

# Breyers add style to Capital capers

Washington was consumed with **Judge Stephen Breyer's** senate confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court seat. Right at his side is the nominee's blue-blood wife, **Joanna Hare Breyer**, 51, a psychologist at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Mrs. Breyer is expected to be a real asset — bright and caring. The daughter of **Lord John Blackenham**, she's accustomed to living well. The couple owns a vacation home in St. Kitts in the Caribbean and part ownership of a London apartment.

Tennis is a power game in Washington, and she's a top tennis player having competed at Wimbledon.

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Outgoing White House Chief of Staff **Mack McLarty** isn't thrilled with the idea of moving downstairs into **Dave Gergen's** office when the new Chief of Staff, **Leon Panetta**, takes over his.

Gergen is moving across the street to the Executive Office Building where he will be an advisor to the State Department. **McLarty**, President Clinton's longtime pal and advisor, suggested moving into the President's dining room but that was nixed. He was also eyeing **George**

**Stephanopoulos's** office just steps from the Oval Office.

This is one sticky decision. "No office has been assigned yet," said a White House spokesperson. "The President will have to deal with this one."

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Baseball is big Down East! Not only is retiring Senate Majority Leader **George Mitchell** (D-Me) likely to be named Baseball Commissioner, but former President **George Bush**, a Maine summer resident, was recently inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Bush played in two College World Series for Yale University.

The former President recalled fond baseball memories including a summer team of fellow collegians in Kennebunkport and meeting a terminally ill Babe Ruth while he was captain of the Yale team in 1948.

"Baseball memories have a power all their own," said Bush.

"If you think you're a big shot in politics and you want a lesson in humility, campaign with **Ted Williams** at a fishing show in Manchester, N.H."

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Former President **George Bush** wanted to pick up some pointers for his new library which will be located at Texas A & M University. He stopped by **Jimmy Carter's** library in Atlanta but former President **Carter** was in Japan so wasn't available to conduct a personal tour.

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What a commentary on the U.S. Congress! The release of former Rep. **Nick Mavroules** (D-Mass) from a Pennsylvania prison last week leaves no former Members of the 102nd Congress in prison.

Mavroules served 12 months of a 15 month sentence for corruption including violating gift limits. But that prison-free status is likely to change soon when Rep. **Carroll Hubbard** (D-Ky) is sentenced for campaign-related crimes. One other member of the 102nd Congress, Rep. **Larry Smith** (D-Fla), served three months in prison last fall for tax evasion. Rep. **Al Bustamante** (D-Texas) is out on appeal following a racketeering conviction last year.

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President Clinton hits the campaign trail later this month to help Democratic Senate and gubernatorial candidates. He's scheduled to appear in Philadelphia for Sen. **Har-**



## Capital Comedians

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**ris Wofford** (D-Pa), for Rep. **Tom Andrews** (D-Me) in his Senate bid and former Gov. **Joe Brennan** in his gubernatorial bid in Portland, Me. Last week, the President attended a fund-raiser in Washington for **Richard Fisher**, the Democratic Senate nominee in Texas.

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The Clintons enjoyed their summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard so much last summer that insiders say they plan to go back to the island when Congress adjourns in August. Last year the First Family stayed at former Defense Sec. **Bob McNamara's** estate. No word as to who's hospitality they'll take up this year.

Possibilities include: Jackie Kennedy Onassis's house in Gay Head, transition chairman **Vernon Jordan**, Consumer Product Safety Commission head **Ann Brown**, and D.C. developer **Jeff Cohen**, whose daughter is a school chum of **Chelsea's**. The Clintons are expected to visit old friends in Arkansas during their August holiday as well.

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A Girl Scout cookie peddler caused Rep. **Joe Kennedy's** (D-Mass) spin doctors to put in overtime doing damage control last week.

The Arlington, Va., youngster appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman" because she testified before Rep. Kennedy's House Banking Subcommittee that her account at a credit union was wiped out when she deposited a check that bounced. When Letterman asked 10-year-old **Ryan Lorriane Cobb** if Rep. Kennedy bought any cookies from her, she said he didn't because he didn't have any money.

Joe, apparently aware that Girl Scouts eventually grow up to be voters, set the record straight afterwards. He bought a box of Thin Mints from the youngster after he borrowed the \$3 from his wife.

By the way, if you've read **Christopher Buckley's** new novel, "Thank You for Smoking," you might recognize his fictional Sen. **Ortolan K. Finisterre**.

The inspiration for the patrician and liberal character was Congressman Joe!