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Ms. Melanne Verveer
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The White House
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Dear Melanne,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of a copy of the photograph which I had with the First Lady during her recent visit to Uganda. I also take this opportunity to express Uganda's deep appreciation for Mrs. Clinton's visit to Africa and to Uganda in particular. She is truly a source of pride and inspiration for all of us. We also deeply appreciate the time she is taking off from her busy schedule to talk about her visit to Africa and to promote closer cooperation between US and Africa.

Special thanks to you and all the other members of your staff for your invaluable contribution to the success of the visit.

We hope that the First Lady, Chelsea, and all of you had a memorable stay in Uganda.

With best and sincere regards,

Edith Ssempala

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Jerilee Bennett / Gazette



Stepping into your destiny isn't as simple as trying on a pair of Keds. It takes time. Sometimes the shoes don't fit; sometimes you decide to go barefoot.

In the case of Elizabeth Gill Lui, a nationally known photographer, finding the right shoes meant hardship and financial insecurity. And it came at a price, sparked by a tragic, random event.

The year: 1979. A logging truck careening down Nevada Avenue. That was odd. Fast, it was moving too fast in her direction, Gill Lui thought as she sat in her car, waiting to turn left off Nevada.

In the blink of an eye, the truck – whose brakes had failed – smashed into the side of her car. She was badly hurt, emotionally shaken; the accident was so debilitating, it cost her her job as regional director of the American Lung Association.

But it also marked the beginning of a journey that would catapult her out of a neatly ordered world, propel her into the arts, and force her to challenge many dearly held assumptions, such as life is fair and bad things don't happen to "good" people.

"I had really been entertaining this idea before that if you had a good attitude, nothing bad would happen to you – sort of like your consciousness was creating your own reality," Gill Lui says as she sits in her house on a 200-acre ranch outside Franktown.

Gill Lui, 44, divorced and raising her 3-year-old daughter alone, re-examined her priorities. Lesson one: The universe is chaotic. Lesson two: Life is short. Lesson three: What should I be doing with my life?

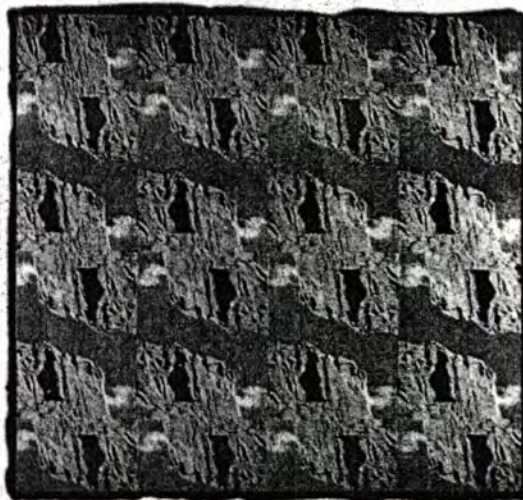
"It made me understand my vulnerability and it made me appreciate that every person is going to be able to do a few things, but you have to figure out what you need to do," says Gill Lui.

So Gill Lui set about figuring. As she continued physical therapy to recover from her accident, she began discovering more about the artist within, working with ceramics, print-making and silversmithing.

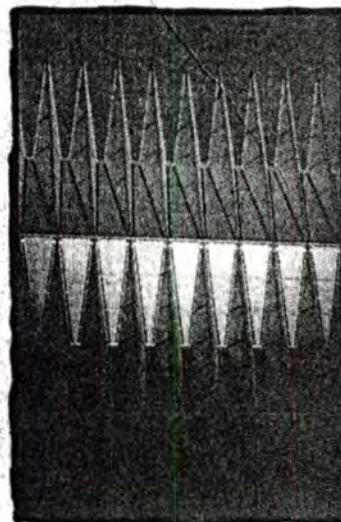
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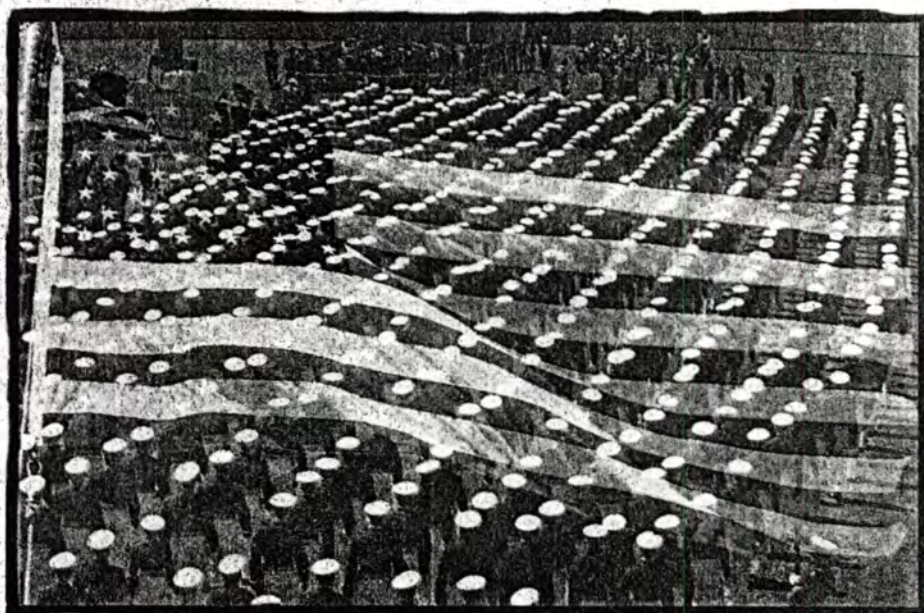
*Elizabeth Gill Lui captures
the play between nature
and human creativity*



camera all over the Air Force Academy while working on a photography book on the academy titled, "Spirit and Flight."



The lines of the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel caught the eye of Gill Lui, as did the rocks and sky images at left. The aesthetics of geometry interest her.



The U.S. flag and cadets in formation for graduation form a double-exposure reflecting the photographer's respect for the military.

Gill Lui/Photographer focuses on natural world

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graphy at Colorado College, she found her calling. Photography became her primary medium, although she is trained also as a printmaker and painter.

Gill Lui's photographs have been exhibited all over the world, from the Hong Kong Institute of Architects to the International Photo Society in Latvia. Her latest collection of photographs is compiled in "Spirit and Flight: A Photographic Salute to the United States Air Force Academy," published in September by the academy's graduate association. In her pictures, Gill Lui uses the academy's natural environment as a backdrop for its modernist architecture.

The book — 10 years in the making — features quotes from presidential-commencement speeches at the academy as well as recollections on the building of the academy by Water A. Netsch, who designed the landmark chapel.

In the book's preface, Gill Lui writes: "Great Architecture, like all great Art, is enriched and transformed by the power of time and human experience, and

not unlike many renowned monuments, the Air Force Academy transcended controversy to become one of our nation's most cherished architectural treasures."

The daughter of an Air Force meteorologist, Gill Lui spent much of her childhood moving around, to Washington, D.C., Alaska, Germany and England. Some of her childhood is shaped by having lived in the shadow of the sprawling academy in the early '60s. Her family made many visits there — for church, for Sunday brunch, for football games with the requisite tailgate parties. She traces much of her love of a modernist aesthetic in architecture to those visits.

Although Gill Lui argued endlessly with her father when she was a student at Colorado College about whether America should be involved in Vietnam, it never dampened her profound respect for people who serve in the military.

"I think we very often use the military as a smoke screen for the discontent we have with our politics, and that has been very misdirected," says Gill Lui, who started teaching photography at the academy in 1984.

"I think if you really look at how absolutely privileged our culture and society is in America, we don't admit to ourselves it's because we are the

strongest nation militarily. If we didn't have the ability to maintain the peace through that force, we would not be able to enjoy the freedom we have."

The book is dedicated to Atha Moorman, the wife of Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, who served as academy superintendent from 1965 to 1970. Atha Moorman, a lifelong friend of Gill Lui's family, was instrumental in bringing the study of arts and the humanities to the Air Force Academy. (The academy is the only service academy with an art department.)

While many photographers prefer to shoot in black and white because it emphasizes light and shadow, Gill Lui always has been attracted to color.

"The natural world is so unbelievable, because it's as colorful as it is," she says, gesturing out the window to the ponderosa pines bending in the breeze outside her house. "The green against the blue. How can this be? It's unbelievable. It's cool."

Her house is filled with her art, including photographic montages of nature. Trees, branches, ferns, water, and clouds are arranged in patterns that create rich pictures. The repetitive images are like textiles, precise and vibrant. The images both satisfy and intrigue. The ocean is more than just waves rolling through a morning's misty haze, but an archetype that resonates deeply on a psychic level.

Through her photographs, Gill Lui says she is trying to ease the sense of alienation many people experience and reconnect them

with the natural world.

"My main concerns are about the extreme materialism of our culture," she says. "I hope the work I do makes people understand more about themselves and the transcendent spiritual values in life — things that maybe aren't so pragmatic but enrich our lives."

Many of her photographs are a convergence of philosophy and science, nature and energy.

Gill Lui has always been interested in the aesthetics of geometry.

"When man perceives a geometric order, there's an emotional satisfaction because we imagine we can participate in that," said Gill Lui. Her photographs of the academy resemble geometric collages: a triangle of grass here, a square of granite there, a spiral staircase curling around like a nautilus shell.

Through her photographs, she tries to build a bridge between man and the natural world.

"There's not guilt to be laid, but we've really severed our relationship with nature, and we recognize that in our culture. People live with a sense of alienation. I think at its root, it's because we don't have a respect for our own place in the natural order of things. We've basically stopped living in relationship to the natural world."

That's where personal destiny comes in. Everyone — in their own way — must make peace with nature, she says. By doing that, they make peace with the deepest, most authentic part of themselves.

How does that happen? Here's Gill Lui's recent advice to an assembly at Phillips Exeter Academy, where she had been teaching: "It starts in the humble gesture of picking up a rock and feeling its energy and realizing it is far more precious than something that can be had for money," Gill Lui told the class.

"It starts by fixing an image of nature in your mind and in your heart as you go through your day. It allows stars to shine, not only in the sky above, but in the deepest holiness of your heart."

Photos reflect despair in Liberia



Mary Voelz Chandler

Photographer Elizabeth Gill Lui's latest project illustrates all too well how art and politics know no boundaries.

It took a 1996 stint as a visiting professor at Chi-

nese University in Hong Kong for the artist, known best for her architectural photography, to come head-to-head with the chaos and blood-letting that have become daily fare in Liberia since 1989.

That's chaos as in a wave of refugees, more than one-third of the country's population scattered into other parts of Africa as well as such unlikely destinations as Thailand. That's where Lui eventually found three young men desperate to get out of Bangkok. They had been jailed there after hoped-for jobs never materialized and immigration officials had no interest in letting the men out.

More on the three young men later.

Last year, Lui published a heart-felt book, *Spirit and Flight*, on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, part tribute to its memorable modernist architecture and part remembrance of her life there as part of an Air Force family.

Through the early 1990s, Lui traveled the world photographing 20th-century museums — often the true "art" of today's architecture — and published the book *Closed Mondays*. A selection of the photographs from *Mondays*, which was supported by foundation grants and Lui's own resources, appeared in a 1995 exhibition at the Denver Art Museum.

The watchword in both books is geometry and drama, exploration of form and meaning as they relate to what is popularly known as the human condition.

With her proposed project "Liberian Legacy: Portraits and Profiles of Liberians in Exile," Lui is tackling drama with a human face. The word "condition" seems paltry here, indeed.

"This is not the Africa of swollen bellies," Lui, 45, said recently, sitting in the sun-splashed living room of the home-studio near Franktown she has been tending for a doctor friend for nine years.

"It's a tragedy of a people whose desperation is so extreme. It's about the dynamic of scarcity and a breakdown in ethics."

The Liberian she met in Hong Kong later was detained in Bangkok after losing his passport en route to Tunisia. And there began a six-month journey to free him and his friends.

"What I believed might take a week was dragged out for six months as I confronted a bureaucracy that was not only inhumane,



Photo by Elizabeth Gill Lui

Thomas Wordsworth years ago was an exchange student in Colorado; now the engineer does odd jobs in Danane on the Liberia-Ivory Coast border. He has been a "professional-in-exile" since 1991.



Photo by Elizabeth Gill Lui

Jacqueline Washington left Liberia when fighting began again in 1992, fleeing with her boyfriend on a gunboat. Her boyfriend works for the Liberian embassy in Lagos, Nigeria, where they eventually settled, but he has not been paid for years.

ineffectual, but I believe criminal, at least on a moral level," she said.

After returning to Colorado, still trying every diplomatic route possible, Lui found support from the Liberian embassy in Washington, D.C. But the need to help the men led her to go to Africa last fall, where she worked out of both the Liberian embassy in Abijan, in the Ivory Coast, and in Danane, a major refugee area along the Liberia-Ivory Coast border.

Lui advised, gave money and learned about the perilous Liberian situation, but really had only one weapon: her camera. So she began to photograph and interview the refugees she met.

"My first question was 'When did you leave?'" she said. In interview after interview, refugees recounted their tales of flight.

It is this series of photographs and conversations that Lui wants to compile into a book, looking not

only at the individual stories but also at the context for Liberia's crisis and its special ties to the United States (the country was founded more than 150 years ago by the American Colonization Society as a home for freed slaves).

Since the early part of this century, Lui said, the United States has treated Liberia as a source of abundant economic resources and has meddled in its political structure to keep those resources safe. But not the people. A 1980 coup that overturned a leader descended from the Americo-Liberian ruling class unleashed tribal warfare and a fight for power.

To that end, she has applied for support through a Fulbright scholarship to tell the story in the United States. She believes this country has a "moral responsibility" for Liberia's people, "many of whom are our direct descendants through blood and all of whom form the body politic of America's African legacy."

Back to the three young men. Lui left Abijan believing that at least two of them had made their way out of Bangkok and were beginning the trek back to a friendlier place in Africa.

Minutes after she arrived home after a two-day series of flights, she said, she received a fax saying two of them had been killed during the hijacking of a flight from Addis Abbaba. The hijackers didn't believe the pilot when he said he was running out of fuel. The Ethiopian Airlines plane, of course, was doing just that, and crashed near the Comoros Islands.

And the third man? Sick, he had missed the flight with the others, but got out later.

"I see myself writing a book that's aesthetic and literary," she said, that will put a political spin on art. "If I can't do it subtly, I'm going to have to hit people over the head."

Mary Voelz Chandler writes about art and architecture for the News.

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Africa

Photographer Elizabeth Gill Lui wrote these stories about refugees she met while in Liberia:

Harry Davis Jr.: *On a normal day in 1990 in Monrovia, a Friday about 3 p.m., Harry and his mother and sister Abigail heard shooting in the distance. This was not completely unusual as there had frequently been fighting, but it had been (President Samuel K.) Doe's soldiers in the past. Harry went to see what was happening and saw that Doe's soldiers were running away. There was heavy shooting. The men that then came into the area were shouting, "Don't call us rebels; call us freedom fighters." They said everyone had to leave and take only what they could carry. Harry, his mother, his sister and stepsister took a few clothes and were forced into a mass exodus of Monrovia citizens. They walked out of the city on a road littered with bodies, either shot or dead from heart attacks. ... After the evacuation and a short stay under the protection of Harry's friend, the family walked for two weeks with thousands of other evacuees.*

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On a steamy January day last year, Elizabeth Gill Lui stepped into a Hong Kong subway and immediately noticed the man standing next to her. In a city of Asians, this black man with long dreadlocks stood out. He immediately reminded her of her hip-hop friends in New York.

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Junior Roberts: Junior is 14 and works at the hotel where we stayed in Danane. His story is one of the most tragic I heard. He had been in his own home in Liberia with his family when a group of rebels broke down the door and killed both his parents and his brothers and sisters. Junior was 11 at the time. He escaped out the back door and was the only survivor. He was paralyzed with fright and hid in a ditch in the back of his house for over a month, scavenging at night for food.

After a month, close to starvation, he made it to a hospital. After two months he recovered to a minimal degree of health and was evacuated to Danane. He works at a hotel there but hasn't been paid in two years. The hotel's owner claims room and board is enough payment. Junior is desperate to go to school but doesn't have the tuition to attend an English-speaking school.

Ann Mantia: She is a seamstress who has worked in Abijan, Ivory Coast, for several years and has been cheated by two Ivorian employers. She is rarely paid the \$80 a month she has been promised in exchange for working six days a week. Ann Mantia is hoping to get her own sewing machine so she can go into business for herself.



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It's a story that catapulted her into a world of international politics, immigration, prisons, diplomacy, corruption and untold human suffering. She would end up devoting hundreds of hours to securing the freedom of Liberians held prisoner in Thai detention centers. And that, in turn, would lead her to become an advocate for Liberian refugees who fled their country's civil war.

As a natural extension of her activism, she turned her camera on the refugees

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Jacqueline Washington:

The renewed fighting in 1992 was code-named Octopus. Washington and her boyfriend, James Toby, were able to make it onto a gunboat during the evacuation and eventually made it to Lagos, Nigeria. Many people died by drowning while trying to get onto these boats. James now works for the Liberian Embassy in Lagos but has not been paid for four years. Jackie has not found any work but wants to return to school to study science. She lives with James and Veney, a 16-year-old Liberian boy they have taken in. He had been stranded after the fighting in his village, was shot and had a finger amputated. He remains emotionally unstable and, despite their efforts, Jackie and James have been unable to locate any of his family.



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Liberia/Civil war rips apart land

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and began documenting their lives through photographs and journals. They are OK physically, she says, but worn down psychologically from being displaced.

"They feel their lives are being wasted," said Gill Lui, who plans to write a book about the refugees, using their stories and photographs to bring attention to their plight. "Yet even though their lives are on the precipice of moment-to-moment survival, they have such a bearing to their stature."

To her, Davis and the other Liberians she's come to know are tragic symbols of a country at war with itself.

□□□ To understand how Gill Lui has made this work her life's passion, you have to go back to that time in Hong Kong, when Gill Lui and Davis became friends. As Gill Lui prepared to wrap up a six-week teaching stint at the Chinese University and return to Franktown, she and her new friend, Davis, exchanged phone numbers and promised to keep in touch. Davis had been in Hong Kong as a refugee from the civil war in his home country, and had gone there because he didn't need a visa. He was ready to go home, and when he said goodbye to Gill Lui, he was headed back to Africa. Or so he thought. A few days after arriving in Colorado, Gill Lui got a frantic call from Davis. He'd been detained by Thai immigration officials after his passport was stolen in the Bangkok airport. Gill Lui promised to help him.

"It was a pivotal moment," she says. "I never knew in the beginning what I was getting myself into."

What did she know about the Immigration Detention Center in Suan Phlu, Bangkok? Nothing. But she was about to learn. Her friend was being held, along with 1,200 other men, in rooms with up to 250 people crammed together so tightly that they had to stand or squat with their knees pulled up to their chins.

Though there were other Liberians in captivity with Davis, most of the men were Asians from the surrounding countries of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. They were all there on immigration-related violations, whether that meant having an expired visa or living in the country illegally.

But Gill Lui's main concern was securing the release of her friend. Getting Davis out of the detention center was complicated, however, because Liberian officials had no money to help, and he had no place to go. Fighting had broken out again in Liberia — a country torn apart by years of civil war — so he couldn't go home. And no other country would take him.

Gill Lui spent \$5,000 phoning and faxing letters to human rights organizations (to no avail) and talking with Liberian Embassy officials in Washington and elsewhere. Finally, the country east of Liberia — Ivory Coast — agreed to take him.



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That might have been the end of it, but Gill Lui had established herself as a fighter. With Davis' release, the Liberian Embassy wanted to know, could she work on freeing three other young Liberians in the prison?

Gill Lui felt she couldn't say no. In time, with the embassy's intervention, Gill Lui and a few of her friends were permitted to buy the men's tickets to take an Ethiopian Airlines flight to freedom. They would be allowed to land in Abijan, Ivory Coast.

In a tragic twist of fate, two of them were aboard the Ethiopian Airlines flight that was hijacked on Nov. 23 out of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as it made its way to Abijan. While the hijackers held the pilots at gunpoint, the plane ran out of fuel and crashed over the Cameroon Islands.

Gill Lui, waiting back in Abijan to greet them, was transfixed with horror.

"I was in my hotel room when the news reports came on about the hijacking and the crash. I thought, 'Oh, my God, I bet they're on that flight. I can't believe this.'"

The news that the two men had been killed wasn't confirmed until she got back to Colorado a few days later.

"I couldn't make sense of it. The tragic part was their freedom that was so hard-won was so quickly snuffed out of their lives. What a cruel twist of fate for those boys."

By a stroke of luck, a third Liberian, who had been too sick to board the plane, was spared. He later made his way to Ivory Coast.

Gill Lui was haunted by the men who lost their lives on the

Ethiopian airliner, and by their native land.

The country has been torn apart by civil war since 1989 with rebel factions fighting mainly along ethnic lines, leaving millions of Liberians homeless.

They're scattered across the countries of Ivory Coast, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

In the poor neighboring country of Ivory Coast, the Liberians can't find work, and their English-speaking children can't enter Ivorian schools because French is the mother tongue.

Who were these people — some of whom are direct descendants through American blood? Gill Lui decided to take her camera and find out for herself.

Last November, she spent a month in Danane, a border town between the Ivory Coast and Liberia.

What she found were a marginalized people deprived of their nation and a chance for an honest life.

Unlike the stereotypical images of refugees — kids with bloated bellies and emaciated, listless adults clutching a bowl of rice — Gill Lui found the Liberian refugees living on marginal food rations, depressed and dejected about the future.

It was their lives, their individual lives and faces, their quirks and aspirations, that Gill Lui hoped to capture on film and paper. It was the least she could do.

"There's an aspect of human dignity we have to give back to these displaced people in the world," she said. "I want to show the beauty, strength and endurance of these people. I want to humanize them and dispel the stereotype of what the refugee is all about."

□□□ On a cold winter day, Gill Lui stands on the deck of her house in Franktown, gazing out over the snow-dusted hills, thinking of Africa.

Her life has changed profoundly in the space of a year. She is a different woman than the one who stepped onto a subway in Hong Kong and met a man named Harry Davis Jr.

Back in Colorado she worries about day-to-day survival; she spent her life's savings helping rescue Davis and his friends. Even so, she has no regrets. She even plans to go back to West Africa to take more pictures, and continues to do what she can to call attention to the plight of Liberian refugees. She's written to congressmen, humanitarian organizations and media outlets — anyone she thinks can shed light on Liberia.

Pondering the role she played in the lives of Davis and the other Liberians, she says, "I still feel in every way this story was given to me, to my care, to bring attention to the world. It's on a level of synchronicity."

She doesn't know where Davis is living. Sometimes she worries about his safety; at other times, she believes she'll see him again. "I'm not in control here," she says simply. "This happened to my life."

ON LIBERIA

The United States and Liberia are tied together in history by slavery. The country was founded by an American organization to provide a home for freed slaves from the United States.

In 1816, the U.S. Congress granted a charter to the American Colonization Society, a private organization dedicated to the expatriation of slaves. The first settlers arrived in 1822 at the town that was to become Monrovia — named after President James Monroe.

In 1838, the settlers organized the Commonwealth of Liberia under a governor appointed by the ACS. After a dispute with the ACS, they issued a declaration of independence in 1847.

"With echoes of the antebellum South and of inner-city Detroit, Monrovia is as American as Africa gets," writes Blaine Harden in "Africa: Dispatches From a Fragile Continent." "There is no other African capital where the English spoken by Africans has the rhythms of black American slang."

Descendants of freed American slaves are a minority in Liberia's ethnically diverse population, but they have consistently dominated the country's political life.

That imbalance has led to much of the violence that has rocked the country since 1980. That year, descendants of Liberia's original ethnic groups, angered by the continued dominance of slave descendants, assassinated President William R. Tolbert Jr. — an Americo-Liberian — in a military coup. Master Sgt. Samuel K. Doe, the coup leader, suspended the constitution and imposed martial law but pledged a new constitution by 1985.

Elections were held as promised, and Doe was elected president. Although there were allegations of fraud — which led to a violent but unsuccessful coup attempt — Doe was inaugurated in January 1986.

Four years later, about 150 anti-government guerrillas of the National Patriotic Forces of Liberia, led by Charles Taylor, crossed the border from Ivory Coast. Since then, the country has been embroiled in civil war with rebel factions fighting mainly along ethnic lines.

The United States, which had maintained a presence in Liberia for more than 150 years, pulled out in 1990 when Doe was captured and killed.

Current peacekeeping efforts, led by a primarily West African multinational force, are attempting to disarm many of the fighting factions so that free elections — scheduled for September — can take place without violence.

The conflict has killed more than 150,000 people and left at least half of the country's 2.4 million residents homeless in the seven-year civil war.

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March 19, 1997

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady of The United States of America
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

This is just a short note that I feel should be written. Once again, I want to thank you for coming to Senegal and visiting with our Volunteers. The fact that you made time in your rather hectic schedule to share with us was truly appreciated. On behalf of our entire Peace Corps Program I say: "THANK YOU".

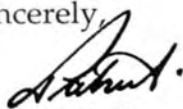
On a more personal note I want to share with you two thoughts:

1. Ginette (my wife), Pascaline (our daughter) and I were very impressed with Chelsea. Having three wonderful children of our own we know how difficult it must have been for you and the President to raise a special, yet normal, child. Chelsea is a credit to you both. As one parent speaking to another I sincerely hope that both of you appreciate what your love and care has made possible. She is a fine young lady who will continue to make you proud. As a father of two wonderful daughters I can easily identify with your feelings for her.

2. I have spoken with many people, both Senegalese and American, since your departure. Without exception your visit was not only a great success for Senegalese and American relations but also for yourself personally. The schedule that you kept and the charm and poise which you demonstrated throughout your visit impressed everyone. Simply stated, you won the heart and respect of a lot of people during your short time here.

In summary I can only add that I am proud to know that our country is being represented by such a fine individual. You are indeed our First Lady.

Sincerely,



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A New Connoisseur In South African Wine

By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr.

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa — When Jabulani Ntshangase arrived in the United States 17 years ago, he was a professional embalmer, a candidate for a business degree at Long Island University and a teetotaler. He was also broke.

"I loved embalming," said Mr. Ntshangase, 46, who was born in Soweto and left in 1977 to study in Britain. "But I was ready to try something else."

A friend got him a job at Acker, Merrall & Condit, the New York wine shop. There, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, he developed a passion for wine, learned the business and eventually became an importer.

Two years ago, he returned home, instantly becoming, by default, South Africa's most knowledgeable black expert on one of its most promising export industries: wine. Now his mission is to get more blacks into the wine business.

"It's frustrating to be so alone in this industry," he said recently, pouring a 1989 Val de Lyn from a nearby vineyard, one of the small group of wines he used to import to America. "It's frustrating how long it will take to get the best out of people. I have to wait four years for a wine student to graduate, plus five or six years till the work shows."

As wine adviser to Spier, a vineyard that is being aggressively transformed into a sort of Dionysian Disneyland by a white South African millionaire, Mr. Ntshangase is prodigal 35 million black South Africans, many of whom prefer beer, to switch to wine.

"If black people start drinking wine, our sales will be amazing," he said.

Besides, he said, waving a hand to encompass all the Cape wine country, "it will protect these vines."

"You want to get people from the townships to appreciate wine," he added, "so when the Government says, 'Look at all this land — we need it for housing,' the people will say: 'But this is green gold. This is wealth. Leave it.' It's not easy."

"We're still basically a beer-drinking country," said John Platter, author of the preeminent guide to South African vintages. "We don't have a Mediterranean attitude. Our wine industry grew out of our brandy industry, and even that was a quick-fix type drink — brandy and Coke."

Mr. Ntshangase and Mr. Platter sit on a committee of the Wine Education Trust, just created by South African Airways to put 10 nonwhite students a year through Stellenbosch University. There were 4,000 applicants this year. The airline is the industry's biggest customer, and top vineyards compete to be served in its first-class cabins.

"We said, 'Right, if you want your wine on board, it's going to cost you,'" Mr. Ntshangase said. "We imposed a fee of 150 rand" — about \$31 — "to enter the tastings, which is nothing but it pays for three of the students."

For a few applicants without science backgrounds, he has places in the Spier shop. Bongani Ngwenya, 23, is one of his apprentices. Growing up, he knew nothing about wine, he said, except that his father sometimes bought the kind sold in six-quart boxes for \$2. The son began his career at Spier as a janitor.

"While I was putting on the polish, I heard them talking about the balance, the harmony of the wines," Mr.

Ngwenya said. "I borrowed books from Jabulani." He now creates displays and, having taken a course at the Cape Wine Academy, leads tastings for tourists. Next month, he will spend three months at another vineyard helping with the harvest.

"I'd like it if we had black wine makers to bring together," he said. "Right now, it is like rugby. Blacks are just starting to play it."

On his return, Mr. Ntshangase tried to buy a vineyard, but found all the best addresses prohibitively expensive. Instead, he landed at Spier, a vineyard that like the modern wine industry itself is a strange ferment of the bucolic and the businesslike.

It has 180 acres under vines, a duck pond and a 1767 winery whose mud-insulated roof has survived five fires over the centuries. But it also has a private steam train from Cape Town, pony rides, four restaurants, an amphitheater, a conference center and a "cheetah outreach facility," where visitors can hug a live predator for \$10. And there are plans for three hotels and a golf course.

Spier's rejuvenation started in 1993, when it was purchased by Dick Enthoven, head of a family insurance and investment business who was once an opponent of apartheid in the whites-only Parliament. He and his partners are pouring a fortune into Spier, hoping it will pay off when the hotels are up and running.

Mr. Ntshangase's apprenticeships are only a small part of the program.

A special talent picked up during a stay in Manhattan.

Mr. Enthoven sees Spier as "an enormous benevolent force" — cleaning up the local river, moving a public school onto the property for grape pickers' children and creating a "black empowerment" fund.

A brief conversation between Mr. Ntshangase and Mr. Enthoven reveals what a work in progress the Spier plan is. Its wine shop, defying convention, sells wines from competitors around the world. Asked if he would spend enough to make Spier's own wine great, Mr. Enthoven said, "Oh, we're not a Lafite. We're not going to produce the ultimate wine, eh, Jabulani? More of a good commercial operation. To draw people to the vineyard."

A clearly distressed Mr. Ntshangase hesitated, then said: "I think we have what it takes to do it. In sauvignon blanc."

"Really?" Mr. Enthoven said. "What? A special reserve? A thousand cases? Hmmm." And he walked off to check something at one of the restaurants.

Both Mr. Ntshangase and Mr. Pieterse praise Mr. Enthoven's abilities as a dreamer, and hope the money holds out long enough for their shared dreams to come true.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ntshangase is pursuing a quiet, top-down route to getting wine glasses into black hands: Parliament meets in Cape Town, and many African National Congress members are new to V.I.P. status.

"These guys are saying to me: 'Jabulani, I need a cellar. I have to look like I know what I'm doing when I entertain,'" he said. "So I help them."

Former General And Unionist Slain in Algeria

PARIS, Jan. 30 (Reuters) — A retired Algerian general was killed today in Oran, in western Algeria, soon after a state funeral was held in Algiers for an assassinated union leader, Abdelhak Benhamouda.

Algeria's security forces said in a statement that the general, Habib Khelil, was "assassinated by terrorists," the term used by the Government to describe Muslim guerrillas.

General Khelil, in his 60's, had been responsible for army logistics under the late President Houari Boumedienne and ran the army recruitment service under the former President Chadli Benjedid.

The killing came soon after Mr. Benhamouda's funeral in Algiers, which was attended by thousands of mourners. Witnesses said President Liamine Zeroual, who was strongly supported by Mr. Benhamouda, wept openly.

Security forces were heavily deployed around the union headquarters where Mr. Benhamouda was killed on Tuesday and where his body lay in state, and at the cemetery. The union leader was buried at El Alia Martyrs Cemetery, a place reserved for people whom the Government regards as heroes.

The Government blamed Muslim fundamentalists for his death but some independent newspapers and many ordinary Algerians asked whether political rivals of President Zeroual were behind the killing.

Mr. Benhamouda's last words — "Kamel, my brother, they have betrayed us" — which were reported by an Algerian newspaper, added to the mystery.

Also, the fact that the union leader was ambushed in central Algiers and the killers escaped in the heavily policed city raised a clamor of questions over the killing and the motives.

The union leader, who was in his 40's, was preparing to start his own political party. He said recently that Algeria's political hierarchy had done nothing to resolve five years of crisis in which about 60,000 people have been killed.

The violence began in 1992 after the authorities cancelled a general election that Muslim fundamentalists had apparently won. The Government plans new elections before July.

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The Ritual: Disfiguring, Hurtful, Wildly Festive

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By HOWARD W. FRENCH

GRAFTON, Sierra Leone — The women of the Grafton displaced persons camp are in a festive mood these days. After years of fighting, the war that destroyed their villages and made them refugees has ended, and soon they will be returning home.

To celebrate this change of fortune, many felt, it was only proper that there should be a major ceremony marking what they hope will be a resumption of their normal lives. So, since Christmas, as many as 600 women from the camp have hiked off in groups of a dozen or more at a time to a clearing in the bush nearby.

There, the group members, ranging from 4-year-old girls to adult women, have stayed for a week or two at a time, dancing, feasting and sharing lessons about womanhood as part of an ancestral communal ritual known as Bondo, which culminates in having their external genitals cut off — a practice commonly referred to as female circumcision.

In recent weeks, similar scenes have been played out in one refugee camp after another in this sprawling fertile valley that flanks a verdant mountain chain on the outskirts of the capital, Freetown.

One champion of the practice estimates that in the space of less than a month 4,000 or more displaced women may have had their genitals cut by women known here as Soweis, all in preparation for the return to their rural homes. Sierra Leoneans say such numbers would make the displaced women's festivities the largest event of its kind ever seen in the country.

While the ritual of female genital cutting is common within regions and ethnic groups in a number of countries in Africa, Sierra Leone stands out as a society where the practice is nearly universal.

In many other parts of Africa, the practice is in retreat, under the assault of laws prohibiting it, educational drives aimed at women and, in some places, even preaching against the ritual by Muslim clerics.

But in Sierra Leone, where by some estimates as many as 90 percent of women undergo the ritual, the tiny minority of people willing to take a stand against the practice are overwhelmed by militant, if defensive, advocates.

In the middle stand millions of women who are, for the most part, willing, and sometimes fervent adherents.

"I decided to go to the bush and have this done now because I am a mature woman now," said Bateh Kindoh, a shy 16-year-old who sat with two other recent initiates to speak with a visitor. "We will go back to our villages soon, and I wanted to become part of the Bondo society first. This is a happy time for us."

In a country where women's rights advocates have recently played an important role in national politics, most Sierra Leonean feminists are reluctant to make a public stance against genital cutting, which is one measure of how sensitive the topic here is.

The Sierra Leone Government, too, has no official policy of discouraging the practice.

When the country held its first democratic elections last year, Sierra Leoneans say, female genital cutting was an important factor in

the vote, although it was unmentioned in any campaign. Many women expressed their suspicion of one of the leading presidential candidates because his wife, an American, would not have been subject to the ritual.

The winner of the election, President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, felt heat on the issue himself, when his choice of a presumably uncut woman as Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs was held up for months in Parliament because, as one member said, "she would not be familiar with our adored customs."

Traditionally, the Bondo ceremony was regarded as part of an exclusive

For many women in Sierra Leone, a painful practice is a question of culture.

female "secret society" that, unlike most tribal rites in Africa, drew Sierra Leonean women together across ethnic and religious lines. Traditionally, these matters were not even openly discussed in the broader society or in the presence of men.

But with the country's new democracy changing the shape of public debate, and news of mass genital cuttings just outside the capital spreading fast, the ritual has recently become the focus of widespread public discussion for the first time.

If anyone can be said to embody the pro-cutting movement in Sierra Leone, it is Haja Sasso, leader of the National Council of Muslim Women. Pugnacious and passionate, Mrs. Sasso has served notice that there will be war in her country if anyone should attempt to bar women from cutting each other's genitals.

When a Freetown newspaper, For Di People, began writing articles critical of the practice last year, Mrs. Sasso led what observers say was the largest march the city had ever seen, bringing several thousand angry women into the streets to denounce and threaten the publication.

Defenders of the ritual, who range from intellectuals in the capital to illiterate displaced women, talk of preserving a tradition against an onslaught of alien cultures.

"I am only doing this to protect our culture," Mrs. Sasso said in an interview at her Freetown home. "I don't want to see this ceremony eradicated, because it binds us, we the women, together. We respect each other in this way, and we feel free together because of it."

Critics here say the rituals of genital cutting persist because they are a rare female preserve in a society otherwise heavily dominated by men.

"When women marry here according to native law and customs, the Bondo society is one of the only places where they are free to go on their own," said Dr. Olayinka Kosso-Thomas, a gynecologist who is Sierra Leone's leading campaigner against genital cutting. "Marriage in this patriarchal society bears a resemblance to slavery. When the women go into the bush for this ceremony, it is just about the only time they can drink and dance, let their hair down and enjoy a bit of freedom."

"What we are telling people is not to end the secret societies, but not to make these rituals revolve around cutting of the girls' genitals."

In a recent United Nations study, Sierra Leone ranked second-to-last in the world in a measurement of quality of life. Among the country's lowest indicators are female literacy, and maternal and infant mortality rates.

For Dr. Kosso-Thomas, whose life was threatened by the advocates of genital cutting who marched last year, these two facts are closely bound up in the ritual.

Dr. Kosso-Thomas said that Sierra Leone had one of the highest rates of miscarriage and pregnancy-related deaths in the world, in large part because of infections, scarring and other damage brought on by mutilations carried out in primitive and unhygienic conditions.

But here, amid the closely-spaced tin-roofed mud huts that have housed most of the displaced residents for the last year, a group of women, some of whom recently had their genitals cut, stepped forward to defend the practice, making it clear that they were eager to resume the practice once the Muslim holiday of Ramadan was over.

"I have grown to the age of 50 years, and this is the first time anyone has come forward to ask me why we do these ceremonies," said Amy Kendoh, a leader among the camp's initiates. "It doesn't matter what other people think because we are happy with our customs. We will carry on with our lives."

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Dear Hillary:

The message you sent on March 4th by way of AID Administrator Brian Atwood for the AID grant of \$15 Million to the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH) was warmly received by the large gathering present from across America for the occasion. As you know, this grant will help continue our successful programs already underway. We have sent 500 master teachers to Africa to help improve the skills of African teachers, have trained hundreds of African bankers to improve their banking skills in African countries, and we continue our other efforts to build schools, open clinics, and dig wells for African nations.

I want you to know how much I appreciate the great interest you have taken in Africa. I know your upcoming travels in Africa with the President will prove beneficial. Your husband's voice and his presence on African soil will mean much to Africa as well as to African Americans and friends of Africa in the United States.

Unfortunately, I can not be with you; but, I will be leaving for Liberia in a few weeks and going on to Ghana where, in May 1999, we will be holding a fifth African-African American Summit with friends of Africa. The Summits have done so much to help Africa with investments, jobs and democracy. From there, I will attend an OIC conference to be held in Côte d'Ivoire during my journey. When I return in April, I would appreciate very much meeting with you to discuss the many things we are doing in Africa, especially the building of schools and the efforts being made to help with education for the children of Africa.

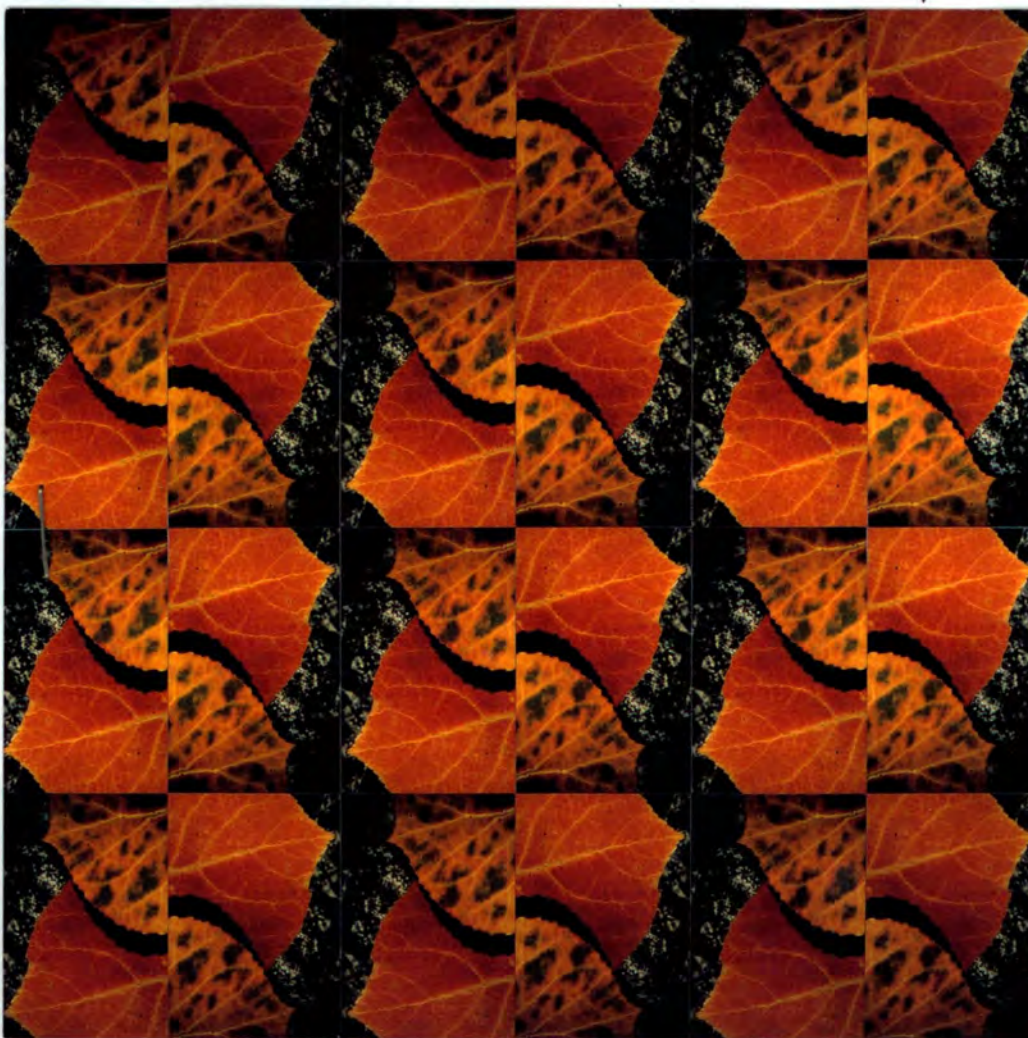
I will be in touch with your office for an appointment upon my return. I am looking forward to seeing you at a time convenient to your busy schedule.

I have watched you through the years and I respect you greatly. Please tell Bill I wish him well.

Sincerely,

Leon Sullivan

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March 22, 1998

Wayne and Marilyn Percifield
U.S. Peace Corps
PO Box 190
Lira, Uganda

Mr. Bill Clinton
U.S. President
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

There is a dire need in the schools of Uganda for books printed in English. In most public schools of Uganda there are no books in the classrooms. The only written material that the students see is what the teacher writes on the blackboard. When that is erased, it is gone.

It is our assumption that the same situation exists in other English- speaking third world countries.

In America there are millions of used books in people's homes and in the schools that are no longer read or needed. In fact, numerous textbooks are thrown away by U.S. public schools each year.

From efforts we have made, we have discovered that it is relatively easy to collect used books, but it is very difficult and expensive to have them shipped to Uganda.

We are writing to suggest that the U.S. government develop a program that would assist in shipping books to Uganda and other countries in need. We are not proposing a form for such a program, but we feel it should be relatively easy to implement. We also believe such a program would be very beneficial and cost effective.

If anyone would wish to discuss the need or possible form of such a program, we would be happy to do so. Telephone communication to and from Lira, however, is unreliable. Therefore, any communication with us, while we are serving in Uganda until July of 1999, should be through the mail, posted to the above address.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Wayne
Percifield*

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THE AFRICAN-AFRICAN AMERICAN SUMMIT

May 13, 1998

Honorable Hillary Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Thanks so very, very much for meeting with me last week. I certainly appreciate all that you and Bill are doing to help Africa and I look forward to collaborating with you in developing strategies to help enhance the quality of life on that continent. I also want to express my gratitude for your kind words of encouragement and support during our meeting.

As you may recall, I requested you to contact the governments of Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan and China to inform them that I am planning to visit their respective countries from July 13 through July 24, 1998. I would like, if at all possible, to have an audience with the Heads of State (as I have done in France, Germany, Ireland, etc.) and other appropriate officials in the area of African development. Specifically, I will be discussing with them my Education for Africa Program which I believe complements that of the President's. As I indicated during our discussion, last year I signed an Aide Memoire with the Organization of African United and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization to construct or renovate ten thousand schools in Africa; to upgrade the skills of twenty-five thousand African teachers; and to establish two hundred fifty OIC programs over the next decade. I am enclosing a copy of the agreement for you files. The primary reason that I would like to meet with high level officials in those four countries is to acquaint them with my African initiatives and to seek their support for the initiatives included in the Aide Memoire.

I also extended an invitation for you and the President to drop by the dinner that my African-African American Summit is holding at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington on June 25, 1998. At that time, you thought that you would be traveling outside of the United States. However, if your schedule should change, we would be so honored if you and the President could join us for a few moments at this dinner of over one thousand supporters of Africa, including around five hundred from corporate America.

Madam First Lady, I would like to again extend an invitation for you and the President to participate in the Fifth African-African American Summit which I am chairing and convening and which is being hosted by His Excellency Jerry Rawlings in Accra, Ghana from May 17 through May 21, 1999. A formal letter of invitation will be forthcoming.

Finally, at his convenience, I would like for you to assist in arranging a brief meeting for me with the President. I would like to have the opportunity of updating him on my work in America and in Africa.

Honorable Hilliary Clinton
May 13, 1998
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Any assistance that you can provide regarding the aforementioned will certainly be appreciated. My Chief of Staff, Dr. C.T. Wright will be in contact with Ms. Mellane Verveer to follow up on these requests.

Thanks for a great meeting, it was just wonderful to see you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon H. Sullivan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Leon H. Sullivan

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