

What price brevity?

Retired jockey Willie Shoemaker dropped by the west wing at the White House for a visit the other day. He had to wait in line at the gate for clearance with everyone else. When the tiny horseman reached the guard, the guard kept saying, "Mr. Shoemaker, step up, step up." He apparently wasn't aware Mr. Shoemaker already had.

Two very proper gentlemen arrived at the National Cathedral at the crack of dawn one morning eager to tour the building. It wasn't yet open, but one secretary who arrived to work early offered to show them around. Was she surprised when she discovered that the tourist was Prince Charles!

Columnist George Will, who for eight years nibbled spinach salad for lunch at out of the way Virginia inns with Nancy Reagan, isn't going without his greens. But he's certainly not sharing them with Barbara Bush since he called her husband a "lap dog" back in 1986. Will has found a new White House conduit for a lunch partner, Vice President Dan Quayle.



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Perhaps they talk baseball.

Lt. Col. Ollie North, who appeared in almost everyone's living room during the Iran-Contra hearings, is now a CEO. His company, Guardian Technologies, specializes in making bulletproof vests and similar garb.

The Quayle kids have learned to laugh at Daddy too. They tell their kiddie pals about their favorite "Saturday Night Live" episode which made Quayleburgers out of Dippy Dan. Like most moms who think their kids say the cutest things, Marilyn confided the kiddie chatter to Mary Hart, who got the grapevine rambling.