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A Reporter's Report: One of the FBI's major sources of information about John Tower's alleged indiscretions reportedly was his second wife, now Lila Burt Cummings. She was married to him during his days as an arms negotiator in Geneva, where stories of his drinking and womanizing ran rampant. . . . Tom Landry, the fired Dallas Cowboys legend, once again is being wooed by the Republican Party in Texas to run for office. He rejected political offers in the past because of his dedication to coaching. THAT TODDLIN' TOWN: One of the more amazing switches in the wake of the mayoral primary is the number of Mayor Sawyer supporters who have called Eddie Vrdolyak to pledge their support. (Ald. Anna Langford started the trend.) Blacks offering to support Vrdolyak, long their No. 1 target, is indicative of the bitter feeling engendered by Ald. Tim Evans' failure to support Sawyer. . . . Evans will make his first official effort to bring blacks together with a rally tonight in the Bismarck Pavillion.

THE WASHINGTON WHIRL: Many D.C. insiders feel John H. Sununu is out of his depth as White House chief of staff and his days may be numbered. The number of gaffes in the new White House are attributed to his lack of knowledge about the capital's workings. . . . Hottest video in D.C. is the 1962 movie, "Advise and Consent," starring Henry Fonda and Charles Laughton. Why? Because it's the story of a president who fights for the confirmation of an

appointee, which splits the Senate in bitter controversy. Just like the current John Tower imbroglio. On a personal note, your reporter played a reporter (typecasting) in the movie, thanks to producer Otto Preminger.

NOW HEAR THIS: The current federal trial of sports agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom** may have far-reaching implications. The government's case is based on the fact that many athletes, induced into illegal signings by agents, **fraudulently** accepted scholarships worth as much as \$15,000 a year. More serious is the charge that the agents, allegedly associated with the underworld, threatened physical harm to any athlete who tried to rescind his contract. The trial could reveal the unsavory condition of college sports and may lead to major changes.

THE HEADLINERS: Ann Jillian and hubby Andy Murcia check in today to herald his book, *Man-to-Man*, co-authored with Bob Stewart. They'll also make a beeline for "Steel Magnolias" at the Royal-George, where Ann will be reunited with two longtime friends in the cast, Constance Towers and Marji Bank. . . . Joan Collins, joining the swelling ranks of "perfume stars," will be here March 27 for an appearance at **Bloomingtondale's** to hype her "Spectacular" cologne. . . . Question: Will Al Johnson, Mayor Sawyer's fund-raiser, ever collect that \$200,000 he lent the campaign?

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY: Lena Horne, in presenting an award to Sidney Poitier at the Museum of the Moving Image in New York, had tongue in cheek in declaring, "When I first saw this fantastic-looking black actor I said to myself, 'Well, they'll cast me opposite him in a romantic movie.' Instead, they cast me opposite Bill Robinson and later opposite Rochester. Now, 40 years later, I was offered a role as his grandmother. I turned it down because the emotions I have for Sidney are not exactly grandmotherly."

BACK TO THE FUTURE: DePaul U., for Thursday's opening of its Blackstone Theater with "The Misanthrope," sought any person who attended the opening of the theater way back on Dec. 31, 1910. The search, mentioned in this column, turned up Mike Figliulo, one of the few survivors of the 1910 date. Figliulo is a resident of Streamwood and was a motorcycle stunt man in movies. And he turns 102 on May 4.

CURTAIN GOING UP: The long-dark Shubert Theatre comes alive on April 24 with Penn & Teller, a unique comedy team, fresh from a Broadway success. . . . Memories of the late and beloved Burr Tillstrom will be revived with the presentation of his "The Dragon Who Lived Downstairs" by DePaul's Theater School Playworks. The show opens March 28 at the Blackstone. . . . Composer William Russo's musical, "Talking to the Sun" opens tonight at the

Getz Theater. . . Recommended: "Jesus Christ Superstar" at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace.
It's well worth the drive.

AIR TIME: How college students earn credits for watching television is featured on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" tonight. The students also critique the shows, which some professors call "the 20th century art form." One of the TV professors interviewed by Morley Safer is Robert Johnson, a U. of Chicago graduate and now a member of the State U. of New York faculty. . . . The talk of the town is the acrimonious attack by Ald. William Beavers on Rep. Gus Savage and Sun-Times columnist Vernon Jarrett on Bruce DuMont's WBEZ radio show. Beavers' outburst also stemmed from the Sawyer-Evans bitterness.

FRONT AND CENTER: Kitty Dukakis returns home this week after her 30-day hospital stay for alcoholism. She'll quickly resume her lecture tour and start work on a book on her husband's ill-fated election campaign. . . . The two central figures in that famous internal memo about the "Today Show," Bryant Gumbel and Willard Scott, won't come face to face for another week. Gumbel returns from a vacation tomorrow, while Scott is departing on a weeklong holiday. The memo, written by Gumbel, was especially critical of Scott's role on the show.

PEOPLE PEEPING: Wally Phillips' noontime radio show resembling a roundball convention, with Notre Dame's Digger Phelps, DePaul's Joey Meyer, former coach Ray Meyer and CBS' Brent Musburger as guests. . . . Gianna Amore, Playboy's August centerfold, munching a frankfurter at Demon Dogs with owner Peter Schivarelli. . . . Officer Ralph DeBartolo being feted on his retirement after 29 years on the force. (He'll continue as chairman of the Italian American Police Association.) . . . Democrat Aurelia Pucinski and GOP County Chairman Jim Dvorak forming an odd couple at a table for two at Lino's.

WEEKEND BIRTHDAYS: City of Chicago (152), Rex Harrison, Quincy Jones, Fred Williamson, Samantha Eggar, Ira Kaufman, Channel 7's Tim Weigel, Bob Irsay, Boom Boom Mancini, Dave Condon, Tim Kazurinsky, WMAQ radio's Holly Garland, sculptor Eleanor Root, Maxine Walzer, Everett Kovler and Irwin Goodman (a sprightly 96). Anniversary greetings to Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson, Sam and "Mike" Nolan, Herb and Cathy Kraus, and Herb and Jane Rozoff.

THE DEADLINE DASH: The West Coast company of Second City was greeted enthusiastically in its debut last week. The cast of Chicago and Toronto members of Second City became instant favorites of La La Land. . . . With Ald. Ed Burke emceeding, Cricket's Joe

McClure will be honored tonight at the Knickerbocker Hotel as "Ugliest Bartender" for his fund-raising efforts for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. `Ugliest" in this case stands for "understanding, generous, lovable you." . . . And the close r: The world's meanest man, says Ivan Bunny, is the guy who serenades Salman Rushdie by playing, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

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