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Mayor's wife has friends

Effi Barry supporters, dressed in their Easter hats and Sunday best, turned out for a tea of finger sandwiches and punch at the University of D.C. Carnegie Library in honor of the first lady of the nation's capital city. Four hundred women paid \$25 each — the money went to the wife of the embattled mayor so she could buy herself something. They were greeted by a surprise guest, Mr. Mayor Marion Barry himself, looking none the worse for the stress of his ongoing drug and perjury trial.

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The director of a high-level government agency called in four of his top aides, including the agency's security chief. The agency director told them, using a four-letter word, that somebody had been copulating on his couch. He showed them a stain on the narrow cushion of his two-person love seat.

The director ordered his security chief to send the cushion to the FBI to have the spot investigated. The FBI laughed at the story and said they wouldn't do such a thing. But he was so determined to find the responsible party that he had his aide send the cushion to the dry cleaners to analyze the spot. Results are in — it was hot chocolate that caused the director's imagination to run wild. Perhaps he could write a steamy sex novel.

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The Secret Service, advancing the president's trip to address the Aspen Institute at the Colorado ski resort in early August, is concerned about the relatively short distance between the unpredictable Hunter Thompson's house and the press quarters. "A .35 wouldn't reach, but it's within range of a rifle," said one agent.

Security protecting British Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher won't have the same problem. She's a house guest of Henry and Jessica Cato. Henry, a native Texan and pal of the Mark Thatchers, is the U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James.

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Peatsy Hollings, wife of the South Carolina senator, attributes the success of their marriage to one fact: "Fritz and I have so much in common — we're both in love with the same man."

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Political appointees come and go, but one whose job is more stable is White House masseur, certified athletic trainer **Alan Alper**. He not only massaged Ronald Reagan's aches and pains away but is frequently called to work with George Bush as well. And what does the president talk about while he's on the massage table? "Baseball," says Alper.

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Andrew Jacovides, the popular Cypriot ambassador to the United States for a decade ending last summer, will once again be representing his country abroad — this time in West Germany starting this fall.

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"Gopher" and "Cooter" first met 14 years ago on the set of "The Lincoln Conspiracy," a less-than-memorable thriller. Both actors played co-conspirators. They didn't see one another again until last year on the floor of the U.S. Congress where they are the only two professional actors to serve in half a century. Fred Grandy parlayed his success as "Gopher" on the hit series, "Love Boat," into a run for office from Iowa. Ben Jones, better known as "Cooter" on "The Dukes of Hazzard," represents Atlanta.

Grandy says he thought now that he's a member of Congress, he'd be held in higher esteem, but he learned that's not necessarily so. While visiting Israel recently, he arrived at Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office but was kept waiting. The prime minister was meeting with Goldie Hawn.

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