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On Tuesday

Richard Dennis, the 30-ish Chicago commodities investor and founder of the Roosevelt Center for Political Studies, is backing a new magazine to be launched in Washington soon. It's intended to be a liberal version of *The New Republic*, insiders say. Richard, who was the moneyman behind Adlai Stevenson III, has already raised a small war chest for Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt's presidential campaign.

The spouses of the members of the 100th Congress will have an opportunity to watch Rep. John Dingell make his unlikely debut as Santa at the Democratic wives' Christmas luncheon honoring Millie O'Neill. Even General Dynamics and other targets of his investigations — who sometimes view the powerful chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee as Scrooge — may see him in a more jovial light on Friday.

The identity of Santa at Roy Pfauch's annual Christmas dinner is one name that no one dare leak ahead. Roy's power guests won't have a clue until later this evening when Santa presents himself at the J.W. Marriott. Father Christmases of years past have included Bill Clark, Ed Meese, Bill Casey and John Herrington. Can Roy top that?

Marine Commandant P.X. Kelley and his vivacious wife, Barbara, accompanied the Marine Band to Ireland for a whirlwind weekend. It was the first time the band has performed there (the only other time they've performed outside the United States was in Holland last year), and P.X. and Barbara's first visit there, too, although the commandant is of Irish descent. At an elegant dinner hosted by Ambassador Peggy Heckler at the American Embassy, Barbara met designer Ib Jorgenson, who told her he was in search of a place in Washington to show his private collection when he brings it to the United States in January. He immediately accepted her gracious offer when Barbara volunteered, "I have the perfect house."

If the February issue of Regardie's magazine looks a little like *Texas Monthly*, that's because slugger Bill Regardie has hired their art director, Fred Woodward. Bill says he's promised

Fred "complete freedom." He's recently turned up his nose at offers from both The New York Times and Washington Post magazines. Fred, who shares Regardie's irreverent sense of humor, plans a major change in the publication from a single photojournalistic style to a more eclectic one. Bill says this is a step toward making his slick business mag more regional, like The New Yorker or Texas Monthly.

Guests at Kay Halle's dinner party are still laughing at the story Clare Boothe Luce told about Zsa Zsa Gabor visiting her in Hawaii. The actress telephoned Ambassador Luce to say she and her husband, Prince Frederic von Anhalt, the duke of Saxony, were on the island, so Mrs. Luce invited them over for an informal lunch with her houseguests, the prince and princess of Liechtenstein. Zsa Zsa, never one to be outdone, called back to say she had run into the Hungarian Count Esterhazy at her hotel and would like to bring him along. Only later did they learn that he wasn't royalty at all, but a Hungarian chauffeur who had posed as the count so that he could meet the actress and, before he knew it, was in water over his head at Mrs. Luce's lunch table.

Andrew Rosenthal plans to leave his job as Moscow bureau chief for The Associated Press to join the Washington bureau of The New York Times as a reporter next spring. His papa is Abe, longtime executive editor of The New York Times.

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