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Fox News' Chris Wallace tells us what he does to unwind.

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THE LAST TIME SOMEONE went hunting with a member of the Bush administration, he didn't fare so well, so when *Fox News Sunday's* Chris Wallace told *Capitol File* that he was venturing off to South Texas to shoot with former top Bush advisor Karl Rove, we immediately became nervous.

Luckily, quail were the only casualties of the trip. "I went to a trap-shooting range before the trip to learn how to fire a shotgun," Wallace says, adding that, like many hardworking reporters in Washington, leisure time doesn't exist in large quantities for him.

"I almost never go out on a Saturday," he says. "I get a number [of invitations] and I have to say no to all of them." Instead, Wallace says he and his wife prefer to invite friends over for dinner.

Despite his busy schedule, there is one constant appointment that Wallace keeps without fail. Each Tuesday at 11 AM, he meets a dozen friends at Bethesda's Shanghai Village to toast a favorite basketball coach. The lunches started when Red Auerbach ("the greatest pro

basketball coach in history" in Wallace's eyes) was still alive. "Several of us used to have lunch with him every Tuesday," Wallace says. "After his death several years ago, we continued in his honor."

The rest of Wallace's week is spent preparing for *Fox News Sunday* and contributing to the network's political coverage, so when he gets a free afternoon, he seeks the quiet solace of the movie theater. "What I love about the movies is you get swept away for a few hours instead of constantly thinking about the news," he says. When the escape of the movies isn't sufficient, he and his wife, Lorraine, head to Round Hill resort in Jamaica.

Back inside the Beltway, the couple prefers to spend their evenings tucked away at a neighborhood restaurant. "We like Al Tiramisu just off Dupont Circle," Wallace says. [Chef] Luigi [Diotaiuti] treats us like members of the family." And if there are any leftovers from dinner, they are brought home to Winston, the couple's seven-year-old yellow Labrador, another of Wallace's favorite companions. ★