

KAREN On Tuesday

Tonsillectomies aren't just for kids. Retiring Marine Corps Commandant P.X. Kelley had his tonsils removed last week, causing him to miss some of the parties toasting the popular couple on his retirement at the end of June. They were honored by the Marine wives at the Marine Barracks the other day, where a combo played "I Remember It Well," followed by a very moving version of "This Is Your Life."

P.X. has been approached by high-level members of the administration to permit his name to be submitted for the job of FBI director. But he says he's not interested in playing cops and robbers, or spies and patriots. Thirty-seven years of government service is plenty. The Kelleys plan to move across the river to McLean, and then travel to Taiwan in September.

The race to recruit former Democratic National Committee Chairman **Chuck Manatt**, who co-chaired **Gary Hart's** aborted presidential

effort, is as hot as a plate of Szechuan shredded chicken. **Chuck**, dining with Ohio Gov. **Dick Celeste** at Mr. K's the other evening, says he's still "in mourning over the **Hart** campaign" and not ready to commit to another candidate yet.

Another political marriage is on the rocks. Rep. **Pete Kostmayer**, the Pennsylvania Democrat, and his wife, **Pamela**, are divorcing.

President **Reagan** shared the secret of his youthful good looks with **Lucille Ball** and **Phyllis Diller** at **Bob Hope's** birthday party at Fort Bragg, N.C. Said the prez: "Well, I have this little gym and I work out." Replied old **Fang's** ex-wife: "Not only does he work out, he reads cue cards as well as **Bob Hope**." **Phyllis** told her stories about the president and first lady at **Alan and Dianne Kay's** bash at Merrywood the other evening, which launched the events for **Cancer Ball** weekend.

Nancy Reagan and **Phyllis Diller** share a foot doctor on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, but according to **Phyllis**, Dr. **Harry Reizner** discriminates in his treatment. "When I go, I just put my foot in the water," says the comedian. "But when **Nancy** goes, Dr. **Reizner** puts the chair back, turns the lights down, and creates a real peaceful atmosphere." The first lady is on

her feet a lot, so when she arrives in Los Angeles, one of the first things she does is see Dr. **Reizner**.

Washingtonian magazine's chief gossipist, **Rudy Maxa**, thought he was finally going to get a glimpse of **Linda Otto's** \$10,000 wedding gown when he eagerly agreed to escort the mag's receptionist, **Jeanne Baron**, to **Linda's** wedding to **Ron Haan** at the Mayflower Hotel Sunday. That's just what **Rudy** thought. The bride, however, made it very clear she didn't want **Rudy** there, so since brides get what they want **Rudy** didn't. **Linda** was **Washingtonian's** art director until **Ron** gave her a magazine of her own, sweet little **Dossier**.

Washington has a new political consulting firm, **Politics Inc.** **Leslie Israel**, a senior vice president of the **Kamber Group**, is president of the new firm, which was launched by the same key investors as the **Kamber Group**, including **Vic Kamber** and lawyers **Jules Bernstein** and **Bob Conner-ton**. The two firms will even share a key employee, **Lynn Cutler**, Democratic National Committee co-chair. **Leslie's** first campaign client is Rep. **Mary Rose Oakar**.

Hill & Knowlton is laying off

more than a half-dozen of its professional staff, insiders say. That includes **Dan Murphy**, who was **George Bush's** chief of staff before joining **Bob Gray**. He now works in **H&K's** London office.

Chris Manion, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staffer and brother of the celebrated Judge **Daniel Manion**, has been asked to go home to South Bend, Ind., and run for **John Hiler's** House seat. The 34-year-old GOP congressman, who faced a close House race last year, has been approached by state party officials to run for lieutenant governor. Mr. **Hiler** hasn't yet made a decision on the race.

"There's lots of TV in Washington," said ventriloquist **Ronn Lucas** at the American Cancer Society benefit concert the other evening. "**Robert McFarlane** is doing 'Let's Make an Arms Deal.'"

If **Gary Hart** had studied his astrological chart, he might have exercised more caution. "He's too rigid and inflexible to make a brilliant career," says New York astrologer **Diane Webb**. "He resisted using free will to change." Mr. **Hart**, born Nov. 29, 1936, is an early Sagittarius with his moon in Gemini. His Saturn was conjuncting his sun and opposing his moon. "He had to pay the piper now," says the astrologer.

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