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Dave Barry Coming to Carter Library Free Reading & Book Signing in the Cecil B. Day Chapel

Atlanta, GA. – Pulitzer Prize winning author and humor columnist Dave Barry is coming to the Carter Presidential Library for a free reading and book signing on Wednesday, February 13th. Doors to the Carter Center’s Cecil B. Day Chapel will open at 6:00 pm and Barry will take the stage at 7:00 pm to discuss his new novel *“Insane City.”* It is a dark comic masterpiece—the first solo adult novel in more than a decade from the Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times–bestselling author. A wedding weekend in Miami goes spectacularly wrong when the groom loses the one-of-a-kind ring, rescues a Haitian family on the beach and sets loose an orangutan on the city.

In her *New York Times* book review, Jane Maslin says” Dave Barry has written a comic novel that features lost luggage, beaches, hapless tourists from Michigan, exotic animal life, drugs, wild mix-ups, laughable oldsters and the trademarked zaniness of Florida.”

“Barry acknowledges that many states are known for being a bit nutty, and he admits to a certain bias toward Florida” according to the *Denver Post*. “I have to say we’re weirder than you. Our trump card is our performance in presidential elections. At least you can count your votes.”

In his February 4th blog, Barry says “First, belated thanks to the folks who have come out to see me at bookstore signings. I’m back home today but will be on the road again for the next two weeks, trying to track down the three remaining North American radio stations that have not yet interviewed me. (Tuesday) night I’ll be at Book People in Austin; Wednesday I’m at the Tattered Cover in Denver; and Thursday I’m doing Live Talks LA with my old friend and bandmate Matt Groening. Hope to see you out there.”

The Carter Presidential Library is excited to host Dave Barry on February 13th. We hope to see you here as well.

You can read Dave Barry’s blog at <http://blogs.herald.com/#storylink=cpy>

Other upcoming authors include:

· Feb. 14th at 7pm.....John Wood.....*Creating Room To Read*

This is the inspirational story of a former Microsoft executive’s quest to build libraries around the world and share the love of books. *Creating Room to Read* shares moving stories of impoverished children whose schools and villages have been swept away by war or natural disaster.

- Feb. 18th at 7pm.....Hugh Howard.....***Houses of the Presidents: Childhood Homes, Family Dwellings, Private Escapes, and Grand Estates***

HOUSES OF THE PRESIDENTS offers a unique tour of the houses and day-to-day lives of America's presidents, from George Washington's time to the present. Author Hugh Howard weaves together personal, presidential, and architectural histories to shed light on the way our chief executives lived.

- Feb. 20th at 7pm...Frye Gaillard.....***The Books That Mattered*** (with author Sena Jeter Maslund)

In a series of carefully crafted, often deeply personal essays, Gaillard blends memoir, history, and critical analysis to explore the works of Harper Lee, Anne Frank, James Baldwin, Robert Penn Warren, John Steinbeck, and many others. As this heartfelt reminiscence makes clear, the books that chose Frye Gaillard shaped him like an extended family. *The Books That Mattered* will make you study your own shelves to find clues into your own literary heart.

- March 5 at 7pm....Paul Pressly..... ***On the Rim of the Caribbean: Colonial Georgia and the British Atlantic World***

The Carter Library and the Ossabaw Island Education Alliance welcomes author Paul Pressly for a discussion of his book "On the Rim of the Caribbean." How did colonial Georgia, an economic backwater in its early days, make its way into the burgeoning Caribbean and Atlantic economies where trade spilled over national boundaries, merchants operated in multiple markets, and the transport of enslaved Africans bound together four continents? Pressly examines the ways in which Georgia came to share many of the characteristics of the sugar islands, how Savannah developed as a "Caribbean" town, the dynamics of an emerging slave market, and the role of merchant-planters as leaders in forging a highly adaptive economic culture open to innovation.

- Mar 21 at 7pm....Gyanendra Pandey..... ***A History of Prejudice: Race, Caste, and Difference in India and the United States***

(THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE BECAUSE OF PUBLICATION DELAY)

Gyanendra Pandey, the leading subaltern historian, examines the multiple dimensions of prejudice in two of the world's leading democracies. This is a book about prejudice and democracy, and the prejudice of democracy. In comparing the historical struggles of two geographically disparate populations - Indian Dalits (once known as Untouchables) and African Americans.

- March 26 at 7:00pm...James Hunt.....***Restless Fires: John Muir's Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf***

The Carter Library and the Sierra Club host James Hunt for a discussion of the travels of John Muir. Hunt effectively makes the case that Muir, "environmentalist and leader of the American conservation movement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries," was profoundly affected by his travels through the Southern United States at the age of 29 in ways that significantly shaped the future direction of his life.

- March 27 at 7:00pm... Stuart E. Eizenstat ...***The Future of the Jews: How Global Forces are Impacting the Jewish People, Israel, and its Relationship with the United States***

The Carter Library and the World Affairs Council host Stuart Eizenstat for a discussion of his book, "The Future of the Jews." Eizenstat, a senior diplomat of international reputation, surveys the major geopolitical, economic, and security challenges facing the world in general, and the Jewish world and the United States in particular. These forces include the shift of power and influence from the United States and Europe to the emerging powers in Asia and Latin America; globalization and the new information age; the battle for the direction of the Muslim world; nontraditional security threats; changing demographics, which pose a particular challenge for Jews worldwide and the rise of a new anti-Semitism that seeks to delegitimize Israel as a Jewish state.

- April 2 at 7:00pm...Brent Hendricks.....***A Long Day at the End of the World***

In February 2002, hundreds of abandoned and decayed bodies were discovered at the Tri-State Crematory in rural Georgia, making it the largest mass desecration in modern American history. The perpetrator—a well-respected family man and a former hometown football star—had managed to conceal the horror for five years.

Among the bodies found at the Tri-State Crematory was that of Brent Hendricks's father. To quell the psychic disturbance surrounding the desecration, Hendricks embarked on a pilgrimage to the crematory site in Georgia. In *A Long Day at the End of the World*, he reveals his very complicated relationship with the South as he tries to reconcile his love-hate feelings for the culture with his own personal and familial history there, and his fascination with the disturbed landscape. In achingly beautiful prose, Hendricks explores his fraught relationship with his father—not just the grief that surrounded his death but the uncanniness of his resurrection.

- April 10 at 7:00pm...Jonathan Rieder.....***Gospel of Freedom: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail and the Struggle That Changed a Nation***

Scholar Jonathan Rieder delves deeper than anyone before into Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail—illuminating both its timeless message and its crucial position in the history of civil rights. Rieder has interviewed King's surviving colleagues, and located rare audiotapes of King speaking in the mass meetings of 1963. *Gospel of Freedom* gives us a startling perspective on the Letter and the man who wrote it: an angry prophet who chastised American whites, found solace in the faith and resilience of the slaves, and knew that moral appeal without struggle never brings justice.

- April 12 at 7:00pm.... Peter Eichstaedt..... ***Above the Din of War: Afghans Speak About Their Lives, Their Country, and Their Future—and Why America Should Listen***

Above the Din of War focuses on the people of Afghanistan themselves, providing a forum in which the thoughts of everyday people can be considered. Having traveled the country for a year, Peter Eichstaedt draws out Afghans from all walks of life: a former warlord, a Taliban judge, victims of self-immolation.

- April 17 at 7:00pm...Bob Dotson...***American Story: A Lifetime Search for Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things***

For the six million people who watch the Emmy Award-winning "American Story with Bob Dotson" on NBC's Today Show, Bob Dotson's reports celebrate the inspirational stories of everyday Americans. Dotson has been crisscrossing the country for more than forty years—logging more than four million miles—in search of people who have quietly but profoundly

changed our lives and our country for the better. Now, in *American Story*, he presents a road map to the unsung heroes with thoughtful solutions to problems we all face, incredible ideas that work, and blueprints to living our dreams.

- April 24 at 7:00pm.... Brandt Ayers...*In Love with Defeat: The Making of a Southern Liberal*

The journey of writer and publisher Brandt Ayers took him from the segregated Old South to a newly minted civilization, the New South. The journey was one of controversy and danger a racist nightrider murder, taut moments when the community teetered on the edge of mob violence. The narrative includes outsized figures such as United States attorney general Robert Kennedy and features probing insights into Alabama governor George Wallace as he evolved over time. High points of the story involve the birth of the New South movement, the election of a Southern president, the strange undoing of his presidency, the end of the New South, and diplomatic and journalistic ventures into other nations with histories as hard as, or harder than, that of the South: Russia, China, and South Africa.

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