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On Tuesday

Dionne Warwick hopes her stay in Washington, while performing at Wolf Trap tomorrow evening, is more pleasant than her recent engagement at Valley Forge Music Fair.

The performer's contract specifies that a tabletop Ms. Pacman machine be in her hotel room or dressing room, that a white limo be at her disposal and that Roederer Cristal champagne await her.

At Valley Forge she wouldn't go on stage until the errors were corrected. A black limo, Dom, and a Pacman, rather than a Ms. Pacman, just wouldn't do.

Dionne and her second cousin, **Whitney Houston**, are playing out a sibling-like rivalry. The two top vocalists both record for Arista records. Whitney's album hit the charts first, so Dionne pulled hers back 'til Whitney's has been absorbed by the marketplace.

Hollywood is ever fascinated with Washington. Who better than imagemaker **Bob Gray** to use as a model for a TV series about a lobbyist.

"It's the Californians' romanticized view of Washington," says Mr. Gray, who has consulted with **David Milch**, former executive producer of "Hill Street Blues," on the prime-time project.

Phone calls to the White House were so heavy last week after Lt. Col. **Oliver North's** testimony at the hearings that one employee of the White House greeting office,

Nancy Theis, brought in her 15-year-old son, **Mitchell**, to help out.

The teen-ager was instructed to listen, then thank the caller for his views and comments and record whether the call was a supportive or a critical one.

When one determined woman caller finally got through after hours of busy signals, she was convinced that she had reached the president himself.

"Oh Mr. President, I don't believe it," said the caller, who went on to praise Ollie North. In fact, almost 90 percent of the calls were in favor of Col. North.

Local residents fighting downtown rush hour traffic aren't so thrilled about one more celebrity motorcade in town. One woman stuck in traffic on 17th Street yesterday morning complained about Ollie's motorcade darting in and out of

traffic and finally dramatically depositing him in full Marine dress at his attorney's office, Williams and Connally. Interestingly, Ollie's car wasn't a stretch limo, but a simple Detroit product, red with New Jersey plates and a portable Kojak-type police light on top.

Washington women, who waste no time in adding the name of an attractive bachelor to their lists, say columnist **Richard Cohen**, separated from wife **Barbara**, a producer for "Meet The Press," has moved in with his old pal and colleague, **Bob Woodward**.

The "Gary Hart room," as it is often dubbed, of Bob's Georgetown home is never vacant for long. ABC anchor **Peter Jennings** and his author wife, whose separation was even broadcast on the network, are back together, say pals. No comments from the principals in either situation.

Former astronaut **Buzz Aldrin**, who was in town from Laguna Beach, Calif., to testify before the National Research Council's committee on space stations last week, was a big hit at **Paul Laxalt's** fund raiser at the Powerhouse in Georgetown.

Buzz fit right in with his Western boots made from South African ostrich legs, that's right, legs, stitched in Mexico, and purchased in Odessa, Texas. "I have to be a little controversial," he explained.

When Mr. Laxalt, a former senator, told supporters that he and his close pal, **Jake Garn**, sat next to one another on the Senate floor for many years, Mr. Garn voiced a stage whisper, "You haven't missed anything."

Stewart Bainum Jr., the not-so-successful congressional candidate who is ever-so-successful at heading Manor Care, the nursing home

company, plans to marry actress **Sandy Yarish** in September. She played in the New York company of "42nd Street."

Omaha **Larry King**, the caterer and GOP fund raiser, is still negotiating to buy Mr. K's restaurant downtown, but he's not interested in the million dollars' worth of Chinese artifacts that the owner wants to toss into the package.

Members of the exclusive no-frills, St. Albans Tennis Club appreciate the cooperation of Vice President **George Bush** and his secret service agents, who volunteered their services for a canine search recently when a golden retriever belonging to **Carol Ridker** and AU law professor **Tom Dernberg** took off during a hotly contested match on the courts below the track where the vice president jogs.

— Karen Feld