

# KAREN On Friday

It wasn't the proverbial Macy's window but Washingtonians proved they can show New Yorkers a thing or two. Singer **Margaret Whiting**, Rep. **Gary Ackerman**, Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia and her daughter, author **Christina Oxenberg**, agreed on one thing: The "power lunch" in the display windows of Raleighs on Connecticut Avenue the other day was unique.

They were among the dozen guests who dined on the avocado parfait and Serendipity, a chocolate bag filled with decadent white mousse catered by the Vista Hotel. The congressman, who wore red flowered suspenders and intermittently portrayed a mannequin, brought two props essential to

any power lunch: a portable phone (he received one "power" call while dining in the window), and a much-cherished, freshly autographed baseball (he had just come from a reception for the Mets at the White House).

Folks peering into the windows were curious about what one talks about at a "power lunch." Yours truly shared a window with the dynamic and charming **Margaret Whiting**. Power subjects: her current engagement at the Ritz-Carlton Terrace and reunion with old pals including the **Charles Wicks**; her upcoming autobiography, "It Might As Well Be Spring"; her father, composer **Richard Whiting**, who worked for the same movie studio as **Ronald Reagan**; her trained pet rabbit; her work for **Arthritis, Lupus and AIDS**; Christmas shopping; and the parade of people on Connecticut Avenue. Actress **Sandy Duncan** darted by the window to see **Margaret**, whom she remembers as **Mama Rose**. That was when the two were together in the musical "Gypsy."

That was **Miss Duncan** and her husband, song and dance man **Don Correia**, dining with Deputy Undersecretary of Education **Peter Greer** at Portner's in Old Town the other evening. (They got a real table, not in the window.) They were in town to kick off National School Volunteer Day at their gala at Ford's Theatre. Coincidentally, **Sandy** will star in a new NBC-TV series next year in which she plays an elementary schoolteacher in the Midwest. She's enchanted with the idea for the show, and had actually considered becoming an American history teacher when she was growing up in Tyler, Texas. But she's not as thrilled with the working title, "Ms. Bliss." "I must be married," says the perky actress. "I just can't worry my viewers about my sex life."

Consensus among the Monday morning quarterbacks, including former Democratic National Committee Chairman **Chuck Manatt**, Minnesota Rep. **Gerry Sikorski**, journalists, consultants, and labor leaders

gathered at the Touchdown Club for the Kamber Group's "Aftermath" the other evening was that the most likely Democratic nominee for president in '88 is New York Gov. **Mario Cuomo**; the most likely Republican nominee, Vice President **George Bush**; personal favorite for the GOP nomination, Sen. **Bob Dole**; personal favorite for the Democratic nomination, Sen. **Joe Biden**.

Political junkies can now tune in to one more weekly debate and call-in radio show. **Grant Oliphant** and **Jeff Stanton**, editors of the slick monthly "American Politics," have gone electronic with "American Politics Radio."

Local producers **Hal and Marilyn Weiner** ("The Imagemaker") are readying production of "D.C. Knights," a new police series set in Washington. The half-hour format is being developed for prime-time syndication.

— Karen Feld



Gov. Mario Cuomo