

Carter considered Peace Prize candidate

Former President and political missionary **Jimmy Carter** was surprised at a bash for his 70th birthday. Many Washingtonians flew in for the celebration at the Carter Presidential Library in Plains, GA.

Carter's efforts in the North Korea negotiations on the nuclear threat, in Africa, and most recently, brokering the compromise deal for Haiti's military junta to step down peacefully, is likely to earn him the Nobel Peace Prize next year.

Senate Armed Services Chairman **Sam Nunn** (D-GA) is hoping, according to an insider, that his successful mission to Haiti lands him the much-coveted Secretary of State job.

Secretary of State **Warren Christopher** boldly showed his displeasure when President Clinton decided to send former President Carter to Haiti to negotiate a last minute deal.

House Speaker **Tom Foley** (D-Wash) is the latest candidate on the short list to replace Christopher after the November elections. Rumors continue to circulate that President Clinton is dissatisfied with Christopher's performance. White House insiders say others still on the list include former Vice President **Walter Mondale**, Treasury Secretary **Lloyd Bentsen**, and retired Gen. **Colin Powell**, who accompanied Carter on his recent peace mission to Haiti.

Bentsen has told pals that the top cabinet post would be a much

desired, prestigious finale to a long political career.

The most recent name being bounced is former Rep. **Bill Gray**. Gray, who gave up a promising Congressional career to head the United Negro College Fund, was back in the news as Bill Clinton's special envoy to Haiti. It's a long rocky road from point man on Haiti to Secretary of State.

President Clinton's former roomie at Oxford, **Strobe Talbott**, is apparently still in the running as well.

The National Museum of American Art celebrated Mexican Independence Day with "Man on Fire," an exhibition of 41 huge fiberglass sculptures and graphic works by Mexican-American artist **Luis Jiminez**. The artist, who lives in New Mexico, came to Washington for the festivities.

He underscored his goal of working with public pieces and popular images and myths. His current project is a 30-foot high mustang sculpture for the entrance of the new Denver airport.

Travelers will be able to sit on a horseshoe bench around the sculpture and take in the view of downtown Denver. "The mustang is an appropriate symbol," explains Jiminez, "because the mustangs bred by the Indians became seed stock for the American cow pony that helped Denver to develop."

President Clinton viewed the Egyptian exhibit at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art the other day but he made it perfectly clear, "I am here out of respect for Egyptian culture, not because I am a candidate for Pharaoh."

Fiction enthusiasts will likely have an opportunity to share their avocation with fellow fiction aficionado First Lady **Hillary Clinton** at the Pen/Faulkner Gala at the Folger Shakespeare Library. Seventeen acclaimed writers will read from works created especially for this event on the literary theme, "First Love." One of the writers, **Thomas Caplan**, who was one of the founders of the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and the author of "Line of Chance" and "Parallelogram," was a classmate of the President at Georgetown University, and remains a close personal friend.

Other writers participating include: **Pete Hamill**, **Christopher Buckley**, **John Casey**, and **Rita Mae Brown**.

Los Angeles Mayor **Richard Riordan**'s California law firm is turning to Washington insiders to help them take advantage of his Mayoral position to attract new clients, and yet, not be perceived as having a conflict of interest.



Capital Connections

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No word as to how **Ronnie and Nancy Reagan** feel about their new grandchild. **Maureen Reagan**, Ronald's politically ambitious daughter and her husband of five years, **Dennis Revell**, have adopted a newborn baby from Africa.

Donna Rice who made headlines on the "Monkey Business" back in 1988 with Sen. **Gary Hart** and later made her show biz debut in "No Excuse" jeans, has married defense contractor **Jack Hughes**. The newlyweds live in suburban Washington where she works to fight pornography with an organization called "Enough is Enough."

When President Clinton learned that Health and Human Services Secretary **Donna Shalala** traded in her old Ford Taurus for a '94

Ford Mustang convertible, he told her, "If I had your job I'd be able to have a car like that too." He still owns his '65 Mustang.

Once is enough! President Clinton turned down an offer from CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" to appear for the full hour for the season premiere. Both "60 Minutes" and Bill Clinton's ratings soared two years ago when then-candidate Clinton made a nine-minute appearance on a special edition of the TV news show following the Super Bowl. With Mrs. Clinton sitting at his side, he explained his alleged relationship with **Gennifer Flowers** and denied "doing it."

Apparently, Mr. Clinton is lukewarm to the idea of an encore. Even if producers promise he can talk about issues this time, the White House fears it will remind viewers of the Gennifer Flowers womanizing hoopla once again. That can't be helpful, particularly in the midst of **Paula Jones'** litigation against the President.

D.C. Mayor-for-Life **Marion Barry**, who despite serving time in prison for crack cocaine, easily won the Democratic primary for his old office. Some Barry supporters bragged that they earned "five or six dollars" on election day. The Barry campaign paid \$1 to each Barry voter who turned out at the polls.

This is D.C. politics!

Realtors in the nation's capital can't hide their despair at the prospect that Barry is likely to win in November.

More Members of Congress live on Capitol Hill than in any other neighborhood. Barry ignored that area, and they, in turn, ignored him at the polls. He regards it as a predominantly white enclave surrounded by the city's poorest black neighborhoods.

Barry, who faces a potential problem getting support from Congress, will need to work closely with his nemesis, D.C.'s shadow senator **Jesse Jackson**.

Former First Lady **Barbara Bush** returned to town recently as part of a 12-city media blitz to promote her biography, *Barbara Bush: A Memoir*. Although there's little new information in the book, her loyal pals gathered at an exclusive party in her honor at D.C.'s Metropolitan Club.

First Brother **Roger Clinton** was in D.C. to celebrate his newest ten-song release, "Nothing Good Comes Easy." Warner Records held a bash in his honor at the Hard Rock Cafe. But Roger was a no-show. Roger, who was sick with a stomach ailment in Los Angeles, blames it on sushi.

The First Brother will need more than White House connections to push this release to the top of the charts.

USAir has scheduled a much needed five-week "Fearful Flyers" program at D.C.'s National Airport. The program, which begins Nov. 1, is intended to help fearful flyers become comfortable flyers.

The \$325 course fee includes a one-hour graduation flight.