

# KAREN On Friday

**L**ots of snooping the other Sunday at the big house on Foxhall Crescent where **Bill Casey**, the ailing director of the CIA, lived until he moved out a few months ago.

He left some personal belongings behind — medals and certificates and such. No umbrellas tipped with poison or dart guns disguised as ballpoint pens, so far as anyone could tell.

The house, on the site of the old Rockefeller estate, is listed at \$775,000, higher than those of his neighbors in the exclusive enclave in Northwest where Sen. **Howard Metzenbaum**, former Sen. **Dick Stone**, hostess **Ina Ginsburg**, seven physicians, an Arab prince and other plain folks like us reside. The top price there to date is \$725,000, say real estate agents, but the Casey house has a large swimming pool.

Houses in the upper brackets in Northwest are moving briskly. **Lamar Smith**, the freshman congressman from San Antonio, purchased a little place for \$750,000 near Foxhall Road that was once owned by the government of Singapore. Dossier magazine owner **Ron Haan** and his sweetie, **Linda Otto**, have purchased a \$3.1 million apartment at Washington Harbour in Georgetown.

**D**espite unpacked cartons lining the corridors and delays in telephone installation, there was partying everywhere in the House and Senate office buildings following the swearing-in of Congress. The Capitol Police spent the day studying new congressional picture directories, and the congressional rookies spent the day checking out the locations of the rest rooms. While shaking the hand of a well-wisher at his reception, Rep. **Ben Cardin** of Baltimore glanced up at the clock. "Two lights," he said, a little panicked, "Does that mean we have a vote?"

Old-timers enjoyed all this. **Bill Lowery**, the San Diego Republican, diapered his 2-year-old on his desk in the Cannon House Office Building, explaining that that was his "first official act of the 100th Congress." Not even toilet training got in the way of his son's political education. The 2-year-old, who accompanied papa to the House floor for the swearing-in ceremony, voted three times, once for papa and then for two of his colleagues. Mashing the but-tens was great fun.

When a very pretty woman at a reception for the new Congress asked **Amory Houghton** which district he represented, the freshman replied, "Corning, New York. You probably have Corningware in your kitchen." When she told him stiffly that she didn't cook, the former



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chairman of Corning Glass, puzzled by how easy it can be to hurt feelings in the nation's capital, replied, hopefully: "Then I hope you have Steuben in your living room."

**C**alifornia Magazine rated the state's 45-member congressional delegation, the largest contingent in Washington, on intelligence, integrity, diligence and effectiveness. Maybe it doesn't *always* take one to know one, because the judging was done by journalists, lobbyists, congressional staffers and seven congressmen willing to judge their colleagues. Democrats came out on top. **Vic Fazio** of Sacramento led the list, followed by **Don Edwards**, House Majority Whip **Tony Coelho**, **Leon Panetta** and **Henry Waxman**. On the low end were **Mervyn Dymally**, **Bob Dornan**, **Jim Bates**, **Matthew Martinez** and **Bob Badham**. Some of their comments: **Vic Fazio** is liked, **Don Edwards** is respected, **Tony Coelho** is feared, **Leon Panetta** is indispensable, **Henry Waxman** is tenacious.

**A**nn Dore McLaughlin, who steps down as Interior undersecretary in March and is a much touted possibility to replace White House pressie **Larry Speakes**, has told pals that no one, including her old boss, **Don Regan**, has talked to her about Larry's job. In fact, she says, she'd prefer a Cabinet post. Wouldn't we all?

— Karen Feld