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WASHINGTON'S 60 SIZZLINGEST POWER COUPLES!

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<p>Kirk Adams <i>chief of staff, SEIU</i> Cecile Richards <i>president, Planned Parenthood</i></p>	<p>He's a longtime field operative for the labor movement. She's the daughter of former Texas Governor Ann Richards, and was a senior aide to Nancy Pelosi. In 2004, she ran the Democratic turnout operation America Votes, which is funded in part by the SEIU. They did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>Ken Adelman <i>member, Defense Policy Board</i> Carol Adelman <i>director, Center for Global Prosperity, Hudson Institute</i></p>	<p>He's a former Reagan administration official and prominent neoconservative, and was a leading advocate for the Iraq War, which she also supported. When not arguing for the invasion of Middle Eastern countries, the couple runs Movers & Shakespeares, a company that uses the work of the Bard to teach management lessons to corporations—at \$24,000 a pop. They once convinced Donald Rumsfeld to dress up in full Elizabethan regalia.</p>
<p>Wayne Berman <i>managing director, Ogilvy Government Relations (formerly the Federalist Group)</i> Lea Berman <i>former White House social secretary</i></p>	<p>He served in the first Bush administration, and helped run the Bush-Cheney transition team in 2000. She worked for Lynne Cheney and the Bush reelection campaign before moving to the first lady's office in December 2004. That year, the couple raised more than \$200,000 for Bush, earning the coveted rank of Rangers. They're known for throwing exclusive parties for D.C.'s political elite at their Embassy Row manse.</p>
<p>Jeff Bingaman <i>U.S. senator (D-N. Mex.)</i> Anne Bingaman <i>chairman and CEO, Soundpath Conferencing Services</i></p>	<p>She ran the antitrust division of the Justice Department under President Clinton. In 1999, after leaving office, she took \$2.5 million from Global Crossing to lobby for an FCC ruling that Global Crossing had an interest in. Her current company, Soundpath, provides conferencing services to law firms.</p>
<p>Roy Blunt <i>House minority whip</i> Abigail Perlman Blunt <i>top lobbyist, Philip Morris (Altria Group)</i></p>	<p>During their 2002 courtship, he tried to insert into the bill creating the Department of Homeland Security an unrelated provision benefiting Philip Morris, for whom she was a lobbyist. His son also worked for Philip Morris at the time. The move was so brazen that even Tom DeLay and Dennis Hastert objected, and the provision was removed. He told the <i>Washington Post</i> that he pushed the provision because he thought it was good policy.</p>
<p>Robert Borosage <i>executive director, Campaign for America's Future</i> Barbara Shailor <i>director, international department, AFL-CIO</i></p>	<p>The AFL-CIO is a major funder of the Campaign for America's Future, a prominent liberal activist group. He did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>Ron Brownstein <i>political columnist, Los Angeles Times</i> Eileen McMenamin <i>communications director, Sen. John McCain, (R-Ariz.)</i></p>	<p>In an April 2005 <i>L.A. Times</i> column, he touted a potential third-party presidential run by McCain. Three weeks later the couple was married. <i>Times</i> editors subsequently banned him from covering the senator, but the paper recently announced that he'll write a weekly political column for the op-ed page—steering clear of McCain. He was once married to Nina Easton (see page 50), who, like him, now has a spouse who works for McCain.</p>
<p>James Carville <i>Democratic strategist</i> Mary Matalin <i>Republican strategist</i></p>	<p>He helped orchestrate Bill Clinton's winning presidential campaign in 1992, and since then has established himself as a highly visible Washington pundit and political commentator. She's a longtime GOP operative who's close with Bush 41 and Vice President Cheney, and worked in the current Bush administration's White House Iraq Group, where she helped build support for the war. The couple met as rivals during the '92 presidential campaign.</p>
<p>David Castagnetti <i>founding partner and lobbyist, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti</i> Ann Castagnetti <i>Democratic operative</i></p>	<p>He's a former top Hill staffer who served as congressional liaison for John Kerry's presidential campaign. She's the sister of Kerry campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill, and helped the campaign assemble a vice-presidential staff.</p>
<p>Kent Conrad <i>U.S. senator (D-N. Dak.)</i> Lucy Calautti <i>lobbyist, Major League Baseball</i></p>	<p>She ran his 1986 Senate campaign, and they married a year later. Thanks to new ethics rules, she's no longer permitted to lobby senators. (Because of a loophole in the law for spouses who were already lobbyists when they married, she's the only spouse affected.) She continues to lobby the House.</p>
<p>Dick Cheney <i>vice president of the United States</i> Lynne Cheney <i>author and conservative activist</i></p>	<p>In 1988, after he suffered his third heart attack, she wrote <i>The Body Politic</i>, a novel in which the vice president dies in office of a heart attack while in the arms of a TV journalist, and is replaced by his wife. The novel was rereleased in 2000 after he was selected as George W. Bush's running mate.</p>
<p>Michael Chertoff <i>secretary of homeland security</i> Meryl Justin Chertoff <i>director, Sandra Day O'Connor Project on the State of the Judiciary, Georgetown Law School</i></p>	<p>During the 1990s, he was a partner at Latham & Watkins and special counsel to the U.S. Senate Whitewater Committee. She was a longtime lobbyist on homeland security issues for the state of New Jersey and worked briefly at FEMA, where she helped integrate the agency into the Department of Homeland Security, which her husband now heads.</p>
<p>Bill Clinton <i>42nd president of the United States</i> Hillary Clinton <i>U.S. senator (D-N.Y.)</i></p>	<p>He was the Democratic governor of Arkansas before serving as president of the United States from 1993 to 2001. He now runs the Clinton Foundation, which focuses on global health and economic issues. She was elected to the Senate from New York in 2000 and is now the front-runner for the Democratic nomination for president in 2008. In 1993, she ran his administration's unsuccessful effort to pass universal health care legislation.</p>
<p>Matthew Cooper <i>Washington editor, Portfolio magazine</i> Mandy Grunwald <i>Democratic strategist</i></p>	<p>He's a former <i>Washington Monthly</i> editor who, as a White House reporter for <i>Time</i>, learned from Karl Rove in 2003 that Valerie Plame worked at the CIA on WMD issues. She's a veteran of Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign who designed ads for Hillary's 2000 and 2006 Senate races, and will help with her presidential run as well.</p>
<p>Chris Cox <i>chairman, SEC</i> Rebecca Cox <i>senior lobbyist, Continental Airlines</i></p>	<p>In 2006, after he had given up his job as a California GOP congressman to run the SEC, she used a lapel pin given to members' spouses to allow them to visit their partners at work to gain access to an area of the Capitol that's normally off-limits to lobbyists, but where she believed a pension bill in which Continental had an interest was being drafted. He's been mentioned as a possible replacement for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.</p>



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<p>Randy Devalk <i>senior policy adviser, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid</i> Cybele Bjorklund <i>staff director, health subcommittee of the House Committee on Ways and Means</i></p>	<p>As a senior adviser to the last two Democratic Senate leaders, he's one of the most influential aides on Capitol Hill. In 2005, she exposed the Bush administration's effort to prevent the disclosure to Congress of the actual cost of the Medicare prescription-drug bill, after being tipped off by a government source.</p>
<p>Joseph diGenova <i>founding partner, diGenova & Toensing LLP</i> Victoria Toensing <i>founding partner, diGenova & Toensing LLP</i></p>	<p>During the Clinton impeachment saga, the couple, who founded their own law firm, frequently appeared in tandem as co-commentators. As chief counsel to Senator Barry Goldwater, she authored the 1982 law making it a crime to reveal the identity of covert agents that provided the basis for Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation.</p>
<p>John Dingell <i>U.S. congressman (D-Mich.), and chair, House Committee on Energy and Commerce</i> Debbie Dingell <i>executive director for public affairs, General Motors</i></p>	<p>He's the auto industry's staunchest ally in Congress, and has consistently sidelined efforts to raise fuel-economy standards. She was a top lobbyist for GM, and is now a senior executive at the company. He's been in the House for 51 years—nearly as long as his wife, 52, has been alive.</p>
<p>Bob Dole <i>former U.S. senator (R-Kan.) and Republican presidential nominee</i> Elizabeth Dole <i>U.S. senator (R-N.C.)</i></p>	<p>He's a World War II veteran who served as Senate majority leader in the '80s and '90s. In 1996, he was the GOP presidential nominee, and was defeated by President Clinton. He was recently appointed by President Bush as co-chair of the commission to investigate problems at Walter Reed. She was transportation secretary under President Ronald Reagan, and in 2000 was the first woman to mount a serious presidential run. For much of the '80s, the couple was by far the most prominent power couple in Washington.</p>
<p>Byron Dorgan <i>U.S. senator (D-N. Dak.)</i> Kimberly Dorgan <i>senior lobbyist, American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI)</i></p>	<p>Both he and the ACLI were crucial forces behind the movement to keep the estate tax when Republicans tried to repeal it in 2005. Because she was a lobbyist before her marriage, she was unaffected by recent ethics laws restricting lobbying by members' spouses, and can legally lobby her husband. They did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>John Engler <i>president, National Association of Manufacturers</i> Michelle Engler <i>board of directors, Freddie Mac</i></p>	<p>He was Michigan's Republican governor from 1991 to 2003. Later, he was a government lobbyist for Electronic Data Systems, which received more than \$24 million from Freddie Mac for business consulting in 2003. She was appointed to Freddie Mac's board in 2001. Through a spokesman, he told us he didn't know anything about the contract until after he left the company.</p>
<p>Joseph Gildenhorn <i>chairman of the board, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars</i> Alma Gildenhorn <i>trustee, Aspen Institute and the Kennedy Center</i></p>	<p>He was Bush 41's ambassador to Switzerland, and is a founding partner at the JBG Companies, one of D.C.'s largest real estate firms. She's a major fund-raiser for her alma mater, the University of Maryland, and is involved in numerous charitable and arts organizations. In 1996, they were named "Washingtonians of the Year" by <i>Washingtonian</i> magazine.</p>
<p>Alan Greenspan <i>former chairman, Federal Reserve</i> Andrea Mitchell <i>chief foreign affairs correspondent, NBC News</i></p>	<p>He's a disciple of Ayn Rand who last year stepped down as Fed chairman after serving for nearly two decades. Before the couple married, he dated Barbara Walters. Andrea's a longtime TV news reporter who acknowledged in her autobiography the conflicts between her relationship and her career: "It gave me an uncomfortable feeling that I might be gaining unusual access, but losing some independence," she wrote.</p>
<p>David Gregory <i>chief White House correspondent, NBC News</i> Beth Wilkinson <i>general counsel, Fannie Mae</i></p>	<p>The two met when Gregory, then a field reporter for NBC, was covering the Timothy McVeigh trial, for which she was a government prosecutor. Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff, with whom she worked at Latham & Watkins, attended their son's baby shower.</p>
<p>David Hirschmann <i>senior vice president, Chamber of Commerce</i> Susan Hirschmann <i>lobbyist, Williams & Jensen</i></p>	<p>She was Tom DeLay's chief of staff from 1997 to 2002, when the Texan was at the height of his power. During the 1980s, she worked with Ralph Reed, Jack Abramoff, and Grover Norquist as a member of the College Republicans. Later, the couple took trips at Abramoff's expense, valued at more than \$85,000. Williams & Jensen lobbied on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. They did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>Brit Hume <i>host, Fox News' Special Report With Brit Hume</i> Kim Hume <i>homemaker, former vice president, Fox News</i></p>	<p>He spent twenty-three years at ABC before joining Fox in 1996. She recently left the news channel, where she served as D.C. bureau chief as well as vice president. When Fox News launched in 1996, they hired her before him.</p>
<p>Al Hunt <i>Washington editor, Bloomberg News</i> Judy Woodruff <i>senior correspondent, PBS's Newshour With Jim Lehrer</i></p>	<p>He's a former Washington editor of the <i>Wall Street Journal</i>, and was a commentator on CNN's <i>The Capital Gang</i> until the show's cancellation in 2005. She was until recently a veteran CNN political correspondent, and was the network's on-air anchor during 9/11.</p>
<p>Robert Kagan <i>neoconservative author and cofounder, Project for a New American Century (PNAC)</i> Victoria Nuland <i>United States permanent representative, NATO</i></p>	<p>He's been a vocal supporter of the Iraq War and recently wrote an op-ed in the <i>Washington Post</i> declaring the "Surge" to be working splendidly—without mentioning that his brother, Fred, is the architect of the strategy. Prior to joining NATO, Victoria worked in the office of the vice president.</p>
<p>Howard Kurtz <i>media critic and columnist, Washington Post</i> Sheri Annis <i>president, Fourth Estate Strategies PR firm</i></p>	<p>He hosts CNN's <i>Reliable Sources</i>, which covers the news media. She's a former conservative consultant who helped run Arnold Schwarzenegger's schools initiative in 2002, before his campaign for governor. She gave up political work after their marriage.</p>
<p>James Lafferty <i>executive director, Christian Seniors Association (CSA)</i> Andrea Lafferty <i>lobbyist, Traditional Values Coalition (TVC)</i></p>	<p>He's a former press secretary to Tom DeLay. She's the daughter of TVC founder Lou Sheldon, and was recently named one of D.C.'s top lobbyists by <i>Washingtonian</i> magazine. Sheldon founded CSA as a "project" of TVC, then installed his son-in-law Lafferty at its helm—though the groups have rarely disclosed these ties.</p>





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<p>Tom Lantos <i>U.S. congressman (D-Calif.), and chair, House Committee on Foreign Relations</i> Annette Lantos <i>executive director, Congressional Human Rights Caucus (CHRC)</i></p>	<p>He cofounded the CHRC in 1983. Both are Hungarian Jews who escaped the Nazi occupation together as children.</p>
<p>David Leiter <i>senior executive vice president of government relations, ML Strategies</i> Tamera Luzzatto <i>chief of staff, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.)</i></p>	<p>He was a top Department of Energy official during the Clinton administration, and also served as John Kerry's chief of staff. She has a reputation as an adept cloakroom politician.</p>
<p>Kevin Martin <i>chair, Federal Communications Commission</i> Catherine Martin <i>deputy assistant to the president and deputy communications director for policy and planning</i></p>	<p>As chair of the FCC, he's pushed for further media deregulation, a major goal of large media companies. During the 2000 recount, he was one of the first GOP operatives to report to Florida. She was previously a top press aide to Dick Cheney, and her courtroom testimony in the Scooter Libby trial gave Washington a crucial window into the White House's strategy for going after Joe Wilson. They're among the most watched young GOP power players in town.</p>
<p>Daniel Mattoon <i>founder, Mattoon & Associates</i> Jane Mattoon <i>former treasurer, Dennis Hastert's Keep Our Majority PAC (KOMPAC)</i></p>	<p>He's an experienced Republican operative who started PodestaMattoon in 2001 with Tony Podesta (see page 50), and built it into one of D.C.'s most prominent lobbying firms. Prior to that, he was a longtime lobbyist for BellSouth, and remains, according to Public Citizen, "the foremost representative of the Bell lobby." In 2002, while she ran Hastert's PAC, he worked with the speaker to pass a major telecom bill supported by the Bells. They did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>Timothy McBride <i>lobbyist, Freddie Mac</i> Anita McBride <i>chief of staff to the first lady</i></p>	<p>Both have been major Washington players for the automobile industry. She worked as a management consultant for the American Automobile Manufacturers Association while he was a top lobbyist at DaimlerChrysler.</p>
<p>Mitch McConnell <i>Senate minority leader</i> Elaine Chao <i>secretary of labor</i></p>	<p>According to an investigation by the <i>Lexington Herald-Leader</i>, "Chao attends her husband's fund-raisers, chats with his donors and seeds her agency with his former aides." In one incident cited by the paper, a coal company that has been a major donor to McConnell was under investigation for water contamination by the Labor Department—until she took over the department in 2001 and quickly wrapped up the probe. Many observers were surprised by the small fine—later reduced further—that the department ultimately assessed.</p>
<p>John Negroponte <i>deputy secretary of state</i> Diana Villiers Negroponte <i>trustee, Freedom House</i></p>	<p>She raises private money for Freedom House, which promotes democracy abroad and is funded in part by the State Department—where he has wielded influence since the Reagan years, when he was the powerful ambassador to Honduras. He has also served as intelligence czar, UN ambassador, and ambassador to Iraq.</p>
<p>Jim O'Beirne <i>White House liaison, Department of Defense</i> Kate O'Beirne <i>Washington editor, National Review</i></p>	<p>In 2003, according to the <i>Washington Post</i>, Jim took the lead in staffing the Coalition Provisional Authority with inexperienced Republican loyalists, many of whom had posted their resumes at the Heritage Foundation—where she used to serve as vice president. As a prominent conservative pundit and frequent CNN guest, she's been a supporter of the Iraq War and defended the CPA's performance.</p>
<p>Bernard Robert Okun <i>chief lobbyist, NBC</i> Deanna Tanner Okun <i>commissioner and former chair, International Trade Commission (ITC)</i></p>	<p>General Electric, NBC's parent company, has had frequent business before the ITC. She told us she recuses herself from cases involving General Electric.</p>
<p>Bill Paxon <i>lobbyist, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld</i> Susan Molinari <i>chairman, the Washington Group</i></p>	<p>They're both former GOP representatives from New York turned lobbyists. He famously proposed to her on the House floor—and on his knees—in 1994. Her response: "Yes, but get up." Shortly after, they quit Congress, became Washington GOP power lobbyists, and lived happily ever after.</p>
<p>Mark Penn <i>pollster and strategist, Hillary '08</i> Nancy Jacobson <i>veteran Democratic fund-raiser</i></p>	<p>He was Bill Clinton's pollster, and is now perhaps Hillary's most important adviser. She recently joined the campaign as a fund-raiser. The well-connected couple have deep ties to the centrist New Democrat movement, and are among the most prominent hosts on Washington's Democratic social circuit.</p>
<p>Philip Perry <i>former general counsel, Department of Homeland Security</i> Elizabeth Cheney <i>former deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs</i></p>	<p>At DHS, he blocked measures that would have required the chemical industry to safeguard its plants against terrorism (see "Dick Cheney's Dangerous Son-in-Law," <i>Washington Monthly</i>, March 2007). She's Dick Cheney's daughter, and one of her father's many loyalists scattered throughout the executive branch. Neither had relevant policy experience or training before they were appointed to their positions.</p>
<p>Kurt Pfotenhauer <i>senior vice president, Mortgage Bankers Association</i> Nancy Pfotenhauer <i>conservative activist</i></p>	<p>He's a former chief of staff to Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.). At the age of 24, she served on President George H. W. Bush's transition team, and was appointed by the current president as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She is a director emerita of the Independent Women's Forum, an antifeminist organization funded by conservative philanthropist Richard Mellon Scaife. In 2004, <i>Washingtonian</i> magazine named her one of the city's most important conservative leaders.</p>
<p>Walter Pincus <i>national security reporter, Washington Post</i> Ann Pincus <i>director of communications, International Relief and Development</i></p>	<p>He's a former editor of the <i>New Republic</i> who has covered just about everything, from Watergate to Plame-gate, for the <i>Post</i>. She's an Arkansas native who was appointed by President Clinton to the U.S. Information Agency, a federal body devoted to public diplomacy that was abolished in 1999.</p>
<p>Tony Podesta <i>founder, Podesta Group</i> Heather Podesta <i>founder, Heather Podesta & Partners</i></p>	<p>Both are among the best-connected lobbyists in Washington, and have helped raise millions in campaign funds in recent years, mostly for Democrats. Tony's brother is John Podesta, who was President Clinton's chief of staff and now runs the Center for American Progress.</p>





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<p>Ken Pollack <i>Middle East scholar, Brookings Institution</i> Andrea Koppel <i>congressional correspondent, CNN</i></p>	<p>He's a former CIA officer who ran the National Security Council's Persian Gulf affairs division under President Clinton. His 2002 book, <i>The Threatening Storm</i>, about the security threat posed by Saddam Hussein, was crucial in persuading many liberals to support the Iraq War. She's Ted Koppel's daughter. The couple met in 1999 when he was a source for a story she was reporting on Iraq.</p>
<p>Stephen Rademaker <i>vice president, Barbour Griffith & Rogers</i> Danielle Pletka <i>vice president for foreign and defense policy studies, American Enterprise Institute</i></p>	<p>He served as policy director for national security affairs for then Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and before that was a protégé of John Bolton at the State Department. She's a leading neocon who supported the Iraq War and opposes diplomatic engagement with Iran.</p>
<p>John Reilly <i>former commissioner, Federal Trade Commission (1964–67)</i> Margaret Warner <i>senior correspondent, PBS's News Hour With Jim Lehrer</i></p>	<p>He served as FTC commissioner during the Johnson administration and recently retired from private practice. As a trade lawyer, he worked on the United States' dispute with Canada over its cheap lumber imports. Margaret regularly covers the FTC and telecommunications issues. They did not return a call for comment.</p>
<p>Tim Russert <i>host, NBC's Meet the Press</i> Maureen Orth <i>special correspondent, Vanity Fair</i></p>	<p>His testimony during the Scooter Libby trial was crucial to the prosecution's case. She covers pop culture for <i>Vanity Fair</i>. Her recent book is <i>The Importance of Being Famous: Behind the Scenes of the Celebrity-Industrial Complex</i>.</p>
<p>Peter Rodman <i>senior fellow for foreign policy, Brookings Institution</i> Veronique Rodman <i>director of public affairs, American Enterprise Institute</i></p>	<p>He was a senior editor at <i>National Review</i>, a founding signatory of the Project for the New American Century—which argued during the '90s for a policy of regime change in Iraq—and a top official at the Bush administration's Defense Department. Both are close allies of John Bolton, her onetime boss at AEI.</p>
<p>Russ Schriefer <i>media strategist, McCain '08</i> Nina Easton <i>Washington bureau chief, Fortune</i></p>	<p>He's a longtime Republican media consultant who in 2004 helped create the infamous ad showing John Kerry windsurfing. She's a regular political analyst on Fox News, and recently disclosed her husband's ties to McCain on air for the first time, after being asked about the subject by the <i>L.A. Times</i>.</p>
<p>Stephen Solarz <i>senior counselor, APCO Worldwide</i> Nina Solarz <i>advisory committee member, David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies</i></p>	<p>He's a former Democratic congressman from New York who founded the International Crisis Group in 1995 with former Maine Senator George Mitchell. In the mid-1990s, Nina pleaded guilty to writing a bad check on the House Bank and to stealing money from a charity, which she headed, that provided medical supplies for Turkish women. She avoided jail time, but was sentenced to probation and 50 hours of community service.</p>
<p>George Stephanopoulos <i>host of ABC's This Week</i> Ali Wentworth <i>actress</i></p>	<p>He shot to fame as a top aide to Bill Clinton during his 1992 presidential run. After a brief time as White House press secretary, he made the transition to TV news. During her short-lived CBS morning show, she once boasted of the couple's "healthy" sex life.</p>
<p>Clarence Thomas <i>Supreme Court justice</i> Virginia Lamp Thomas <i>liaison to the Bush administration, Heritage Foundation</i></p>	<p>She has a history as a fiercely partisan GOP fighter. As a congressional aide in the '90s, she coordinated Newt Gingrich's aggressive effort to dig up dirt on the Clinton administration. Then in 2000, with the result of the presidential election still in doubt, she solicited resumes on behalf of the Bush campaign from House and Senate aides, "for transition purposes." A week or so later, he helped give the presidency to Bush.</p>
<p>Geoff Tracy <i>owner, Chef Geoff's restaurant</i> Norah O'Donnell <i>chief Washington correspondent, MSNBC</i></p>	<p>He's a power-chef whose restaurant hosted Scooter Libby the night before his conviction. She was recently named by <i>Washingtonian</i> magazine as one of D.C.'s 100 most powerful women. The couple is a fixture on the Washington social scene.</p>
<p>Jeffrey Weiss <i>director, BKSH & Associates</i> Juleanna Glover Weiss <i>senior adviser, Ashcroft Group</i></p>	<p>She's a former press secretary to Vice President Cheney and is best known as one of D.C.'s premiere hostesses. She's also a former director at Clark & Weinstock, where she lobbied for the post-Saddam Iraqi ambassador to the United States. BKSH once handled a State Department contract to represent the Iraq National Congress.</p>
<p>Fred Wertheimer <i>president, Democracy 21</i> Linda Cozby Wertheimer <i>correspondent, NPR</i></p>	<p>For decades, he has been Washington's most prominent advocate of campaign finance reform. In 2001, she reported on the debate over the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform legislation. "We've gone out of our way to avoid situations where she is reporting on what I'm doing," he told us.</p>
<p>Joe Wilson <i>former U.S. diplomat</i> Valerie Plame <i>former CIA officer</i></p>	<p>As deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Baghdad in 1990, he was praised by President George H. W. Bush for sheltering more than 100 Americans despite Saddam's promise to execute anyone who refused to hand over foreigners. His 2003 <i>New York Times</i> op-ed debunking Bush administration claims that Saddam had sought uranium in Niger led the White House to imply that she had improperly chosen him to investigate the Niger story—and to blow her cover as a covert CIA operative.</p>
<p>John Wood <i>U.S. attorney, Kansas City</i> Julie Myers <i>assistant secretary, Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	<p>Until recently, he was DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff's chief of staff. She's the niece of former Joint Chiefs chair Richard Myers, and had no experience in homeland security issues when she joined DHS, but was known for her loyalty to the White House.</p>
<p>David Wurmser <i>former undersecretary for arms control and international security affairs, State Department</i> Meyrav Wurmser <i>director and senior fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, Hudson Institute</i></p>	<p>She's a former director of the Middle East Media Research Institute, which scrutinizes the reporting of Middle Eastern media outlets and has been accused of being a propaganda machine for the Israeli government. He wrote a 1999 book pushing for the overthrow of Saddam and the installation of Ahmed Chalabi as leader of Iraq. With Richard Perle and Douglas Feith, the Wurmser's authored a 1996 report that argued for invading Iraq and "remaking" the Middle East.</p>

Note: This chart reflects corrections made after the issue went to press.

