

# Helen Hayes will be 90 on Oct. 10

Helen Hayes' 90th birthday is a big, big deal both in Washington — her hometown and where she first appeared on the stage of the National Theater — and in New York, where she felt so at home on the Broadway stage. The Washington Theater Awards Society, the same group that puts on the annual Helen Hayes Awards, is sponsoring the party at the Four Seasons hotel in Washington. It's scheduled for the actual date of her birthday, Oct. 10. Nancy — "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" — Sinatra will entertain.

Plans for the New York celebration aren't running as smoothly as those in Washington. Last year, the Academy Award-winning actress reserved the Terrace Room of the Plaza Hotel for Oct. 22. But when Plaza Hotel owner Donald Trump's affair with model Marla Maples hit the press earlier this year, Miss Hayes, a devout Catholic, was shocked. She didn't want her party at "the Donald's" hotel and didn't want Ivana Trump listed as an honorary chairperson.

So the very proper Miss Hayes wrote Ivana a letter asking her to remove her name as honorary chairwoman, but despite her feelings about the Trumps' marital woes, the actress has decided to hold the bash at the Plaza as planned.

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Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who created a fire storm of criticism for his country because of his World War II Nazi connections, has an embassy residence in Washington that has a Jewish symbol, the mezuzah, on its doorpost.

Countless Austrian officials



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have passed by without recognizing it, but some Americans, who were dinner guests recently of Austrian Ambassador Friedrich Hoess and his wife, Claire Barclay Hoess, were amazed. Maybe this has compensated for the Waldheim problem which has made the ambassador's job in Washington more delicate.

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Jesse Jackson headed to Baghdad with a bag of money. He carried \$50,000 in cash, says an insider. Jackson, now a syndicated talk show host, arrived in Baghdad from Amman, Jordan, to interview Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, only to discover that CBS newsman Dan Rather had scooped him.

Details as to how Rather obtained the interview are sketchy, and the question of what Jackson intends to do with the cash, and where it came from, still looms.

Jackson's tab is being paid by King World syndicators after Time Warner, the producers of his upcoming weekly series, declined the financing. While in Iraq, Jackson also is scheduled to meet with Iraqi foreign minister Tarik Aziz as well as other "under ministers" and citizens.