

 Kevin Costner called film critic Pat Dowell to give her a pat on the back for holding firm on her favorable review of "JFK," over which she resigned when the Washingtonian refused to publish it.
Tammy Wynette's invisible career got a lift yesterday when the country singer

blasted Hillary Clinton for suggesting there was something wrong with just standing by your man. Clinton's reference to Wynette's 1969 best-selling song came on "60 Minutes" Sunday as Bill Clinton was defending himself against charges of infidelity.

■ When Russian special envoy Andrei Kolosovsky spoke at a CIA conference Thursday, he became the first Soviet/ Russian official ever invited to address the agency.

■ If Republican National Committee Chairman Clayton Yeutter accepts an offer to move over to the White House, GOP operative Rich Bond becomes a leading candidate to replace him.

■ G. Gordon Liddy was such a hit during his week's tryout as the midday man at WJFK-FM (106.7) that he's close to signing a lucrative, more permanent deal.