteers experienced it, versus 53% of the 60 patients who got a placebo instead. In addition, the amiodarone recipients spent about a day less in the hospital and the cost of their hospitalization was significantly lower, according to the team led by Dr. Emile G. Daoud. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6484502-ac7>

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Technology

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### \*\*\* Gov't seeks to hold Microsoft in 'civil contempt'

The U.S. Justice Department asked a federal judge to hold Microsoft Corp. in "civil contempt" Wednesday for violating a court order that barred the software giant from tying Windows 95 to its Web browser. As part of its motion in an escalating legal battle, the Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to compel Microsoft to give computer makers "a meaningful option of licensing Windows 95 without the browser." Microsoft was ordered last week to offer its Windows 95 operating system without tying it to the browser. So far it has offered computer makers a version the company says will not work or an older version the Justice Department says is outdated. See

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### \*\*\* Netscape helps users erase Microsoft browser

In an effort to call Microsoft Corp.'s bluff, Netscape Communications Corp. said Wednesday it was launching a program to help Internet users switch to Netscape from Microsoft's Web browser. After a U.S. District Court in Washington last week ordered Microsoft to ship its Windows 95 operating system without tying it to its Internet Explorer browser, Microsoft said the browser was an integral part of the software and deleting it would render Windows 95 inoperable. But Netscape executives said they were putting the finishing touches on a program, dubbed the "Customer Choice" campaign. See

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**\*\*\* Clinton tops New York paper's annual gossip tally**

President Clinton has again topped the "New York Observer 500" list which tallies mentions of famous figures in New York's gossip columns each year. Politics figured heavily in this year's list, which appears in the current issue, with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and publisher John F. Kennedy Jr. all retaining their top 10 status. Runner-up to the president's 358 mentions was Madonna, with 308. Princess Diana was third, moving up from 10 last year, doubtless due to her untimely death in August. The highest placed Hollywood star was Sylvester Stallone, in ninth place. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6485221-6b9>

**\*\*\* Hangover cures not just old wives' tales**

A hair of the dog, a prairie oyster or a cup of sugary tea really can help ease the suffering of a morning after hangover, Britain's New Scientist said Wednesday. The magazine asked scientists around the world whether such hangover cures really work and concluded most of them help a bit. But a complete remedy for the pains of over-indulgence remains a distant prospect. Drinking a "hair of the dog," researcher says, distracts the body's attention to the more urgent task of breaking down the alcohol. As a result the methanol is broken down more gradually - and less painfully. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6484460-3fe>

**\*\*\* Santa a Democrat, Grinch surely a Republican**

Santa is surely a registered Democrat, given his reputation as a public benefactor, a poll released Wednesday said. But the "Grinch who stole Christmas," the fictional spoilsport invented by author Dr. Seuss, is a Republican, the poll concluded. Even many supporters of the Republican Party would expect the miserable Grinch to be on their side of the political fence and jolly Santa on the other. The survey of 904 registered voters found 39% thought Santa would register as a Democrat against 22% as a Republican. And 23% were not sure what party he belonged to -- suggesting these voters may not believe in Santa. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=6486679-72b>

**\*\*\* Vermont's tallest peak gets a little taller**

Mount Mansfield, Vermont's tallest peak, has just gotten a little taller, officials said Wednesday. The mountain, also the Stowe Mountain Ski Resort, has had its official height raised to 4,395.3 feet from 4,392.2 feet, thanks to a new mapping program that uses computer and satellite technology, said consultant Gary Smith. The state has been using aerial mapping for about 20 years, but now it uses special geo-positioning receivers that receive signals from the satellites to develop more accurate maps. As a result, Mount Mansfield is not the only place in Vermont that has expanded in size.

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Bush decision unlikely to have political fallout

Karla Faye Tucker: Challenging Clemency

By Ken Herman

American-Statesman Capitol

Bureau Chief

Published: Feb. 4, 1998

On a bright winter Tuesday,  
Gov. George W. Bush let a  
Christian woman die and also  
allowed the State of Texas to  
exact punishment on a brutal  
murderer.

For Bush, personally and  
politically, the problem was  
that the woman and the  
murderer were one and the  
same.

In the end, he said, it didn't matter. Speaking sternly and with certainty shortly after all of Tucker's legal appeals failed, Bush declined to grant Karla Faye Tucker 30 more days of life -- the only relief he could have granted.

The governor announced his decision at 6:12 p.m.. After weeks of phone calls and letters from Christians who said Tucker deserved to live, Bush left the larger question to a greater force.

"I have concluded judgments about the heart and soul of an individual on death row are best left to a higher authority," he said, convinced that all things temporal and legal had been disposed of properly.

This governor seeking re-election -- and maybe someday the presidency -- spoke to Texas and to the whole world by television.

He spoke of a law that requires enforcement "without preference or special treatment" and acknowledged those who thought this case merited special handling.

"Like many touched by this case, I have sought guidance through prayer," Bush said.

"May God bless Karla Faye Tucker and may God bless her victims and their families," he added, then retreated to his office without taking questions.

In a state grown callous by dime-a-dozen executions, Tucker's death ignited a new round of the old capital punishment argument. But, peculiarly, politicians did not politicize.

"This is just something we are not going to get involved in," said Robert Black, Texas Republican Party spokesman. "I think the party is probably going to follow the governor's lead on this one."

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro, a frequent critic of his November opponent, also steered clear.

"There is only one person who can make this decision," he said of the 30-day reprieve that Bush could have granted. "Since it is a life-and-death situation, I don't want to be accused of trying to politicize one of the toughest decisions George Bush will make as governor."

Killing a woman was new business. The pleas of a

murderer-turned-Christian sparked uncommon camaraderie and tore allies asunder. Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson, an eye-for-an-eye kind of guy, found himself aligned with liberal-cause darling Bianca Jagger in calling for mercy.

But the chairman of the Texas Christian Coalition, Dick Weinhold, said Robertson spoke for himself. For all the media hoopla, University of Texas government professor Bruce Buchanan sees Bush's refusal to use his limited ability in the Tucker case as politically inconsequential.

The Robertson-Weinhold split is typical, he said.

"I see no indication that opposition comes from within the state, except for the usual capital punishment opponents," Buchanan said. "I do not see it as a big factor down the road."

GOP consultant Mark Sanders agreed.

"He is in a pro-death penalty state," Sanders said of Bush. "He is facing pro-death penalty voters this year and will be facing conservative, pro-death penalty voters if he decides to do something on the national level."

The governor's numbers back Buchanan's surmise about outside agitation. From Dec. 1 through mid-afternoon Tuesday, Bush's office got 9,002 phone calls on the Tucker case. Of the more than 3,000 from within Texas, the split was almost even.

The out-of-state numbers were far more decisive. Only 251 people called to urge Bush to execute Tucker. More than 20 times that amount -- 5,620 -- called to seek mercy.

"Can't vote in Texas," Sanders said of Jagger and Pope John Paul II.

As one of the behaviors government bars for others but allows for itself, killing people has always held a special place in Texas politics. And, former Gov. Mark White said Tuesday, governors come to realize it is part of the job.

"The worst part of the job," he said.

White, who never granted a 30-day reprieve, said a difference exists between what the law says and what some believe common sense tells us about executing women.

"You've got to try to fulfill the spirit of the law, the principle that men and women are to be treated in the same fashion," White said. "At the same time, you recognize there are differences. I don't envy his position."

But the ex-governor always understood the politics of the death penalty: In Texas, you can't go too wrong by letting executions go on.

In his unsuccessful 1990 comeback attempt, White ran a TV ad in which ominous music played as he walked past oversized photos of men put to death during his 1983-1986 administration.

"Only a governor can make executions happen," White said in the ad. "I did, and I will."

During White's tenure, executions became common. Protesters gathered at the Governor's Mansion on execution nights.

But that changed the night Ronald Clark O'Bryan of Pasadena died for murdering his son by spiking Halloween candy with cyanide to collect life insurance.

"We used to have demonstrators around the mansion on the night of those executions," White said. "The night all that changed was when they executed the candyman. There was nobody there."

[Gov. George W. Bush]

At Tuesday's news conference to announce his decision not to grant Karla Faye Tucker a 30-day reprieve, Gov. George W. Bush said, "I have concluded judgments about the heart and soul of an individual on death row are best left to a higher authority." Photo by Harry Cabluck/AP.

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Stephanopoulos' measured comments dismay some Clinton loyalists

By Sandra Sobieraj  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- George Stephanopoulos enjoyed a close relationship with Bill Clinton, so close that he worked from a cubbyhole adjoining the president's Oval Office suite.

That desirable bit of real estate was symbolic of his powerful role as adviser to the president, who fondly referred to him as "Georgie." Yet it may have helped land him before a grand jury on Tuesday.

After nearly three hours of questioning, Stephanopoulos emerged to say, "I have no firsthand knowledge at all about the nature of the relationship, if any, between the president and Monica Lewinsky."

To the dismay of other Clinton loyalists, Stephanopoulos has failed to give a vote of full confidence in Clinton's adamant denials of any improper relationship. In fact, Stephanopoulos was at the head of the pack speculating about impeachment when the allegations of a presidential affair and coverup first surfaced.

On the eve of his grand jury appearance, he said only, "I don't know enough yet. I want to hear (Clinton's) explanation."

When he arrived at the federal courthouse, Stephanopoulos, known as Mr.

Gloom-and-Doom to his friends, appeared upbeat, greeting old pals in the press corps with a wave and "hey guys."

Having testified before the grand jury in earlier Whitewater probes, he wondered whether jurors would stay awake Tuesday, joking on CNN that "It'll be interesting to see if the subject of sex is going to make them a little more alert."

Back at the White House, old chums weren't laughing.

One privately posed the rhetorical question "Et tu, Brute?" when asked about Stephanopoulos. Another snickered when asked if Stephanopoulos' new nickname was Judas.

For some aides who have not dared to press Clinton for answers about Ms. Lewinsky, Stephanopoulos' comments have seemed especially ominous.

He was, after all, better positioned than almost any other adviser to know about the president's private life. A single door separates Stephanopoulos' old quarters from the president's private hideaway off the Oval Office.

Stephanopoulos is a conspicuous holdout among other 1992 "war room" campaign veterans -- Paul Begala, James Carville and Mandy Grunwald -- who have stepped forward to proclaim Clinton's innocence.

So far, all Stephanopoulos has said publicly about the specifics of the allegations is that he recalled seeing Ms. Lewinsky every now and then in the hallway of the West Wing and at a local Starbucks. "She seemed nice, she seemed friendly, but I don't know her that well," he told CNN.

Said Carville's wife, Republican talk-show host Mary Matalin, who also is close to Stephanopoulos: "He would know" if anything untoward happened.

But Begala, who recently joined the White House payroll, said it was not uncharacteristic for Stephanopoulos to sit back and expect the worst. "George's basic instincts are pessimistic, so that when he's wrong, he's at least pleasantly surprised," Begala said.

Carville and Clinton adviser Rahm Emanuel had lunch with Stephanopoulos last week at The Palm in what was largely viewed as a trip to the woodshed.

"I get some constructive criticism, sure," Stephanopoulos said when asked about the lunch. But Carville called it a routine visit among old pals: "George is my brother and I love my brothers unconditionally," he said.

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STORY stools with a cocktail named in honor of the White House  
sex saga. Called the "X-Tern," the spicy cocktail is  
NEXT "guaranteed to heat up even the coolest of hearts and to make  
STORY the most reserved blush," says Diana T. Kaiser of the Loews  
L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. The hotel bills it as a shot of  
21-year-old Scotch, a splash of Arkansas sparkle, a dash of  
bitters and a tart lemon twist. Or as the bartender put it:  
"It's basically a Scotch and soda for people obsessed with  
this case."

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HE AIN'T HEAVY: Has the war of words over President Clinton's character turned brother against brother? In the case of the Brothers Bennett of Washington, it would seem so. As Clinton's personal attorney, Robert S. Bennett has spent much of the last 3 1/2 years representing the president in the sexual-harassment lawsuit brought by Paula Corbin Jones. He is also Clinton's lead legal defender in the White House sex-and-lies saga. Robert's younger brother is William J. Bennett, secretary of Education during the Reagan administration, author of the best-selling "Book of Virtues," ubiquitous conservative commentator and all-around purveyor of GOP-style "family values." While Robert Bennett has counseled Clinton to keep a low profile on the Monica S. Lewinsky matter, on Sunday, the younger Bennett pronounced the president guilty of having a "sordid" relationship with a young former intern, urging her to lie about it and bringing us to what is perhaps "the trashiest moment in American presidential history." Asked about a possible strain in his fraternal relationship, William Bennett sought to defuse speculation of a family feud over the matter. "We're fine," he said. "We have maybe a somewhat different perspective. But the question I'm interested in is not precisely the one he's interested in."

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NOT TEED OFF: When Lanny J. Davis gave up his lucrative

law practice a year ago to become a White House spinmeister, he asked only one favor of Bill Clinton in return: a presidential round of golf. His day on the links was scheduled for last March 17--until Clinton tore a tendon in his right knee three days earlier while staying at pro golfer Greg Norman's estate in Hobe Sound, Fla. This week Davis, a golf fanatic and 10-handicap, left his administration post without having played his dream round with the First Hacker. At last report, he was still hoping but not holding his breath.

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SPIN CITY: Illustrating the revolving door that spins between government and business, attorney Michael J. Madigan has finished directing the Senate's investigation into campaign fund-raising abuses and returned to his former law firm, Akin & Gump. For ethical reasons, Madigan resigned to become chief counsel for the inquiry led by friend and panel chairman Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.). If Thompson decides to make a run at the GOP presidential nomination next year, don't be surprised if Madigan once again appears at his side. The two men directed the Republican minority staff of the Senate Watergate Committee 25 years ago.

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CRISIS CULTURE: Even the Washington nightclub scene, such as it is, is hip to the current capital city news. The Truth Groove, a jazzy rock group that has been known to play for defense contractors and their lobbyists (really), has won raves for its original ditty, "Wag the Dog," says lead singer Laurance Rassin. Lyrics include, "Did you do it, Bill Bill, did you do it?," and, "Conjunction junction, Bill, what's your function?"

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LIBERTIES / By MAUREEN DOWD

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Undercover Adviser

WASHINGTON -- I sure hope he had sex with her.

Because the alternative explanation offered by Monica Lewinsky's lawyer is far more disturbing.

Asked why the President of the United States would spend so much time talking to an intern, William Ginsburg suggested that the two might have been working. "They were colleagues," William Ginsburg, TV hog, told his new best friend, Barbara Walters.

The collegiality blossomed even after Ms. Lewinsky left the White House for the Pentagon. The former intern was cleared to dash over to the White House 37 times, probably more often than the budget director (but probably less often than Johnny Chung).

The 24-year-old from Beverly Hills has been painted as more mall rat than policy wonk, a Valley Girl more absorbed by the expansion of her waist than by the expansion of NATO, more concerned with waxing eyebrows than with waning hopes for peace in the Mideast.

But Mr. Ginsburg has forced us to look at what he called their "interaction" in a whole new light. Monica Lewinsky, policy adviser.

Perhaps the President sensed somehow that this intern had more to offer the nation than delivering mail or fetching Starbucks lattes.

Their uncommon bond first developed in late 1995, when Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich were locked in battle over the budget.

Perhaps Mr. Clinton thought a 21-year-old could give him more vivid insight into the childish mind of Newt. Perhaps the intern, who studied psychology and drama in college, guided Mr. Clinton through the brilliant mind-games that drove the Speaker into his infamous airplane sulk.

Ms. Lewinsky's experience with back-stabbing egomaniacs (that married drama teacher) would have made her invaluable in helping devise strategy against the Republican House leadership.

And could the fact that she lives next door to Bob Dole at the Watergate really be mere coincidence?

Did Monica pick up the slack when Dick Morris was too busy having sex to advise? Did Mr. Clinton install her as a latter-day E. Howard Hunt to spy on the Doles during the '96 campaign. Why else

would any fun-loving girl want to be entombed at the depressing mausoleum and G.O.P. scandal monument, where the hair salon features photos of Al Haig and James Baker?

She must have been the one who assured Mr. Clinton and Mr. Morris they didn't need to worry about coming up with any big ideas, since Bob Dole had no campaign. He was just hanging out on his treadmill, under the sunlamp, arrrgghing at C-Span.

The President no doubt found himself phoning her late at night because she was throbbing with policy ideas about ways to pay down the debt, she was aquiver with regulatory fervor, she was aflame with a passion to fix Medicare, Part B.

Who better to illuminate the President about the need to save Social Security than a member of the generation most in danger of losing it?

Maybe she wasn't transferred from the White House to the Pentagon for making goo-goo eyes at Mr. Clinton. Maybe she was put there because the President needed a trusted back channel as he decided how to deal with Saddam. The envelopes she messengered over to the White House from the Pentagon were not sexy tapes or presents or billets-doux. They were white papers on the historical enmity between the Sunnis and the Shiites.

Had little Monica become the President's Melrose Place Henry Kissinger, his eminence rose?

That would explain why Vernon Jordan went to such lengths to help her move into the private sector. He didn't want a rival for the President's affections. He had a disturbing premonition: What if next summer in the Vineyard, it was Monica driving the President's golf cart?

Now we know why Mr. Clinton was so evasive when the story broke. He did not want to admit how junior his senior adviser was.

White House officials must have been secretly relieved when the press assumed the May-December relationship was sexual. They figured Mr. Clinton could survive another sex scandal, but he could never weather a competence scandal.

The American people will only put up with so much. They would never stand for a 24-year-old running the country.

But maybe the republic is safe. Maybe they just had sex.

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Delayed: Ronald Reagan National Airport

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Name change sparks bipartisan bickering

A week of

stories from the By Chris Black, Globe Staff, 02/04/98

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ASHINGTON - A proposal to rename National Airport

bureau

after former President Reagan by his 87th

birthday Friday turned into a political tussle on Capitol

[Latest News] Hill yesterday.

National

International For starters, Democrats want to offer a countermeasure

Washington, D.C. that would rename the FBI building to honor former

President Bush, instead of J. Edgar Hoover, whose name

[World Reports] adorns the headquarters now, and rename Dulles

Middle East International Airport for Reagan.

Far East

Latin America A week ago, the bill designating the Ronald Reagan

Russia National Airport was speeding through Congress, but both

Europe the House and Senate delayed taking up the measure

Africa yesterday because of logjams caused by both Democrats and

Canada Republicans.

----- Despite the idea's popularity among members of the GOP,  
lawmakers from northern Virginia, including several

[Click here for aRepublicans, were inundated with phone calls from  
constituents who oppose any change because it would cause  
confusion for travelers and merchants around the airport.

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Globe: Representative James Moran, a Virginia Democrat whose  
district includes the airport, said calls were running

Today 100-1 against the name change.

Yesterday

[Image] "Rather than honor President Reagan's belief in limited  
government, this Congress is about to enact a bill that  
will saddle the Washington Metropolitan Airports  
Authority and hundreds of local businesses in and around

----- Washington National Airport with unnecessary expenses,"  
Moran said yesterday on the House floor.

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[Boston Globe OnlAlso opposing the bill are Arlington County and the city  
of Alexandria, Va., the Greater Washington Board of

[Nation | World] Trade, and Linwood Holton, the former Republican governor

[Metro | Region] of Virginia who was the head of the Washington Airports Authority, which operates both National and Dulles airports.  
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The effort to rename National Airport for Reagan was launched in June by Grover Norquist, head of Americans for Tax Reform. Norquist, who has offered to raise money to defray any expenses associated with the name change, found 11 tributes to his hero president that include six stretches of highway; a bridge in Reagan's hometown of Dixon, Ill.; a Reagan Center at Eureka College, Reagan's alma mater; the Institute of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University, where he was treated after an assassination attempt; and a huge new federal building in downtown Washington.

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"He thought it was too little. Reagan's stature and historic significance warranted more," said Mike Kamburowski, special projects director for Americans for Tax Reform.

[Image] Representative David E. Bonior of Michigan, the House Democratic whip, said, "It will pass, but a lot of people will vote against it. The local people don't want it."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich rejected a suggestion from House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt to name the Justice Department building after the late Robert F. Kennedy in exchange for naming the airport for Reagan.

Gephardt then joined with Senate Democrats and proposed attaching an IRS measure to the airport bill as an amendment.

But Senator Paul Coverdell, a Georgia Republican and prime sponsor of the airport bill, said, "Any amendments have to be germane. We can't have a free-for-all on IRS issues."

Susan Irby, a spokeswoman for Senate majority leader Trent Lott, complained yesterday that Democrats were being "petty" and infuriating Republican senators with their tongue-in-cheek amendments and proposals.

Senator John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, said, "I believe the Democrats have failed to appreciate that we feel about Ronald Reagan as they felt about Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy."

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Polls show the times, they are a-changin'

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By John Aloysius Farrell, Globe Staff, 02/04/98

A week of  
stories from the    ASHINGTON - When reports of an affair between  
Boston Globe's    President Clinton and a 21-year-old White House  
Washington    intern first broke, Professor Richard Winters told  
bureau    seniors in his Dartmouth College government class they  
would have a new president by the time they graduated.

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National    "I've been backpedaling ever since," Winters says.

International

Washington, D.C. While a majority of Americans tell pollsters they believe  
Clinton and Monica S. Lewinsky had a sexual relationship,

[World Reports] they are giving him the highest approval ratings of his  
Middle East    presidency.

Far East

Latin America    "It is an astounding disconnect," says Winters. "It

Russia    reveals a kind of maturation in the attitude of American

Europe    voters, and the depth and complexity of their

Africa    understanding of leadership."

Canada

Pollster Andrew Kohut said: "I've been conducting public  
----- opinion polls for a long time - since the mid-1970s - and  
I have never seen such an unexpected response."

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The days when politicians like Nelson Rockefeller or Gary  
Hart found their presidential campaigns crippled by news

Search the of a divorce or extramarital affair appear gone for good.  
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Almost 60 percent of those surveyed by the Los Angeles

Today Times last weekend agreed that it is "possible for

Yesterday Clinton to be unethical in his personal life while

[Image] maintaining integrity as president."

In struggling to analyze such results, pollsters and  
other political professionals say there is no single

----- simple explanation, rather a combination of factors at  
play.

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[Boston Globe Onl]"This is a guy whose job performance is so strong that  
some people are willing to live in denial," said Kohut,

[Nation | World] who heads the Pew Research Center for the People and the

[Metro | Region] Press "Others compartmentalize his individual behavior  
vs. his behavior as chief executive.

[Business]

[Sports] "Some are so cynical that they believe this is a minor  
transgression, given the state of things in Washington.

[Living | Arts] And some are saying 'In your face!' to the news media and

[Editorials] the political class who have pronounced this guy dead."

[Columnists] Some conservative commentators have expressed alarm at

[Calendar] the sudden rise in Clinton's approval ratings.

[Discussion Forum]"I fear that at least part of this may be due to 30

[Classifieds] years of moral relativism," said Gary Bauer, who heads  
the Family Research Council, a conservative organization

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The Rev. Robert Drinan, a former Massachusetts  
congressman who teaches at the Georgetown University

Low-graphics school of law, said "things have changed" in the  
version public's moral calculus.

[Image] But Drinan also said that given the number of Clinton  
scandals that have blossomed and then died in the past

[Image] five years, the public has decided to reserve judgment  
until more facts are in. And the president benefits, he  
said, from negative perceptions of Lewinsky and  
independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

Clinton's support is not limited to jaded sophisticates  
on the East and West coasts. The Dallas Morning News poll  
of Texas gave Clinton the highest approval rating of his  
presidency last week, 66 percent, in a state he has never  
won. The newspaper's pollsters say the president has been  
saved by a robust economy.

The public is not buying everything Clinton's supporters are selling. By overwhelming margins - 83 percent in a Time Magazine/CNN poll - the public rejects the notion that oral sex does not qualify as adultery. And 57 percent of the respondents to a USA Today poll dismissed Hillary Rodham Clinton's assertion that a right-wing conspiracy is out to get her husband.

Some commentators predict the president's support will erode once the media concludes its current binge.

"The media has become the Frankenstein monster of the information age. There are so many media outlets, pumping out news at such high speed, that it's overwhelming, and people are frightened by it," said Jon Katz, who analyzes the media for Wired magazine. "I don't think people especially like President Clinton. What they are saying is this media thing is horrendous.

"People have a big problem with investigating people's sex lives, and with the media expanding its power into private realms," Katz said. "I think people are more sophisticated than the media give them credit for. There is a widespread feeling that we have a bunch of consenting adults here, and that you can be odd sexually and still run a country. It's a more European notion."

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[Image] Clinton finds loophole to pay legal bills

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[P] resident Clinton, whose legal bills now total more than \$3 million, is creating a new fund that takes advantage of loopholes in ethics laws and allows supporters to give unlimited donations, according to aides.

"You can do anything you want" with the new legal defense fund, said an administration official.

While a "third party," a separate group of Clinton supporters, will operate the fund, it is being drawn up by White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff, who is maneuvering the trust through ethics laws.

"Ruff is running the traps on it," said a White House official.

The new and so-far-unnamed fund replaces the Presidential Legal Expense Trust, which fizzled in December after donations dried up.

The trustees of that fund complained that rules drawn up by the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) prohibited them from soliciting money or allowing donors to give more than \$1,000.

Mr. Clinton won't have any involvement in the new fund, allowing it to skirt the OGE rules as well as restrictions in the U.S. Standards of Official Conduct, according to an OGE official.

Funds operated by third-party groups can raise unlimited amounts from any donors except federal workers, said the official.

"This is just about a regulation-free zone for the executive branch," said the ethics expert in an interview.

"The sky is the limit," said Kathleen Clark, associate professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis.

The president has spent just \$1,000 of his own money on legal bills, which totaled \$3 million before the current sex scandal broke.

While Clinton aides said that the president would soon announce his new fund, aides involved in the process said it is still in the early stages.

"We haven't discussed who will run it, how much we will raise or if there will be caps" on contributions, said one official who requested anonymity.

However, a White House official said that it was likely that the fund will place a contribution cap of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 on donations.

While the ethics rules do not set a cap on gifts and contributions to the president, allowing unlimited donations from any single supporter "would raise a serious question" about outside influences on the president.

Legal Times this week reported that top Clinton fund-raiser Terence McAuliffe was being enlisted to run the solicitation drive for the legal defense fund.

Yesterday he denied that he had been contacted by the White House to raise money but said he will help once the fund is established.

Since the Presidential Legal Expense Trust was dissolved on Dec. 31, there has been no fund to pay Mr. Clinton's legal bills in the Whitewater affair, the Paula Jones sexual misconduct suit, and his response to reports that he had an affair with former intern Monica Lewinsky and then asked her to lie about it.

"At some point soon he's going to have to set it up," said a Clinton associate.

Trustees of the now-defunct legal trust are not helping in creation of the new fund.

The old fund raised about \$1.3 million from private donations to cover the Clinton legal tab.

Two insurance firms with which Mr. Clinton had liability policies had been paying his \$475-an-hour lawyer in the Jones and Lewinsky cases, Robert Bennett, but they bailed out when the defamation element of the Jones case was removed from that case.

Mr. Bennett plans to press the two firms to continue paying costs associated with the sexual misconduct suit.

The Lewinsky scandal, meanwhile, has boosted the accumulating legal fees of the president and first lady. To help fight those accusations, Mr. Clinton has contracted with

another expensive lawyer, friend Mickey Kantor.

The creation of a new fund highlights the loopholes in ethics laws, according to experts.

"There's a need for some regulation here and, at a minimum, full disclosure," Miss Clark said.

In an upcoming article in the Stanford Review, she notes that unlike the executive branch, Congress has placed caps of \$10,000 in the Senate and \$5,000 in the House on contributions to legal defense funds established to help members.

"The justification for limiting donations at all -- both in the context of campaign finance and in the context of legal defense funds -- is the belief that donations over a certain amount may unduly influence a politician," she said in the article, which was provided to The Washington Times.

She said the rules allow the president and vice president to "accept cash gifts, including legal defense fund donations, from anyone who is not a federal employee, even from someone whose interests may be substantially affected by the exercise of their official responsibilities."

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NEAL TRAVIS' NEW YORK

By NEAL TRAVIS

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IS STARR PLAYING RACE CARD?

FRIENDS of embattled Bill Clinton are claiming that Whitewater prober Kenneth Starr is planning to parade the president's best pal, Vernon Jordan, before a second grand jury outside D.C. They say Starr is

arguing that his Washington panel is already overloaded with work.

"Actually, Starr is taking a leaf from the O.J. Simpson casebook," one high-level Clinton backer says. "The criminal trial was in black downtown L.A. and then they got smart and the civil action was heard in mostly white Santa Monica."

According to this source, Starr's other grand jury, in white-bread Virginia, will hear the testimony of Jordan, who is black.

"Jordan would likely be a hero to the blacks on the D.C. panel," says another source. "The predominantly white Virginian grand jury could give more weight to the allegation that Jordan advised Monica Lewinsky to lie about her relationship with Clinton."

There is some confusion about this second grand jury. The New York Times made reference to it Monday, but a wire-service report said it had been disbanded. Starr's office would not comment about whether the Virginia panel is being revived or a new one is being created.

Meanwhile, one odd casualty of the latest White House sex scandal appears to be the new play "House Arrest," by the much-admired realist writer Anna Deavere Smith.

"House Arrest" had a brief run in Washington last fall and was scheduled for a grand opening at the Ahmanson Theater in Los Angeles this spring. Ahmanson artistic director Gordon Davidson has canceled the play, reportedly because it is too close to the events now playing out with Clinton.

Smith's documentary-style play deals with the relationship between

the nation's leaders and the media throughout history. Among those she interviewed, and whose words she uses, are Clinton and Bob Dole.

Therein Liza tale

FIT and well and ready to again conquer the entertainment scene, Liza Minnelli tomorrow flies to Acapulco for a big AIDS benefit before traveling to Portugal for some concerts. It can only be a matter of time before Liza's back on Broadway, where she belongs.

Minnelli was the center of attention at Linda Lavin's great birthday party for the talented Jim Caruso the other night. Liza was looking better than at any time in the 20 years I've known her.

"I feel wonderful - ready to do the best work of my career," she told me. No drinking, no drugs and sensible eating have brought her back to robust health. She's learning to pamper herself a little, like hiring a part-time driver to get her around the city in the evenings.

Having musician and pal Billy Stritch always at her side helps, too. Stritch may just be the best friend Liza ever had. He's a brilliant performer in his own right, but is more than willing to work in Minnelli's considerable shadow.

Jeter's worth the weight

WHEN George Steinbrenner walked into the Garden Sunday afternoon for the thrilling Knicks-Heat game, the first person he spotted courtside was his young Yankee star Derek Jeter. "Why aren't you working out?" The Boss barked at his skinny employee, who's on an off-season weight-training program to bulk up.

They both had a good laugh and settled in to enjoy the game, along with celebs like Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber, Woody and Soon-Yi Allen, Tom and Meredith Brokaw, Ed Bradley and Spike Lee.

Spike, the Knicks' No. 1 fan, will have an even better seat Saturday night. The NBA has made him honorary coach of the East team playing in the Schick rookie game as part of the All-Star festivities.

Spike might not attract as much attention as his opposite number. Coaching the West is the incredibly sexy Linda Fiorentino, of "Men in Black" fame. Both Lee and Fiorentino will be wearing wireless mikes, so the folks at home watching on TNT or listening to ESPN Radio will get an earful.

Bearing gift\$ for Teddy

THE local friends of Ted Kennedy are putting on a \$1,000-a-head birthday party for the Massachusetts senator Feb. 17, with the proceeds earmarked for his next campaign, two years down the track.

The price includes two hours of cocktails and chat at the St. Regis Roof with Ted, wife Vicki, John F. Kennedy Jr., Caroline Kennedy and Ed Schlossberg, Pat Kennedy Lawford, Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks, and Jayne and Chevy Chase.

Co-chairs of the event are Kennedy's good friends Janet and Marvin Rosen, Dennis Rivera and Maureen and Marshall Cogan. The committee includes Lauren Bacall, Alec Baldwin, Maurice Tempelsman and Bobby Zarem. Ted's actual birthday is Feb. 22 and he'll be 66. (Seems older, doesn't he?)

War was in a Saigon era

THIS year's Tet offensive occurs tonight when Vietnamese model Navia Nguyen (one of People magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People) hosts the opening of a show by 11 Hanoi artists at the New World Art Center, the SoHo gallery owned by Dr. T.F. Chen and his wife, Lucia.

Part of the evening's sales will benefit the U.S.-Indochina Reconciliation Project. Art lovers expected include Vera Wang, Steven and Kimberley Rockefeller, Dewi Sukarno, Tama Janowitz and her adopted Chinese daughter, Willow, and painters Kerry Hallam and Robert Cenedella.

Tomorrow night, the shoe's on a different foot when Bally hosts a charity show at its Madison Avenue flagship store to benefit Phoenix House, the nation's leading nonprofit drug-treatment program. For every pair of handmade men's and women's shoes sold, Bally will make a donation to Phoenix House.

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"It's ugly, and all Americans should take notice how far they're going in  
this prosecution -- William Ginsburg, Lewinsky attorney, in Friday's DALLAS  
MORNING NEWS.

STARR'S NEW WOMEN

**\*\*Exclusive\*\***

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Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr has just been introduced to a  
half-dozen  
new women. Lawyers for Paula Jones handed over key files this week after  
Starr requested information on any "Jane Does" that have given sworn  
statements relating to the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Documents, including affidavits, involving at least six women have been  
passed to investigators. It has been learned that sworn statements  
reportedly made by Jo Jenkins, Beth Colson, Dana Reese, Susie Whitaker,  
Shelia Lawrence and Betsy Wright are now in the possession of Starr.

Starr has also obtained the sworn statements of Ms. Lewinsky and Kathleen Willey, who allegedly was groped by Clinton at the White House. There is much concern behind-the-scenes that the public relations image problem may flare over Starr's new direct connection with the Jones civil case.

"His use of evidence collected during civil proceedings is, on the surface, publicly concerning," a source with intimate knowledge of the situation tells the DRUDGE REPORT.

"But there is a method to the madness. [Investigators] are looking for repeated patterns of witness tampering."

Grand Jury proceedings are secret; there remains a tight gag order on all players in the Paula Jones case. Developing...

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INGRAHAM TO TEAM WITH SHALIT!

Media superstar Laura Ingraham is set to take on a ghostwriter to help her with her book. NEW REPUBLIC wonder Ruth Shalit will soon be aboard the Ingraham project, due in the fall for HYPERION. Ingraham has become determined to finish the work that will trace women's roles throughout history.

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John F. Kennedy Jr., editor-in-chief of GEORGE, drew snickers today in a speech at the American Association of Advertising Agencies Media Conference in Anaheim, Calif., when he said he believed President Clinton's denial of Oval Office liaisons. AD AGE DEADLINE captured Kennedy's funny: "I was under that very desk 35 years ago," Mr. Kennedy said. "I could tell you there's barely room for a three-year-old."

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MONICA, CLOSE-UP AT PENTAGON

[Play]

"Now while much of the coverage of the Monica Lewinsky story is naturally focused on the Grand Jury investigation, AMERICAN JOURNAL has uncovered some revealing video of the former White House intern proudly perched in a V.I.P. seat at a major Pentagon celebration. It could be another embarrassing visual reminder of Lewinsky's connection to people in very high places. Now this exclusive and potentially damaging video.

[video; applause in background]

It was a Pentagon bash to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the US Air

Force; all the top brass were there. And so was the President.

"....50 years later our Air Force remains a world class  
force without fear."

It wasn't a speech designed to make the evening news but as the Air Force  
generals, the armed forces chiefs and cabinet members listened, the  
camera catches this \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ That's a face no one knew back in September but everyone knows her  
today.

Monica Lewinsky. She's in a section reserved for just 60 Very Important  
Persons. As the camera continues to pan around the crowd, Monica is caught  
again. There she is in the second row of the V.I.P. section, right on the  
isle. The man in the foreground is a 4 star general. And look, you get an  
even better view from this still from the Pentagon files. There she is,  
sitting right behind former Army Secretary Togo West. There's John Dalton,  
Secretary of the Navy, and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
And, Air Force General Joseph Ralston:

"...your spirit, your dedication, your skill  
that helped America master the skies"

And look, unlike Monica, thousands of other Pentagon employees and military  
personnel are standing shoulder to shoulder in the stifling heat. A  
Pentagon spokesman told AMERICAN JOURNAL that Monica was not invited to the  
event. They claim she just happened to grab an empty seat just yards from

the President. Later that day, a presidential story that did make the evening news: Family man Bill Clinton, and Hillary, took Chelsea to college."

[Pause]

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A quick thanks to all who have cheered and jeered this report in the past few weeks. What a run it has been. There have been 6,162,100 visitors to the DRUDGE REPORT website in the past 31 days. [29,525 from the White House domain eop.gov, for those who have asked.]

And even though possible events in the coming months may try and divide citizens, may force good men and women of all stripes into different corners of the ring, I remain convinced, with little doubt, that truth will be the victor.

A free press is alive and well on this winter's night in America.

And as this e-mail shoots though the wires, bounces off satellite dishes, pings and pongs and relays towards wherever you are -- here's to the future.

Here's to liberty.

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