

## ON LOCATION IN D.C.

WHAT CBS SHOWS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN D.C.? MORE THAN YOU MAY REALIZE. JIM COLUCCI DELVED INTO THE ARCHIVES AND FOUND THESE GEMS.

**ALL'S FAIR** 1976–77



Just as the GOP's Gerald Ford was about to turn over his White House keys to opponent Jimmy Carter, *All's Fair* brought us Richard Crenna and Bernadette Peters as D.C. couple Richard Barrington and Charlotte "Charley" Drake—he an older, conservative political columnist and she a vivacious young liberal photographer. Love kept this May–December romance together—but not without lots of bickering left and right. The comedy was canceled after just one season, but it may have been on to something; its core "strange bedfellows" relationship presaged the coupling of real-life opposing politicians James Carville and Mary Matalin by almost two decades.

**SCARECROW AND MRS. KING** 1983–87



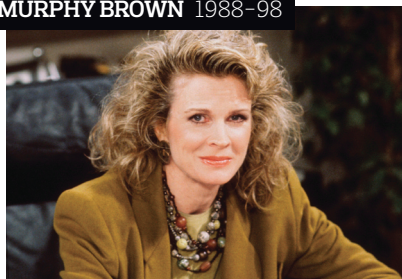
Kate Jackson's Amanda King was a bored, divorced mom in suburban Arlington, Va.—until the day Bruce Boxleitner's man of mystery, code name "Scarecrow," needed help evading Russian spies. Thus indoctrinated into the secret government organization "The Agency," the somewhat flustered Mrs. King would from now on split her time between sorting laundry and joining spy missions so secret that she had to hide them from her curious family. *Scarecrow and Mrs. King* called it quits after four seasons—just in time, it turned out. Two years later, the Berlin Wall would come down, and The Agency would no longer have a Cold War nemesis.

**CAPITOL** 1982–87



Soap operas are full of lying, scheming and double-dealing. So why did it take until 1982 for TV to bring us one set in Washington?! Inspired by the success of glamorous prime-time soaps like *Dallas*, CBS commissioned *Capitol* to replace the departing *Search for Tomorrow*. Airing for five seasons on the network's daytime lineup, the political soap portrayed the alliances, feuds and especially the illicit romances among members of the District's politically prominent McCandless, Clegg and Tyler families. This was, of course, back in the days when a juicy sex scandal could actually end a political career, as opposed to boosting one.

**MURPHY BROWN** 1988–98



For 10 seasons, Candice Bergen played *Murphy Brown*, a driven, opinionated and hilariously vengeful journalist on a *60 Minutes*-ish magazine show. The reporters at *FYI* would go to any length to land the big interview; Murphy stalked the first President Bush on a jog, accidentally kidnapped Clinton's cat—and was banned from the White House by both administrations. Murphy also made real-life political news. In the fourth season, she found herself single and pregnant at 42, and Vice President Dan Quayle criticized the character as an example of poor family values. *Murphy* got the last laugh with an episode eviscerating the grandstanding VP for his misspelling of the word "potato."

**TOP OF THE HILL** 1989



Formerly the idealistic title character in *The Greatest American Hero*, William Katt here played Thomas Bell Jr., an idealistic California ex-surfer who takes over his popular but ailing father's U.S. congressional seat in this political drama. Like so many candidates these days, the younger Bell promised his constituents change, sometimes bucking his own party to tackle problems concerning civil rights, corruption and pollution. But ultimately, Bell slipped in the polls that count the most—the Nielsen ratings. He and his short-lived show were out of office by December.

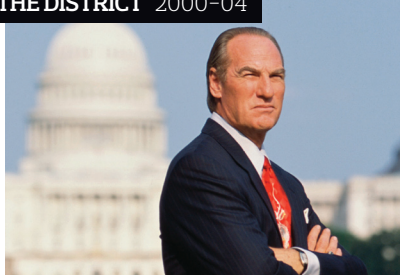
**WOMEN OF THE HOUSE** 1995



Delta Burke was famously fired from the Atlanta-set *Designing Women* in 1991 after a dispute with sitcom creator Linda Bloodworth-Thomason. But four years later, she reteamed with the writer and reprised the role of Suzanne Sugarbaker. In *Women of the House*, the former beauty queen relocated to Washington, replacing her recently departed fifth husband in Congress. Suzanne's comedic term lasted for only a few months—luckily for little-known co-star Patricia Heaton, who the very next year, as one of the new stars of *Everybody Loves Raymond*, would set out to win Emmys instead of votes.

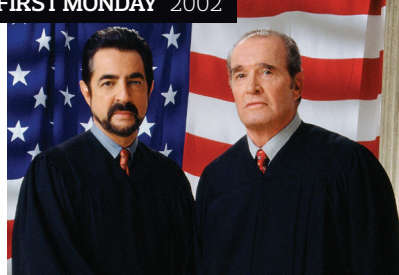
Like Bill and Hillary Clinton, Hollywood and Washington have a long and complicated relationship. And TV shows set in Washington have proved particularly tricky. We went through the CBS archives and found that for some shows, no amount of gerrymandering the Niensens would win the ratings race, while others managed to filibuster their way through season after congressional season. — *Jim Colucci*

**THE DISTRICT 2000-04**



Based on the real-life experience of former New York deputy police commissioner Jack Maple, *The District* survived for four seasons in a neighborhood far rougher than any part of D.C.: Saturday night prime time. As the city's newly appointed chief of police, Craig T. Nelson's dapper and sardonic lead character Jack Mannion used a combination of technology and street smarts to keep the town safe for the feds to do their work. His was no small assignment in Washington; the place has always been infamous for its high crime rate. And that's not even counting the politicians.

**FIRST MONDAY 2002**



With its title referring to the date of the Supreme Court's annual opening session each October, *First Monday* starred Joe Mantegna as Joseph Novelli, a married father of two and the newest justice on the highest court in the land. Created by Don Bellisario, this sister series to his big hit *JAG* was intended to do for the judicial branch what NBC's *The West Wing* had done for the presidency. But, having premiered at the same time as a similar ABC Supreme Court drama, both of which were perhaps too heady to be must-see TV, the *Court of Monday* (which confusingly aired first on Tuesdays, then on Fridays) was soon out of session for good.

**CHARLIE LAWRENCE 2003**



In *Charlie Lawrence*, Nathan Lane was the titular former TV star who had made his name on a cheesy-sounding, feel-good drama called *Do Unto Others* and was then elected to Congress to replace a deceased Democrat from his home state of New Mexico. Among his sitcom staff, Charlie boasted a comedic Emmy winner in Laurie Metcalf and a future *Grey's Anatomy* star in T.R. Knight. But unfortunately, the title of the show's pilot episode, "A Vote of No Confidence," was ironically apt. Charlie went to Washington in the muggy, post-season month of June, and aired exactly twice.

**NCIS 2003-PRESENT**



Headquartered in the District, the Navy Criminal Investigative Service delves into crimes involving U.S. Navy or Marine Corps personnel. Introduced on its parent show *JAG*, *NCIS*, now in its sixth season, is one of prime time's most reliable ratings hits—not to mention a show far funnier and quirkier than its military setting might suggest. If only all our candidates could be as handsome as Mark Harmon and Michael Weatherly (agents Gibbs and DiNozzo), as smart as David McCallum's Dr. "Ducky," and as funny as Pauley Perrette's Goth lab technician Abby. Then we finally might end up with a leader we could all get behind.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT CONT'D.**

Appropriately, heat is the theme here, from the fireplace that dominates the lobby and the fireballs offered at the front desk, to the Degrees Bar and Lounge and Fahrenheit, the signature restaurant. The heat continues with the guests, which have included Hollywood hotshots Ben Affleck, Russell Crowe, Pamela Anderson, Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers, along with the usual Washington politicians.

Take a winding staircase up to Fahrenheit and you enter a dramatic room with soaring ceilings and oversized windows. The menu, divided into "land" and "sea," features high-quality ingredients showcased in contemporary preparations: diver scallops with pancetta, pea puree and veal jus; grilled beef tenderloin with a Vidalia onion marmalade, and paprika onion rings in a cabernet sauce. A nice twist: Dishes are available in both appetizer and entree sizes.

**FIND IT:** 3100 South St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 / 202-912-4100 / [fahrenheitdc.com](http://fahrenheitdc.com)



RECOMMENDED FOR:

**HOOK**

**DENNIS HAYSBERT:** An environmentalist, the star of *The Unit* would admire the eco-friendly practices of Hook, where all the seafood is sustainable.

This Georgetown restaurant is devoted to ocean conservation. Every item on Hook's menu—almost entirely seafood—has been vetted as environmentally sustainable and sourced to fishermen who follow

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## CELEBRITY CHEFS INVADE THE CAPITAL

In Washington, D.C., a city of power lunches and diplomat-dotted dinners, the dining scene has been transformed of late: An infusion of celebrity chefs has made the city a culinary mecca on a par with Chicago, Boston and even Las Vegas. Here are but a few of the notables. — *Chris Rovzar*



### THE SOURCE, BY WOLFGANG PUCK

Austrian-born chef Wolfgang Puck learned his cooking skills from watching his pastry chef mother at work, and honed those skills while studying in France, Monaco and the United States. His French culinary empire now includes restaurants in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Maui and Atlantic City. As Washington's first establishment by the legendary chef, the Source will combine menus

from his Spago, Chinois and Postrio locations, as well as ingredients from local producers. Upstairs a more formal culinary experience prevails, while downstairs in the "bar and grill" portion, casual dining rules the day.

At the Newseum, 575 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 / 202-637-6100



### ADOUR, BY ALAIN DUCASSE

After a lauded opening at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City, Alain Ducasse expanded his Adour brand to Washington. Here, just as in New York, Ducasse recruited legendary architect David Rockwell to create an unforgettable space to match his haute cuisine. The restaurant is named after the river near the chef's French childhood home, and the wine-oriented menu features fresh seasonal ingredients from

local suppliers. The cuisine is contemporary French American, but the experience is timeless and classic. Lunch and dinner five days a week are already a hit with the deal-making crowd, but it's at the seven-day-a-week breakfast where you'll see the real power brokers.

923 16<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006 / 202-638-2626



### WESTEND BISTRO, BY ERIC RIPERT

New York-based chef Eric Ripert has an impeccable résumé: After learning his trade in Spain and France, he apprenticed at Washington's Jean-Louis at the Watergate Hotel. This he followed with a stint at New York's Le Bernardin, which earned the restaurant three Michelin stars. Westend, which is profiled on page 48, is his latest completed effort in tandem with The Ritz-Carlton hotels. He's in the midst of

opening another, 10 Arts, at a Ritz in Philadelphia.

1190 22<sup>nd</sup> St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 / 202-974-4900



### CENTRAL, BY MICHEL RICHARD

Wine critic Robert Parker has called Washington-based chef Michel Richard "a great chef, who is cooking at a level that far exceeds any Michelin three-star chefs in France." Somewhat of a hometown hero, Richard is actually a member of the rare breed of culinary artists who make a name in the District. While he rose to prominence with his blend of French and Southern Californian cuisine at Citrus in

Los Angeles, and Citronelle in Santa Barbara, it was the outpost of Citronelle at the Latham Hotel in Washington that soon became his flagship and the focus of his culinary experimentations. His latest effort, Central, features "American cuisine with a French flair," luring casual and highbrow diners alike with popular dishes like *faux gras terrine*, fried oysters and braised rabbit.

1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004 / 202-626-0015

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT CONT'D.

humane, responsible practices. Over-fished species like Chilean sea bass are replaced by more abundant, and less familiar, fish like barramundi and Kona Kampichi.

The eco-consciousness doesn't end there: Menus are printed on 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper, wind energy credits were purchased to power the place, and take-out containers are made from sugar-cane fiber. But what draws guests from the Bush daughters to Madeleine Albright isn't just the politically correct sushi, but the liveliness of both the room and the preparations (such as ivory salmon in a chorizo vinaigrette or arctic char with fried-green tomatoes and a sundried tomato aioli). Not to be missed: the campfire s'mores from award-winning pastry chef Heather Chittum.

**FIND IT:** 3241 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007/202-625-4488/hookdc.com



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### CAFÉ PROMENADE

**HARRY SMITH:** When in town to interview the new president, we suggest the *Early Show* anchor meet fellow CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer at Café Promenade for clam chowder and sautéed sea scallops.

Yes, the Maryland crab cakes are almost all crab, the Black Angus steak a splendid piece of meat, and the pan-roasted duck breast with roasted figs in a teriyaki reduction a perfect balance of savory and sweet. But the real dish at this café, just four blocks from the White House, is history.

The elegant room, with white tablecloths, beautiful chandeliers and a stunning skylight, is located in the historic Mayflower Hotel, which opened in 1925 for Calvin Coolidge's inauguration. During WW II, the café's tables were tented so government and military officials could keep their strategy talks private. More recently, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama held a private meeting here (something of a regular, he always opts for free-range chicken with basmati rice and steamed veggies, hold the oil). Other recent guests include CBS' Bob Schieffer, Ted Kennedy, Muhammad Ali and Bill Murray.

**FIND IT:** 1127 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036/202-347-2233/cafepromenade.com



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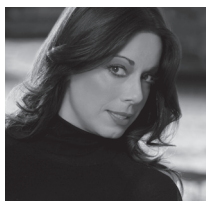
**COTE DE PABLO:** The Chilean-born *NCIS* actress would feel right at home eating the empanadas and ceviche at Ceiba.

An easy walk from the White House, Ceiba (pronounced SAY-bah) offers a culinary kaleidoscope of all-American fare. South American, that is, with an emphasis on Yucatan, Brazilian, Peruvian and Cuban food.

In a festive series of dining rooms, decorated with tropical palms, colorful murals and a sky-blue domed ceiling, you can start with a classic Brazilian caipirinha or a mojito topped with champagne and a sampler of four ceviches, crispy conch fritters or mussels steamed in beer. Move on to an entree

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## THE A-LIST



Both our newly elected Commander in Chief and his First Lady will certainly have no shortage of decisions to make in the years ahead. With that in mind, **Watch!** Creative Director and stylist Angelique O'Neil lobbies for some Pennsylvania Avenue must-haves.

### On Inauguration Day

**His:** Ralph Lauren Purple Label Anthony micro-rope-stripped wool gabardine suit in black with Polo Ralph Lauren Wool Howard top coat in charcoal  
**Hers:** Ralph Lauren Black Label Erica Puff sleeve dress in black with Ralph Lauren Collection Morris coat in red



### Suiting

**His:** David Letterman meets Tom Ford bespoke  
**Hers:** Oscar de la Renta

### Guilty Pleasure

**His:** Tiffany & Co. century flask in sterling silver  
**Hers:** Bold & Beautiful Barton Perreira sunglasses

### Formal Wear

**His:** Dunhill tuxedo in midnight blue  
**Hers:** Marchesa couture

### Right Hand

**His:** MacGyver (equipped with Swiss Army knife and duct tape) and the men of *The Unit*.  
**Hers:** Wanda Sykes (former contracting specialist with the National Security Agency, current side-splitting sidekick on *The New Adventures of Old Christine*)

### Casual

**His:** Brunello Cucinelli  
**Hers:** Think MaxMara, not Robin Sparkles



### Downtime on Air Force One

**His:** Amazing Race Custom Apple iPod, Touch 8GB  
**Hers:** *American Wife: A Novel* by Curtis Sittenfeld



### Cuff links/Jewelry

**His:** Diabolo de Cartier cuff links  
**Hers:** Van Cleef & Arpels couture collection

### DVD

**His:** *Schoolhouse Rock!*, the election edition  
**Hers:** *The Twilight Zone: The Complete Definitive Collection*

### Watch (set for 60 Minutes)

**His:** Rolex President  
**Hers:** Chanel J12

### Briefcase/Handbag

**His:** John Lobb calfskin briefcase in chestnut  
**Hers:** Tod's Dok bag in pink alligator

### Shoes

**His:** Bontoni  
**Hers:** Christian Louboutin

### White House Chef

**His:** Bobby Flay  
**Hers:** Paula Deen

### Luggage

**His:** Valextra  
**Hers:** Monogrammed Goyard

### Cologne/Perfume

**His:** Clive Christian No. 1  
**Hers:** Lanvin Rumeur

