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■ The Republican National Committee is threatening to sue a couple of New York artists who created silk-screened undies with House Speaker Newt Gingrich's face on the front and the GOP's "Contract With America"

on the derriere. Allison Fahrenkopf Brigati, the RNC associate counsel, has warned Marshall Reese and Nora Ligorano that the "contract" logo and text are protected by federal copyright laws, reports the Associated Press. The ACLU Arts Censorship Program, responding on behalf of the artists, sent a letter to the RNC arguing that the briefs are "a classic example of political satire."

■ Unbeknown to most of Washington, Al and Tipper Gore slipped out of town for six days to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. They arrived on Kauai Friday and stayed in the fancy Princeville Hotel and a house that fronts Hanalei Bay, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin reported. They returned home yesterday.

■ Tommy Jacomo, longtime general manager of the Palm, is at George Washing-

ton University Hospital recovering from a serious lung infection. He became ill a week ago with pneumonia, and by Monday doctors were forced to remove part of a lung.

■ D.C. Mayor Marion Barry had to resort to a three-finger handshake at meetings yesterday, thanks to a thick gauze bandage on his right index finger. "The Washington Post didn't do this," he joked. "I think I probably bruised it over the weekend playing tennis."



Clockwise from above: The Gores, happy; Gingrich, removed; Fleiss, unhappy; Barry, sore.







■ So-called Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss was sentenced yesterday to three years in jail and fined \$1,500. She was caught in a sting operation in 1993 and convicted on charges of supplying high-priced prostitutes.

■ GQ joins the ranks of many a national magazine in raising its profile in the nation's capital. Tonight the magazine hosts a party to announce the addition of three Washington writers to its roster:

Mike Sager, John Judis and Ruth Shalit.

■ The families of missing children from across the country are gathering at a series of events in town today to mark National Missing Children's Day in hopes of drawing

attention to the issue. Among those on hand will be relatives of local missing children Melissa Brannen and Junior Burdynski, and Shayna Gluck Lazarevich of California, whose two children were kidnapped in 1989 and taken to Serbia by her ex-husband in a case that's received wide coverage.