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### Two Author Readings & Book Signings Next Week

*One is the Story of CNN & the other is Murder Story*

**Atlanta, GA.** - Don't miss two fascinating true stories this month at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library...stories of murder and the media.

On Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, John Baker, one of the original staff of CNN, tells the humorous story of how the world's first all-new television network almost didn't get started. His book is *Chicken Noodle News: A CNN Whodunit*.

Two days later, on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, former AJC reporter Gary Pomerantz tells a tale of the game of bridge and murder in *The Devil's Tickets*.

Both author readings are free and open to the public. Copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase at the readings and can be signed by the authors.

*Chicken Noodle News* is the story of how mavericks, misfits and dreamers faced huge odds (and sometimes each other) to build the world's first all news network. CNN hired some professional people and some who pretended to be TV professionals. Then there were the 'I've only been fired twice already,' inexperienced nut jobs looking for a job in television. The only thing that held this unlikely crew together was fear. There were no life boats on the Chicken Noodle News Network. This is not a chronological history of how CNN changed the news viewing habits of the world. This is a personal, behind-the-scenes story you won't see anywhere else.

*Publisher's Weekly* says *The Devil's Tickets: A Night of Bridge, a Fatal Hand, and a New American Age* is the story of how "the innocuous game of bridge turned deadly in Kansas City, Mo., in 1929 when Myrtle Bennett apparently shot her husband dead in a dispute over a game. In recounting this tale, Pomerantz introduces an ensemble of 1920s characters ranging from Ely Culbertson, who helped fuel the new bridge craze, to Fightin' Jim Reed, the U.S. senator from Kansas City who successfully defended the gorgeous Myrtle Bennett at trial. As promoted by Culbertson, bridge was a zone of equality between men and women-and the stage on which marital spats could escalate; it was, said Culbertson, "a way to defuse the petty inhibitions and tensions of daily married life." Pomerantz offers a thoroughly researched historical tapestry with a mass of amusing anecdotes."

#### Coming in October...

*Never Again, Again, Again...: Genocide: Armenia, The Holocaust, Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Darfur* by Lane Montgomery (October 6)

*Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam, Walter Reed and Karl Rove* by Senator Max Cleland (October 13)

President Jimmy Carter signs copies of *If I Had a Hammer: Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity* (October 15).