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## State of the Union



### Republicans eager to show differences with president

WASHINGTON (AP) - Politely looking past White House turmoil, Republicans are eager to contrast their own election-year plan for tax cuts with President Clinton's call for more spending to buttress a "smaller government but a stronger nation."

"Big government or families? More taxes or more freedom?" is the choice confronting the country, Senate Majority leader Trent Lott countered Tuesday night in a high-tech GOP response to Clinton's prime time State of the Union address.

Republican proposals - to improve education, day care opportunities and crack down further on crime - are "shaped by our commitment to family, to faith and to freedom," the Mississippi Republican added.

While they clashed freely over priorities, Clinton and most Republicans found common ground in avoiding mention of the crisis that has gripped the White House for the past week.

Clinton has denied charges that he had sex with a former White House intern and tried to cover it up, and never mentioned the subject as he stood before a House chamber packed with lawmakers, Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet officials and guests.

Lott touched on the explosive subject only in passing, when he warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that "despite any current controversy" the GOP-controlled Congress will "vigorously support the president" in defending American interests.

As is customary, the pageantry of a State of the Union address marked the kickoff of a yearlong struggle between the parties.

### Viewers get reassurance

By The Associated Press

Americans who watched President Clinton's speech were seeking reassurance, not only about the state of the union but the state of the presidency. And for many, it was there.

"I think he looks ultra-confident. He's pausing, he's got a direct gaze," Betsy Frost, a 32-year-old silversmith, said as she watched Clinton's speech Tuesday night at her health club in downtown Boston. "I think the average American is watching to see how he's acting under all this pressure."

Ray Kramer, a 43-year-old architect, went further. "It was amazing," said Kramer, who watched the address at his home in Boulder, Colo. "You have to admire someone who would get up and make a speech in those circumstances."

But Americans saw other things in Clinton, too - fatigue, cockiness, worry, hogwash, inspiration, even a great suit.

"I'm disgusted with him," said Matt Davis, leaning back in his recliner in his Milford, N.H., home while his two children slept upstairs. The 36-year-old jail guard wanted the president to address accusations he had sex with a White House intern and then pressured her to lie about it.

## NEWS in brief

### Prosecutors deny first lady's charge of conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) - As prosecutors weigh whether to give Monica Lewinsky immunity for her testimony, they brought the president's personal secretary before a federal grand jury while vigorously disputing Hillary Rodham Clinton's accusation they were allied with right-wingers to get her husband.

With Clinton loyalists preparing to attack Ms. Lewinsky's credibility, her attorney, William Ginsburg, dealt with allegations that the onetime White House intern had an affair with her former high school drama instructor, a married man.

Andy Bleiler of Portland, Ore., held a news conference just minutes before President Clinton's State of the Union address Tuesday night, alleging that he heard Lewinsky make allusions to a "high-ranking White House official."

Terry Giles, Bleiler's lawyer, said Ms. Lewinsky

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## LIVESTOCK SHOW

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-- Lee Roy Johnson

### Animals arrive for the show

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

Animals, accompanied by their youthful exhibitors, began to arrive Tuesday at the Hereford Bull Barn for the 1998 Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show.

Steer weigh-in began at 4 p.m., with 35 steers crossing the scales. Deaf Smith County 4-H members will show 34 of the steers. Only one steer will be shown by a non-county exhibitor.

The breeds represented this year include Hereford, Angus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Charlois, Limousin and Shorthorn, which seems to be gaining popularity among young stockmen.

Lee Roy Johnson, the father of a Shorthorn exhibitor, said the breed seems "to be a more docile animal, easier for the young kids to handle."

Granted, he said this while his son, Jarret May, tried to wash a Shorthorn that didn't particularly want to be washed.

"They're kind of like the kids showing them. Some mornings they just don't want to cooperate, but today he gets to be a show steer, whether he wants to or not," said Johnson.

Jarret, who has shown animals for three years, has mixed emotions about which animal is his favorite to show.

"Hogs are easier to handle," he said. "But you get more money from the steers."

"Every steer becomes my favorite. When I'm raising them, I really get attached to them," he said.

Shorthorns, like the Hereford, originated in England, where they were dual-purpose cattle, used for both beef and milk.

"They don't produce nearly as much milk as the Holstein," said Johnson. "But through some good breeding plans, they have developed into some good beef stock. Their meat marbles well and the carcass has a good finish weight."

Even though these animals are "show steers," their ultimate purpose is the production of beef. Judges will look not only at the confirmation but at the estimate of the quality of the end product.

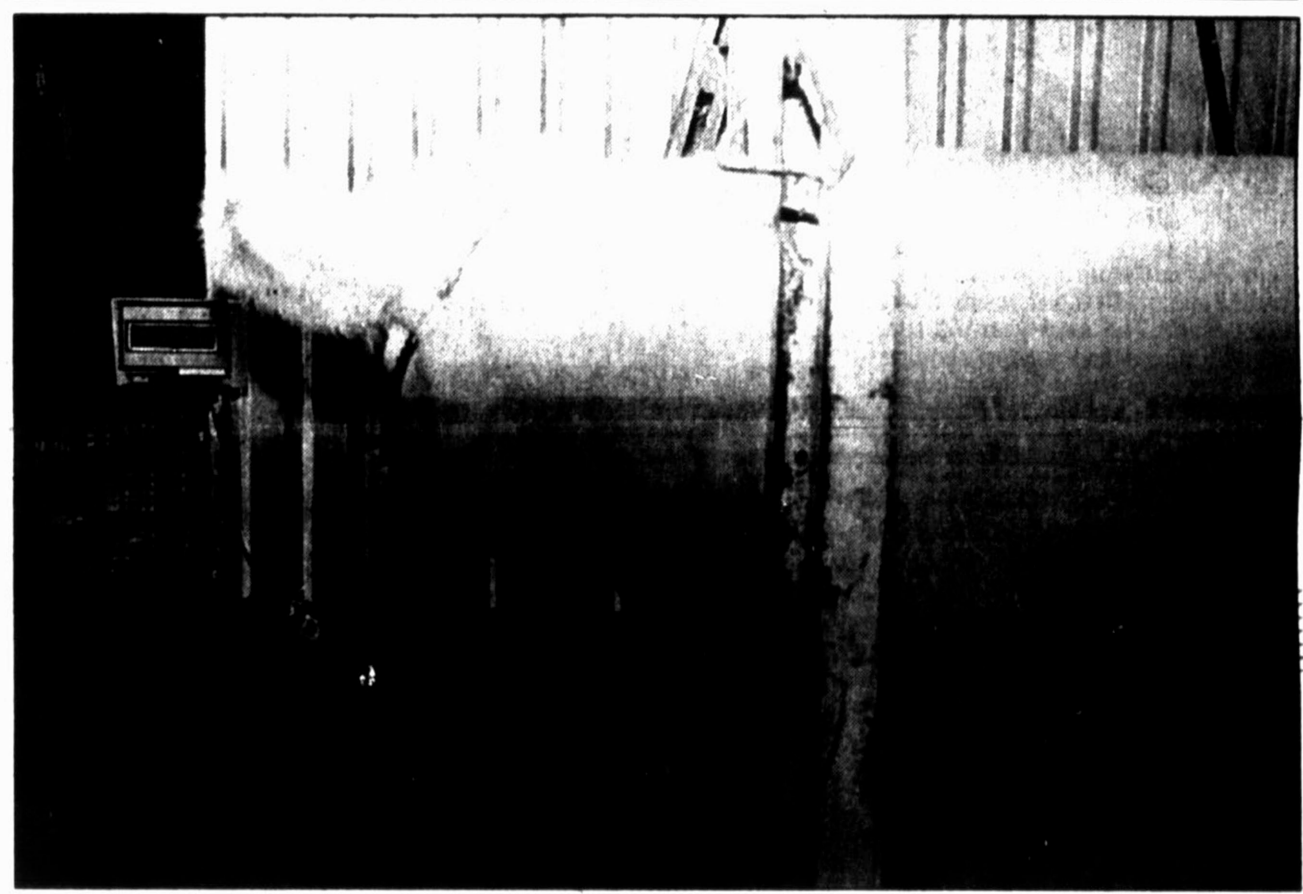
Many families are old hands at stock shows, with a number of children either showing this year or in the past.

Cathy Christie has had three boys actively participate in the raising and showing of animals. Her son, Chad, is the last to show.

Along with the handling and care of the animals, exhibitors have to learn the fine points of animal cosmetology.

Most of the young exhibitors get some help in this field from parents or other family members.

Toby Duncan, a 17-year-old 4-H member, carefully primped and combed a steer with the help of his uncle, Doyle Duncan.



Photos by Dianna F. Dandridge

Chad Christie (top photo) played a bit of tug-of-war with one of the steers while trying to get the animals weighed in Tuesday at the Bull Barn. The steer apparently had its own idea about what it wanted to do. Animals, like humans, have an aversion to the scales. This steer (bottom photo) let out a bellow when his weight -- 1,260 pounds -- showed on the scales.

With the help of family, ag-teachers and other parents the exhibitors managed to get the animals weighed-in, washed, fed, watered and bedded down.

Steer judging will begin at 6 p.m. today.

Final count for the show is 507 animals being shown by 187 participants.

Animals will continue to arrive through the week,

with the hogs scheduled to arrive by 2 p.m. today, with the weigh-in set for 2-4 p.m.

Sheep and goats will be the last show animals to arrive. Weigh-in for the sheep will be 4:30-5 p.m. Thursday; goats will be weighed in after the sheep.

The sale on all animals will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Unemployment in county continues to fall

Staff and Wire Reports

Unemployment in Deaf Smith County dropped in December to 5.1 percent, continuing a trend that saw the jobless rate fall from 9.6 percent in January 1997, according to Texas Workforce Commission figures.

The December figure also represented an improvement from November, when the jobless rate was 5.6 percent.

The first half of 1997 showed fluctuation in the unemployment rate in Deaf Smith County. The January figure was 9.6 percent rose to 9.9 percent in February, only to drop to 9.3 percent in March, 8.2 percent in April and 7.7 percent in May. In June 1997, it jumped back up to 9.3 percent, then fell to 7.7 percent in July, signalling a trend toward lower rates.

August and September were steady at 6.5 percent, followed by 5.7 percent in October, 5.6 percent in November and 5.1 percent in December.

In the county, the civilian labor force was 8,416, a decline from 8,502 in November. The county labor force peaked at 9,017 in June 1997.

The number of persons seeking work in December was 430, a drop of 30 from November. The highest number of workers seeking jobs during 1997 was April, where there were 899 unemployed.

The unemployment rate in Texas fell to 4.5 percent, the lowest since 3.9 percent in 1979.

The commission on Tuesday said the unemployment rate last month compared with 4.9 percent in November 1997 and 4.9 percent in December 1996.

Seasonal jobs in government and transportation helped contribute to the drop, the commission said.

"The Texas economy remains strong, providing many employment opportunities to job seekers across the state," said Bill Hammond, commission chairman. Bryan-College Station reported the lowest December

unemployment rate, at 1.6 percent. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission had the highest, at 17.7 percent.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced by the TWC for December 1997, compared with revised November figures (in parentheses):

- Abilene 3.0 (3.5)
- Amarillo 2.9 (3.2)
- Austin-San Marcos 2.6 (2.9)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 7.0 (7.6)
- Brazoria 5.8 (6.4)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 11.3 (12.3)
- Bryan-College Station 1.6 (1.8)
- Corpus Christi 6.0 (6.4)
- Dallas 3.0 (3.4)
- El Paso 8.9 (10.1)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 2.9 (3.3)
- Galveston-Texas City 6.4 (7.1)
- Houston 3.9 (4.4)
- Killeen-Temple 4.2 (4.8)
- Laredo 8.5 (9.2)
- Longview-Marshall 6.4 (7.1)
- Lubbock 3.0 (3.4)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 17.7 (17.8)
- Odessa-Midland 3.8 (4.3)
- San Angelo 2.7 (3.1)
- San Antonio 3.3 (3.8)
- Sherman-Denison 3.5 (3.8)
- Texarkana 6.6 (7.3)
- Tyler 5.3 (6.0)
- Victoria 3.7 (4.1)
- Waco 3.8 (4.2)
- Wichita Falls 4.0 (4.2)

## Durable goods orders plunge

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to American factories for durable goods recorded the worst monthly drop in six years in December, pulled down by a slump in demand for aircraft.

Orders fell 6.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$183.6 billion, the Commerce Department said. That followed a 5.1 percent surge the month before, the best in almost five years.

It was a mixed end to an otherwise good year. Orders rose 7.1 percent in 1997. They increased 5.3 percent in 1996, 8 percent in 1995 and 12.4 percent in 1994.

Purchases of durable goods are an important indicator of the economy's strength. Spending this year has been encouraged by low interest rates and strong job growth.

Transportation orders plummeted 22.7 percent in December, the largest drop in nearly eight years, following a 21.8 percent increase in November.

Stripping out the volatile transportation category orders rose 0.4 percent in December. It was the first increase in three months and followed drops of 0.3 percent in November and 2.1 percent in October.

Orders for nonmilitary capitals goods, excluding transportation rose 0.6 percent last month after a drop of 2.6 percent.

Orders increased 2.1 percent for industrial machinery and equipment, 1.3 percent for electronic and electrical equipment and 6 percent for military goods. They fell 3.1 percent for primary metals such as steel.

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# Lifestyles

## Campbell bride-elect honored

A bridal shower honoring Teri Forrest, bride-elect of Jim Bret Campbell, was held Saturday in the home of Shirley Wilson.

Joining the honoree in greeting guests were Mary Lou Forrest, mother of the bride-elect; Brenda Campbell, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Juanita Burk and Leta Campbell, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom; Vali Jenkins, sister of the bride-elect; and Kinann and Chelsea Campbell, sisters of the prospective bridegroom.

Refreshments of mini-muffins, coffee cake, fresh fruit, sausage balls, spiced tea and coffee were served from a table centered with a topiary of white roses, fern and baby's breath accented with gold ribbon.

A comforter set was the gift from hostesses Karen Abney, Eileen Alley, Treva Blair, Melinda Bridge, Corky Campos, Shirley Carlson, Linda Daniel, Shelly Diller, Marcie Ginn, Beverly Harder, Susan Hicks, JoLee, Micah Noland, Deloris Phipps, Judy Phipps, Sue Powell, Mary Robinson, Cindy Sublett, Denise Teel, Bobbie Wilson, Heather Wilson and Shirley Wilson.



### Bridal shower held

Teri Forrest and Jim Bret Campbell, center, plan to be married March 21. A shower honoring the bride-elect was held Saturday in the home of Shirley Wilson. Special guests also pictured include, from left, Pat Jenkins, friend of the bride-elect; Mary Lou Forrest, mother of the bride-elect; Vali and Gracie Jenkins, sister and niece of the bride-elect; Brenda Campbell, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Juanita Burk, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; Kinann Campbell, sister of the prospective bridegroom; Leta Campbell, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom; and, in front, Chelsea Campbell, sister of the prospective bridegroom.

## Breathing problems are topic of special meeting

A meeting for persons with chronic breathing problems and their families will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the cafeteria at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Paul Stone, associate professor with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Amarillo, will discuss the role of medications in treating

asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

The meeting is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Texas, Hereford Regional Medical Center and National Home Health Care.

Interested persons should call 364-4422 or 1-800-687-7904 to assure a place at the meeting.



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### Pilot Club speaker

Pat Stone, community health organizer, was the guest speaker at the Tuesday breakfast meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford.

## Stone discusses CHIP for Pilot Club members

Pat Stone, community health organizer, was the guest speaker for the Tuesday morning meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford.

In her capacity as health organizer, Stone is the coordinator for the Deaf Smith County Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) sponsored by Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Twenty-three people representing health providers, social and service organizations, businesses and individuals serve as "partners" with Stone in CHIP.

Activities of the partnership will give local citizens an opportunity to state the positive and negative of health care issues in Deaf Smith County with improvement as its goal.

The first meeting for all interested residents is the "Peoples Choice for Better Health" which will be held at

7 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Hereford Independent School District administration building.

President Martha Jones presided at the breakfast meeting which was catered by Darlene Richardson.

Chaplain Marilyn Culpepper gave the invocation and vice-president Brenda Thomas introduced the guest speaker.

Dianna Kimmel, Pilot coordinator for the Anchor Club, advised that she, Anchor sponsor Melissa Cloud, Pilot president Jones and Anchor Club members will attend the District Convention in Fort Worth Feb. 6-8.

The executive board of Pilot Club is making initial plans for the annual Stack Supper to be Feb. 26 in the community center.

The next Pilot Club meeting will be Feb. 10.

## Brown ready for world tour

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The hardest-working man in show business showed he's fit and ready for his world tour.

James Brown, 64, jumped and pretended to pitch a baseball and play football Monday during rehearsals with his band.

"They say I can't do that, but I can," he said.

Brown spent a week in a hospital this month. The agent for the "Godfather of Soul" said Brown possibly was hospitalized because of an addiction to painkillers, which he needed because of back problems.

## College Report

A Hereford student at Angelo State University was among 296 students to receive a degree during the fall commencement at the university.

Eric Scott Sims received a Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, with a major in Medical Technology.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Scott Shaw of Hereford has made the Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester.

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MONDAY-Hamburger steak, brown gravy, oven brown potatoes, corn O'Brian, garden salad, biscuits, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookies; or chicken and noodles.

TUESDAY-Roast chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, herbed green beans, congealed applesauce salad, French bread, chocolate cake; or Salisbury steak, peaches.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, sweet potato patties, buttered zucchini squash, tossed green salad, rolls, cherry cobbler; or chicken and rice casserole, wax beans, peas.

### ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m.

## Thank You

The Hereford Independent School District, Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, Texas Farm Bureau, and Deaf Smith County Extension Service would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of the "Ag in the Classroom" Fair which was held for the fourth grade students of Deaf Smith County:

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It can start as a dare. Or youthful curiosity. Or it may be a way to escape problems at home. Whatever the reason, studies show that an alarming number of young children are trying drugs. Unfortunately, too many parents still do not believe that their children are at risk.

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If you are not sure how to talk to them, call the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237 and ask for the free booklet called "Growing Up Drug-Free: A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call today because if you don't take care of little problems, they can easily grow into big ones.

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### History Fair winners

More than 85 students at Hereford Junior High participated in the recent History Fair. The theme for this year's fair was "Migration in History: People, Cultures, Ideas." First place group project winners were, back row from left, Tina Constancio, Belinda Jimenez and Desiree Aguirre with "Migration of Slavery". Placing third with their group project titled "Movin', Movin', Movin', Keep Those Cattle Movin'" were, back row, Amber Fortenberry, Bethany Fitzgerald and Wendy Briones. Second place for a group project went to, front row from left, Sharon Moll and Melissa Warren for "Slavery in Texas". Third place individual project was awarded to Justin Kerr, second from right in front, for "Foods and Their Origins". Brice West, at right in front, was second place individual with a project titled "Christmas...Traditions in the Making". Not pictured is the first place individual Wade McNutt, whose project was titled "Scott Joplin, King of Ragtime."

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing on behalf of a group of people that get a lot of grief and too little appreciation for the good we do. We are the second wives.

Second wives make all the sacrifices that first wives make -- and many more. Second wives are often called on to raise children they didn't bring into the world. They also must make sure the support check gets to the first wife, regardless of the second family's financial condition. Second wives must stand by silently if the first wife chooses to spend that money on herself and not on the kids.

Second wives often delay having children of their own or decide not to have any at all if the money isn't there. Stepmothers live with the knowledge that the children they nurture and make sacrifices for may not be there for them in their later years.

It is a well-known fact that the judicial system in our country favors first wives with children. Mothers have the government on their side.

I have genuine sympathy for the first wives who are struggling with deadbeat fathers. They get a very raw deal. However, there are plenty of first wives who have remarried and have excellent jobs, yet they still squeeze their former husbands for as much money as they can get. Any words of encouragement, Ann? We can use some backing. -- S.R., Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Charlotte: You have made a lot of good points, but every second

wife should be aware that she is marrying a man with a history. Often, that history takes precedence and will continue to be his first priority as long as he lives. If the second wife is wise, she will be aware of this and not attempt to discourage his loyalty to his first family. He will admire her generosity of spirit and love her for it.

The second wife is a genuine heroine if she can handle all the baggage gracefully. But if the guy truly loves her and lets her know it, it's well worth the effort. The next letter is from a divorced woman who tells us what divorce did for her self-esteem and level of confidence. It's a real upper:

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is in response to "Housewife and Working Secretary in Fresno," who said housewives DO get paid -- they reap the benefits of their husbands' salaries.

I stayed at home for 25 years and "reaped the benefits" of my husband's salary. I knew how to cook a meal and change a diaper. I also had no self-esteem, no notion that I might have a few brains of my own, and no money that I could spend without his approval. My husband paid all the bills. I couldn't even balance a checkbook. I didn't know what anything cost or what our mortgage payments were. I didn't understand health insurance and didn't know anything about car payments or what interest rates we were paying on things we bought on credit.

Divorce changed all that. I am now remarried and run my own business. I balance four checkbooks and do payroll and all the bookkeeping. I deal with business accounts, workers' compensation, liability insurance and unemployment.

Staying home is OK if you want your brain to go dead. Staying home is OK if you want an occasional allowance for picking up toys and cleaning toilets. I learned the hard way that I could make it on my own if I had to and am very proud of myself. Sign me -- I Showed Him in Maryland.

Dear Maryland: More important than "showing him," you showed yourself. Learning to stand on your own two feet did wonders for your self-esteem. But please don't diminish the woman who stays home and takes care of her children. This does not mean she is brain-dead. Perhaps she doesn't get the kudos and visibility of a corporate vice president, but her job is just as important and equally rewarding.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for weekend:

Admitted: Hortencia Covarrubia, Danielle Garza, Hester Thompson, Dominga Casias, Ruby Stevenson, Ellen Wade, Richard Flores, Annie Delozier, Jaime Gonzales Jr., Aurelio

Carrasco.

Dismissed: Richard Flores, Juanita Sifuentes, Cody McKay, James Lucero, Reynaldo Seria, Madelyn Ann Griffith, Angela Casias, Danielle Garza.

For Jan. 27:

Admitted: Jose Luis Lozoya, Merle Mills, Antonio Suarez, Manuel Lozoya.

Discharged: Carrie Mae Doak, Anadelia Cumpian, Michael Brandon Clark, Danielle Garza, Jaime Gonzales.

## New Arrivals

Chris and Judy King of Norman, Okla., are the proud parents of a daughter, Emily Nicole, born Jan. 24.

She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches.

An older brother, Ryan, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Howard and Billie Birdwell of Hereford and Ila Aleene King of McAlester, Okla., and the late Herschel King.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press  
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1998. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members.

On this date:  
In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1596, English navigator Sir Francis Drake died off the coast of Panama; he was buried at sea.

In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

In 1871, France surrendered in the Franco-Prussian War.

In 1902, the Carnegie Institute was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brigadier General James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

Ten years ago: Nicaragua's leftist government and Contra-rebels began their first face-to-face peace talks, meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Supreme Court of Canada struck down the nation's restrictive abortion law. A 13-day standoff in Marion, Utah, between police and a polygamist clan ended in gunfire that killed a state corrections officer and seriously wounded the group's leader, Addam Swapp.

Five years ago: The Israeli Supreme Court unanimously upheld the deportations of 400 Palestinians from the occupied territories to Lebanon. Funeral services were held

in Washington for former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

One year ago: O.J. Simpson's fate was placed in the hands of a civil court jury that was charged with deciding whether Simpson should be held liable for the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The jury found that Simpson was liable, and ordered him to pay \$33.5 million.

Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 69. Author Susan Sontag is 65. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 63. Actor Alan Alda is 62. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 48. Rock musician Dave Sharp (The Alarm) is 39. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 36. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 33. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 30. Rapper Rakim is 30. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 30. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 18. Actor Elijah Wood is 17.

Thought for Today: "Would to God that we might spend a single day really well." - Thomas a Kempis, German monk and author (c. 1380-1471).

## Bippus FCE nominates Thweatt to represent club

Sue Thweatt was chosen as the Bippus Family Community Education Club representative for Club Woman of the Year during the club's recent luncheon meeting in her home.

President Alta Mae Higgins presided over the business meeting. Mariellen Homfeld led the FCE Prayer.

Roll call was answered by members telling what they would like to accomplish in 1998.

Mattie Lewis and Sandy Nations were welcomed as visitors.

FCE yearbooks for 1998 were distributed to the members and filled out.

Members were reminded of the leader training workshop to be held at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in the library.

Kate Bradley read an excerpt from a letter written by her daughter on a tour of the elephant tracks in the Rain Forest.

Members attending were Bradley, Homfeld, Higgins and Thweatt.

The next club meeting will be Feb. 11 in Bradley's home.

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# The scandal and television

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

Bill Clinton was speaking of the latest ambush on his presidency when he said, "I owe it to the American people to put it in a little box and keep working for them."

That interview took place last Wednesday, the day Clintongate began, and the man at its focus was dead right about a box. Only, it was quite a different box than the one he meant. Porous and public, the box was television, and for a week and counting it has percolated with Clinton's presidential soap opera.

The story was first found in another kind of box - the personal computer. "Drudge Report," an Internet gossip site, had leaked the scoop that Newsweek magazine painstakingly tracked but shied from publishing in last week's edition.

After that, TV stepped in, and, with a foot heavy on the pedal, helped set the breakneck pace. Last Wednesday and Thursday alone, newsmagazine shows ran more than 45 stories on White House woes, and the three network morning shows aired 34 such segments, according to Video Information Inc., which tracks news programming.

When has a story ever gotten so big with so few hard-and-fast givens? When has anyone cared less about the bigness of the story increasingly became ... its bigness?

"... and as we can't say too often," news correspondents and pundits said as often as anyone could stand - "these are still just allegations." But such disclaimers played like the fine print for leasing a car, when all anyone can think of is getting behind the wheel.

Already it's been quite a ride, especially on cable's all-news channels, which have scarcely taken a break from "The President in Crisis" (as MSNBC dubbed its coverage) or Fox News Channel ("Clinton Scandal").

Zooooooo! Right out of the box, here was a story everybody could relate to and form an opinion about. It bristled with sex, lies and audio tape. Dueling lawyers. And it starred the Chief Libido.

There were so many directions the story might take, and so many theories to argue over! It was like a new

version of the game of Clue: Did Miss Peacock do it with Col. Mustard in the conservatory? Was the game only in Monica's mind?

Only hours after the story broke, correspondents and analysts alike were asking, and even answering, the unanswerable: Can Clinton recover? Will he finish out his term? Should he confess?

The Wall Street Journal's Al Hunt told Charlie Rose there's a "50-50 chance that (Clinton) serves out his term." On the other hand, Geraldo Rivera declared, "I like his chances" on his CNBC talk show Monday night.

This sort of jawboning brought to mind the scene in Woody Allen's film "Deconstructing Harry," which proposes that a certain level of hell is shared by "serial killers and lawyers who appear on television."

Certainly lawyers have been out in force. Susan Estrich, Alan Dershowitz, Georgetown Law School professor Paul Rothstein who, Thursday afternoon on MSNBC, predicted that Clinton, if found guilty, is "going to open himself up to blackmail ... all kinds of extreme and outrageous and unsafe things ..." He can't say he hasn't been warned.

What until a few days ago were towering non-issues have somehow gained the greatest urgency. For instance, just what makes a relationship "improper"? Is "oral sex" a kind of sex - or, if not, then what? And what does all this have to do with a word that had been gathering dust since the Nixon Administration - "impeachment"?

Then, surfacing Saturday, The Video Tape captured Clinton and his alleged paramour, Monica Lewinsky, in the same TV frame. Shown in slo-o-ow mo-o-tion, the President and the former intern could be seen talking, smiling, hugging, with explosive familiarity.

Zippergate began as the most irresistible of television stories: news as distraction. A show we could watch with smug worldweariness, thinking, "Here's a guy who had it all but may have thrown it all away."

When a big cheese gets his comeuppance, our own troubles seem picayune. "Clinton's in a heckuva scrape," we tell ourselves with misguided relief, "but I'm not."

Oh, but we are.

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# Names

**MICHAEL CRAWFORD**  
LAS VEGAS (AP) - Michael Crawford, the former "Phantom of the Opera" star, is coming back to haunt the MGM-Grand.

Crawford is suing the hotel-casino for unspecified damages, claiming it unfairly fired him in 1996 when he couldn't perform after he was repeatedly injured while performing stunts in the high-tech "EFX" show.

Crawford, 56, claims that in one instance, he was supposed to slide down a rope from an upper level of the theater to the stage. Instead, "the special effect failed, causing

(Crawford) to strongly impact the stage, which was wet as a result of another special-effect," the lawsuit said.

After further mishaps, he began feeling pain in his hip and groin but never missed a show, he said.

He said that in September 1996, four days after a doctor recommended rest and physical therapy, the hotel terminated his \$150,000-a-week contract that was supposed to run through March 1997.

MGM-Grand spokesman Jack Leone had no comment Tuesday.

## CHER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Cher will be the executive producer of a TV movie about a whistle-blower at the government's Oak Ridge, Tenn., nuclear weapons installation. "Oak Ridge" is the story of a

real-life toxicologist, Ann Walzer, who suffers mysterious ailments she blames on radiation exposure. Variety reported last week. It did not say who would get the starring role.

The topic is not new for Cher, who starred in "Silkwood," a 1983 movie about Karen Silkwood, who died weeks after blowing the whistle on safety violations at a nuclear fuels plant in Oklahoma.

## PAULA COLE

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Grammy-nominated singer Paula Cole has agreed to let her hit "I Don't Want to Wait" be the title song for the new TV series "Dawson's Creek."

"Dawson's Creek," about teen-agers growing up in a small town, premiered on the Warner Bros. network Jan. 20.

# Television

## WEDNESDAY

## JANUARY 28

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Toy Story	Movie: Toy Story	(25) Movie: Under Wraps	Adam Wylie	Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro			
News	Ent. Tonight	3rd Rock	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	Working	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show		
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## THURSDAY

## JANUARY 29

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Wonderland	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear	Katie-Orbie	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
Today				Lezza	Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives			
Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Your House			
Gilligan	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Hillbillies	Matlock	Movie: Perry			

# Comics

## The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



## Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



## Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



## Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



## Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



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Scooby-Doo and the Ghoul School	Scooby and the Reluctant Werewolf	Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro					
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Just Shoot	Seinfeld	Veronica	ER				
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# NEWS

## in brief

### Arson touches rural church

**SOMERSET, Pa. (AP)** - George Miller's four children were baptized at the Pike Run Church of the Brethren. His father helped build the church decades ago, hauling red bricks for miles on a sled.

In just minutes Tuesday, the 74-year-old church was destroyed by a fire authorities say was deliberately set. It was the third rural church burned by an arsonist in southwestern Pennsylvania in a week.

"Any church is open to a thing like this, but a country church is more so," said Miller, who lives near the church 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Nothing - not even the bricks still standing in the south and east walls - could be saved.

"All the history's gone. She really went up," church member Darlene Crice said.

State troopers and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigators were to meet today to look for connections among the fires.

### Official keeps job despite "Oreo" remark

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)** - The University of Florida president who caused an uproar when he called his new black boss an "Oreo" can keep his job under the man he insulted.

John Lombardi, who has been president of the 42,000-student university since 1990, apologized Tuesday. He also agreed to what is effectively six months of probation, which includes close scrutiny by three members of the Board of Regents.

During a Christmas party at Lombardi's house in Gainesville, he described incoming university system Chancellor Adam Herbert as an "Oreo." Lombardi, who is white, said Herbert was good in dealing with whites because he was "black on the outside and white on the inside."

### Black & Decker to slash 3,000 jobs, mostly overseas

**BALTIMORE (AP)** - Black & Decker Corp. said it will eliminate 3,000 jobs and sell its household products division and two others in a restructuring designed to save \$100 million a year.

Most of the job cuts, representing 10 percent of Black & Decker's work force, will be outside the United States.

### Astronaut gives advice to his Mir successor

**SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)** - With only hours before their goodbyes, U.S. astronaut David Wolf rushed to tell his Mir replacement all he needs to know about living on the Russian space station.

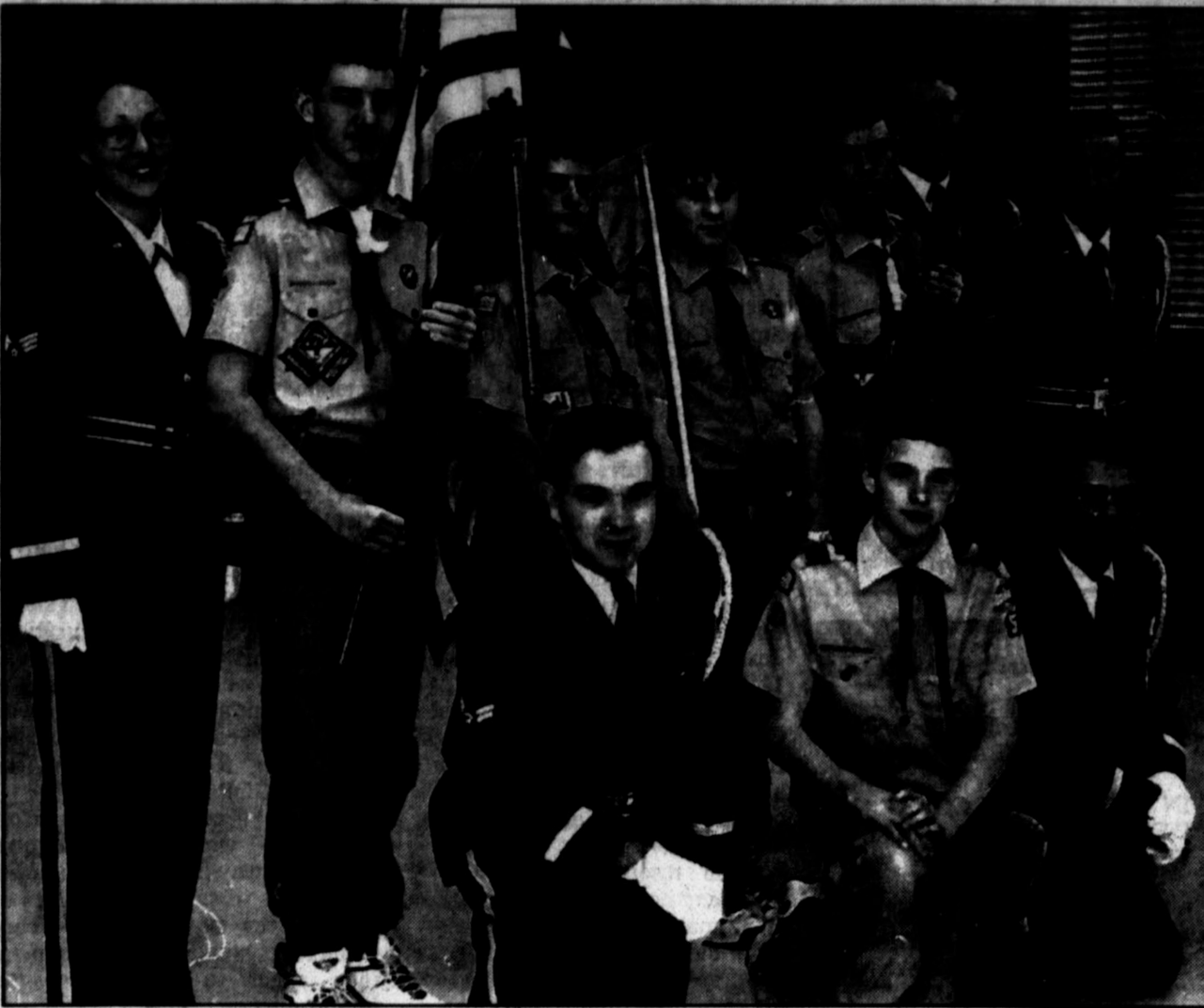
The Mir crew will close a hatch between the station and the adjoined space shuttle Endeavour this evening in preparation of the shuttle's departure Thursday morning.

Wolf, who will be aboard Endeavour for the ride back to Earth after a four-month Mir mission, had plenty of advice for fellow American Andrew Thomas, who will be left behind on the station for his own 4 1/2-month flight.

### GAO: Big donors didn't get plots in Arlington

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - While there were many reasons for people to receive waivers for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, big political contributions wasn't one of them, according to congressional auditors.

A General Accounting Office report to be released at a hearing today of the House Veterans Affairs Committee's oversight subcommittee found no evidence that generous campaign contributors received waivers from normal restrictions on being buried at the cemetery.



Members of the Troop 52 honor guard are shown with their Cannon Air Force Base trainers. The honor guard and trainers are (from left, back) Bobie Dutko, Seth Laing, Brian Laing, Jimmy Cook, Clinton Gilmore, Nick Stanger and Criss Smith, and (kneeling) Scott Keyster, Wayne Milam and David Daniel.

### Troop 52 works on its awards

Members of Hereford's Boy Scout Troop 52 worked on several merit badge projects last weekend.

For the Communications merit badge, the scouts visited the Hereford Police Department, where they learned about the 911 emergency system. Other merit badge projects included Citizenship in the Nation, Auto Mechanics and Safety.

The scouts also announced the new troop honor guard. The boys were trained by a team from Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M.

The scouts worked with the Air Force personnel for about four hours, learning presentation of the colors and drilling with M1 rifles. The scout honor guard will be practicing for its participation in several city and area activities.

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