

Nixon loyalists rally to their cause

Richard Nixon loyalists are determined to perpetuate the former president's legacy in Washington. Former Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger**, former Secretaries of Defense **Les Aspin** and **Jim Schlesinger**, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia **Robert Strauss**, Sen. **John McCain** (R-Ariz), and former NATO Ambassador **Robert Ellsworth** are among the founding trustees of the newly established Center for Peace and Freedom, a bipartisan national policy center designed to address issues of American leadership and national interest in the post-Cold War era.

The Center is being organized as a not-for-profit division of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace. Nixon's foreign policy adviser, **Dimitri Simes**, will serve as the first president of the Center.

Sen. **Ted Kennedy** (D-Mass), who is running for re-election in the race of his life against GOP businessman **Mitt Romney**, held a big fundraiser in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy's niece, **Marla Shriver** and her hubby, **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, were the guests of honor. The party was held at the home of **Harry and Twanette Garvey**. He's the contractor who built **Jackie Onassis's** Vineyard home. Twanette's sister is choreographer **Twyla Tharp**.

Ted Kennedy's wife, **Vicki Reggie Kennedy**, resigned her partnership in the Washington law firm of Keck, Mahin and Cate. The resignation followed the firm's decision to

represent Libya in a wrongful death suit filed by the family of one of the victims in the terrorist bombing of Pam Am Flight 103 in 1988.

Vicki Kennedy may have quit the firm on principle, but the timing couldn't have been more helpful to her hubby who faces a tough battle against the son of former Michigan Governor **George Romney**.

Ironically the Chappaquiddick bridge that Kennedy drove off 25 years ago is closed, in disrepair and blocked off by a chain-link fence. That may be a symbol of his Presidential ambitions.

Martha's Vineyard, the chic New England island getaway, has always been a hideaway for its share of celebrities. Vineyarders, accustomed to the likes of sexy **JFK, Jr.**, **Walter Cronkite**, **Billy Joel**, **Ted Danson** and **Mary Steenbergen**, **Goldie Hawn**, **Lee Majors**, **Carly Simon**, **Spike Lee**, and **Mariah Carey** don't usually get too excited about recognizable guests although last summer the Clintons did shake the place up a bit. This summer the place was buzzing as Royal watchers discovered that

Princess Di was the guest of the Brazilian ambassador to the U.S., **Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima** and his wife, **Lucia**. Lucia was spotted shopping with the Princess of Wales on her last trip to the U.S. Prince Charles is vacationing with the couple's two children in Greece for a week.

Princess Di head back to Britain last weekend.

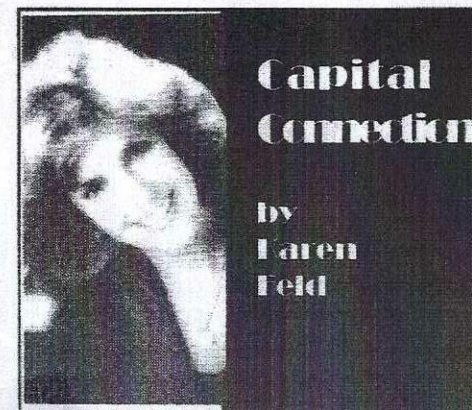
Patti LaBelle sang an energetic "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to **Bill Clinton** during the Democratic National Committee fund-raising event aimed at minorities.

The 800 guests—including poet **Maya Angelou**, former New York Mayor **David Dinkins**, Rep. **Charlie Rangel**, civil rights pioneer **Ernest Green**, HUD Secretary **Henry Cisneros**, Commerce Secretary **Ron Brown** and Agriculture Secretary **Mike Epsy**—partied in a balloon adorned tent at the Sumner Welles Manor in Oxon Hill, Md.

The President's 48th birthday was Aug. 19. Guests shared in a three-foot wide cake in the shape of a map of the United States.

LaBelle grumbled that the airline lost her luggage. "Donna Karan made me two fierce dresses," explained LaBelle. Karan told her: "Patti when you sing for Bill you should look as cute as **Barbra**." She was referring to **Streisand**, of course!

The Congressional Record and Federal Register are not usually mandatory beach reading, but if you can't leave home without it this summer you'll notice a difference. No longer will the ink come off on your sweaty fingers. It will soon be printed with non-rub-off soybean ink, thanks to the passage of the Vegetable Ink Printing Act.



Capital Connection

by
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This isn't only of benefit to those of you who prefer clean hands, but a real boost to soybean growers. No wonder the bill's sponsors included Sens. **Paul Wellstone** (D-Minn) and **Chris Bond** (R-Mo) and Reps. **Richard Durbin** (D-Ill) and **Gary Condit** (D-Ca), all from states with big money in vegetable oil.

President Clinton led Democratic leaders in a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to Sen. **Barbara Mikulski** (D-Md) who just recently turned 58.

Ms. Mikulski confided to Rep. **Barbara Kennelly** (D-Conn): "Living Democratic is not living wrinkle-free."

The Clintons waited more than a year hold their first State Dinner for the **Emperor of Japan**. It was such a success that they have two more in the works: one, Sept. 27, for Russian President **Boris Yeltsin**, and another, later in the fall, for South African President **Nelson Mandela**.

It's a long hot and muggy summer in the nation's capital. That's why CIA Director **Jim Woolsey** has told his employees they can dress down on Fridays. Just so there's no confusion/ "spooks" in jeans are still "spooks!"

Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala) was embarrassed the other day when he reached into his pocket for a handkerchief and pulled out a pair of women's panties.

The Senator hadn't intended to entertain his lunch guests in the Dirksen Senate cafeteria with a magic trick. Instead, he offered this explanation of a mixed bag of laundry and housekeeping secret: The Senator and his wife do their laundry together and then pile it in a spare bedroom. That day he mistakenly picked up his wife's underwear thinking it was a hankie.

Former President **George Bush** was been spotted attending games in Boston and Portland. But last week, it was former First Lady **Barbara Bush**, who watched at Hadlock Field in Portland, Me., as ABC-TV's **Barbara Walters** threw the first pitch on "Barbara Night."

Tourists tie up traffic near his Kennebunkport estate but they won't get a glimpse of **Bush**. He's fishing.