

# Capital Connections

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A southern member of Congress was discussing the aftermath of the election with Egyptian Ambassador El Reedy at the annual Lab School of Washington Awards Gala at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. "One of the results is that people who might not otherwise have run for president in '92 are now thinking about it," explained the Congressman. He cited Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, the Senate's top military expert, as an example. Nunn ran unopposed for re-election and looks like he's positioning himself for a run for the White House in '92. First he dropped out of the all-male Burning Tree Country Club (and it wasn't because of the high dues), and then he changed his position on abortion to pro-choice. The Congressman explained to the Ambassador that Nunn's decision to run is in part of result of the sunbelt turnaround from Republican to Democrat. The Ambassador, who's been posted in Washington for six years and previously at the UN for nine years and is known for his deftness in dealing with Capital Hill and for his grasp of the country, listened intently before asking, "What's the sunbelt?"

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Not only awards to four learning disabled achievers—oncologist Dr. Donald Coffey, paleontologist Dr. John Horner, architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen, and writer/producer Marc Flanagan ("The Tracey Ullman Show")—but also war in the Persian Gulf was on everyone's mind at the Lab School Awards Gala the

Sen. John Glenn said "We cannot repeat Vietnam. The people have had it with Saddam Hussein."

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A major German news organization is still fuming that they paid a larger American public relations firm a \$50,000 fee to arrange an interview for their editor with President Reagan while he was in The White House. The Germans never got the interview, but the PR firm kept the money for their unproductive efforts.

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Recently Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter were houseguests of a Beverly Hills businessman while on their way to Alaska. Their host took them to Sunday night dinner at Matteo's a longtime entertainment industry hangout in Westwood. The former President made the night for a few top comics. Buddy Hackett, Alan King, and Milton Berle all approached the table one at a time and requested a photo opportunity with Carter.

Carter says he's enjoying post-White House life—the everyday things such as fishing in Alaska and visiting friends. He told his pals that he never much liked Ronald Reagan and had little access to the White House during his

other evening.

Political satirist Mark Russell said he's thankful for Sec. of Defense Dick Cheney. "Could you see John Tower running the show wearing a little safari suit from the boys department at Brooks Brothers?" he quipped.

On a more serious note,

presidency, but he respects George Bush and thinks he's doing a good job. Carter sends him reports of his unofficial diplomacy—conversations with world leaders—Sec. of State Jim Baker even asked him to monitor Panama's

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ama's elections last year.

Carter isn't making a million dollars in speaking fees, but he and Rosalynn plan to attend the eighth Presidential Conference at Hofstra University—"Jimmy Carter—

39th President of the United States—keeping The Faith." Perhaps of the United States—Keeping The Faith." Perhaps time will judge his presidency more kindly as the Carters enjoy their new-found popularity.