

Clinton grants clemency to 140 on last day in office

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feeling," Clinton's former Whitewater business partner said after he freed her from the burden of four

ple Clinton pardoned in a mix of personal and historic acts of clemency Saturday just before leav-

dons, Clinton responded from his new home at Chappaqua, N.Y.: "Absolutely. I wouldn't have done

didn't commit the offense," Clin-ton said Sunday. "You're saying

Arizona Gov. Fife Symington and Clinton's own brother, Roger, who was convicted on drug

tence commutations were financier Michael Milken, who had been the subject of speculation that he might win a pardon, and former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell, who worked at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock with Hillary Rodham Clinton and plead-

Dougal's former husband, James McDougal, who was convicted in the same 1996 trial but died while

serving his prison sentence, and former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was convicted with the McDougals.

his criminal liability in the bank and wire fraud conviction that forced him from office in 1997. An appeals court overturned his convictions and prosecutors were still pursuing the case against him. He still faces a civil case stemming from a \$10 million loan to six union pension funds.

Symington said he felt the pardon was based on a shared belief against politically oriented legal

You're not saying

these people didn't commit the offense. *You're saying they* paid.'

> - Bill Clinton Former president

prosecutions and not necessarily because he once rescued Clinton from a riptide.

Symington and Clinton have known each other for more than 30 years, sharing a mutual friend, Symington's high school roommate who was Clinton's roommate at Georgetown University.

During a trip to the Massachusetts coast in the late 1960s, Clinton got caught by a riptide and Symington said he jumped into a rowboat and pulled him out of the water.

"He probably would have survived, but I lent him a helping hand," he said.

Hearst, a newspaper family heiress, was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army at age 19, later said she joined the

group, and was sent to prison for a San Francisco bank robbery. President Carter had previously cut Symington's pardon wiped out short her prison term, and Clinton's pardon wiped the conviction from her record.

This action by President Clinton has enormous significance for Ms. Hearst and her family," said her lawyer, George Martinez of Tiburon, Calif. "The pardon represents an act of ultimate understanding for which she is thankful."

McDougal was one of four figures from the Whitewater case that dogged the last seven years of Clinton's presidency who won pardons. The other three were former Whitewater real estate agent Chris Wade, university professor Stephen A. Smith, and former Madison Guaranty appraiser Robert W. Palmer.

The McDougals and the Clintons were partners in the Arkansas land development that gave the Whitewater investigation its name.

Smith, a communications professor at the University of Arkansas who pleaded guilty in 1995 to using funds from a \$65,000 business loan to pay off another loan, said he was a victim of a hunt that grew out of the original Whitewater case.

He had said earlier that he did not need a pardon. He was sentenced to a year of probation and 100 hours of community service, and fined \$1,000.

"I was very surprised," Smith said Sunday. "I'm sure he has concerns for people who were innocently dragged into (Watergate prosecutor) Kenneth Starr's web."

"I kept telling myself, go shopping, be normal, don't sit and watch television, don't get caught up in it," McDougal said. "When (word of the pardon) came down, I could feel how much I've been waiting.'

-News in Brief-**Jackson speaks** publicly after admitting affair

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CHICAGO (AP) - The Re Jesse Jackson thanked his fam ily and supporters for standing by him as he spoke publicly Sunda for the first time since acknowledge edging he fathered a daughter during an extramarital affair.

But Jackson, speaking brief to worshippers who packed Salem Baptist Church, saved his most personal comments for his wife, Jackie. "After 38 years and five child

dren later, Jackie, we're still here," Jackson said. "I love you so much."

The civil rights leader said he was grateful to supporters who made it clear that they want him to return to the helm of the Rain bow/PUSH Coalition as soon as possible, and indicated he is ready to resume his work.

Jackson, who had been i seclusion since acknowledgi the affair four days ago, told Th Associated Press Saturday that he would return to the civil right stage next week.

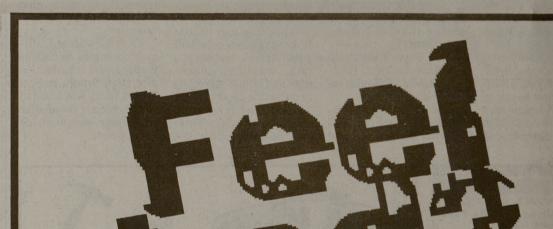
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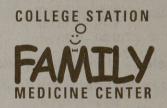
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