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September 5, 2000

Jonathon M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
White House Office of Public Liaison
122 OEGB
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Jonathon,

Recently I was contacted by two major providers, of services to the disabled, about the agencies being consider for a tour by President Clinton. As a Union Leader who fights for the rights of the disabled workers everyday, I would hope that President Clinton would put Flint at the top of his list, for consideration. Labor has placed a role in helping to develop these agencies and their programs, into what we feel are the finest in the nation.

The community has always been a leader in technology and have realized that it is one of the most important factors in a disabled person's life. The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties have worked together to develop what we feel are two of the best service providers for not only the disabled, but the unemployed and under employed in the county.

It would be again privilege for the AFL-CIO to welcome President Clinton to Flint, and on behalf of all of the members hope that he will consider touring these agencies that we feel a vital link to our community.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Hillard".

Jeff Hillard
Interim President



Career Alliance, Inc.
711 N. Saginaw Street, Ste. 300
Flint, MI 48503
Phone: (810) 233-5974
Fax: (810) 233-8652

facsimile transmittal

To: Johnathon Young Fax: 202-456-0362
From: Pamela Louing Date: 9-14-00
Re: Floor Plans Pages: 5

CC:

☒ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

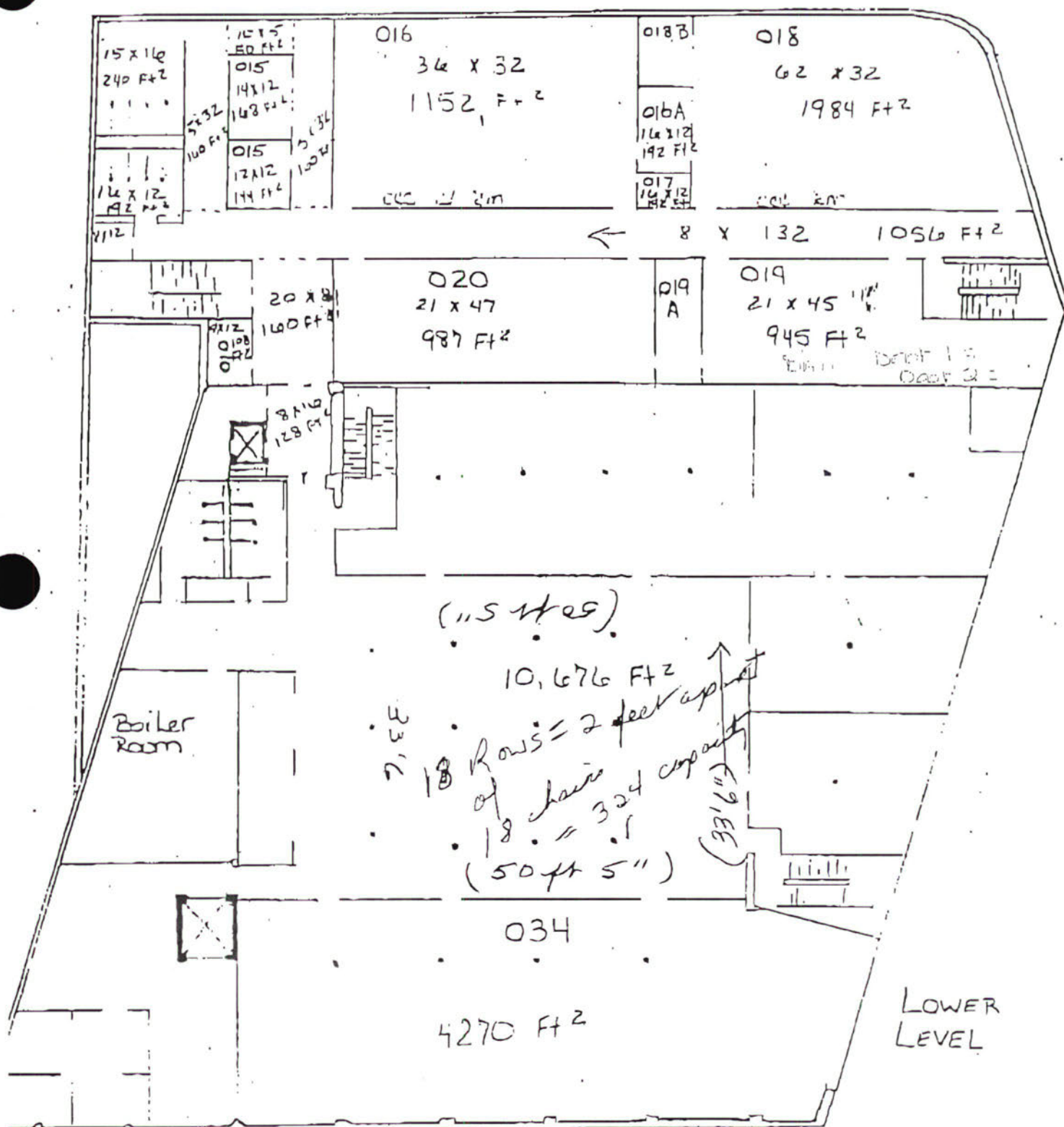
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SEATING CAPACITY = 324

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Rows 2 feet apart

CAREER ALLIANCE, INC. Floor Plans

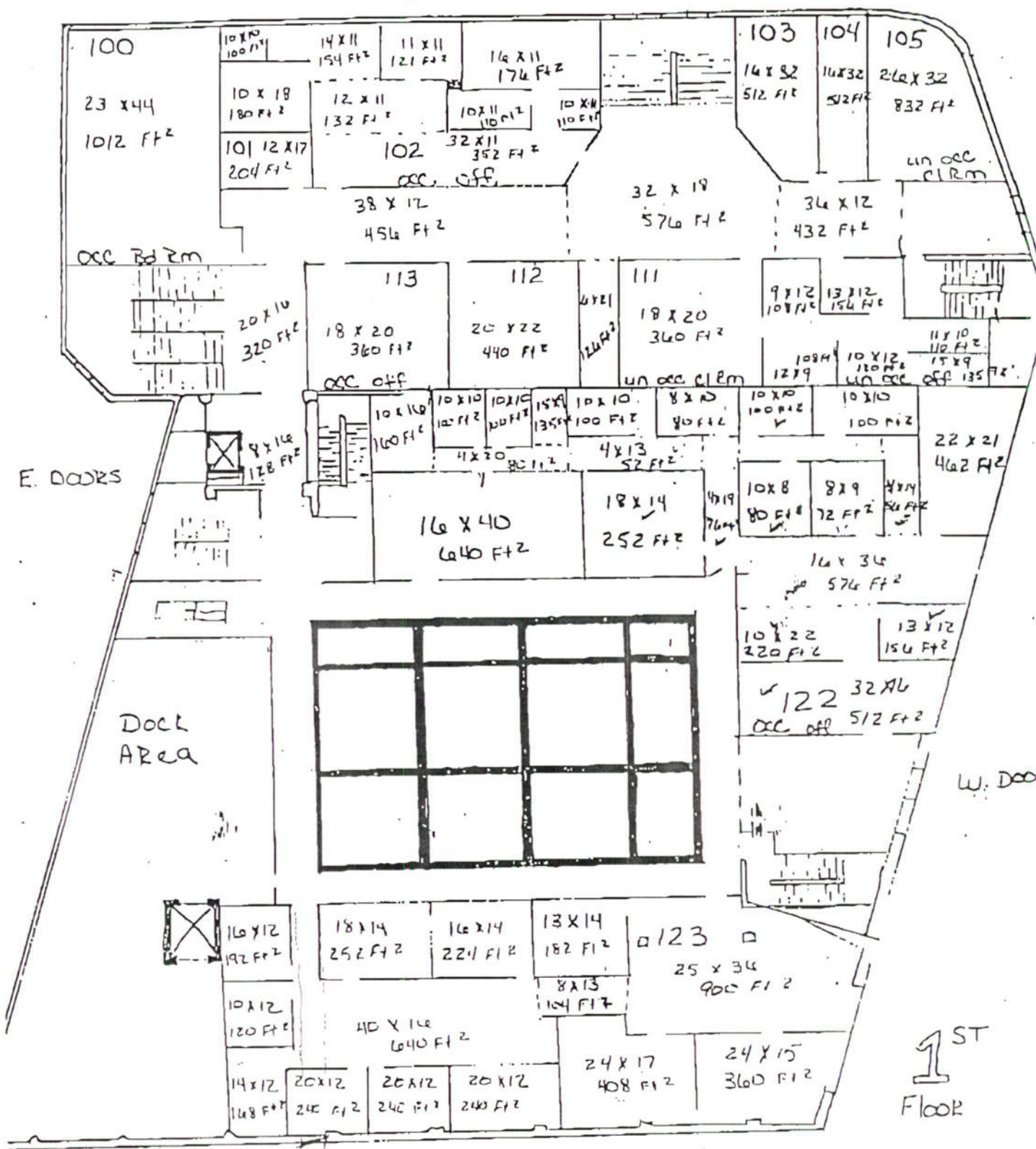
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CAREER ALLIANCE, INC.

Floor Plans

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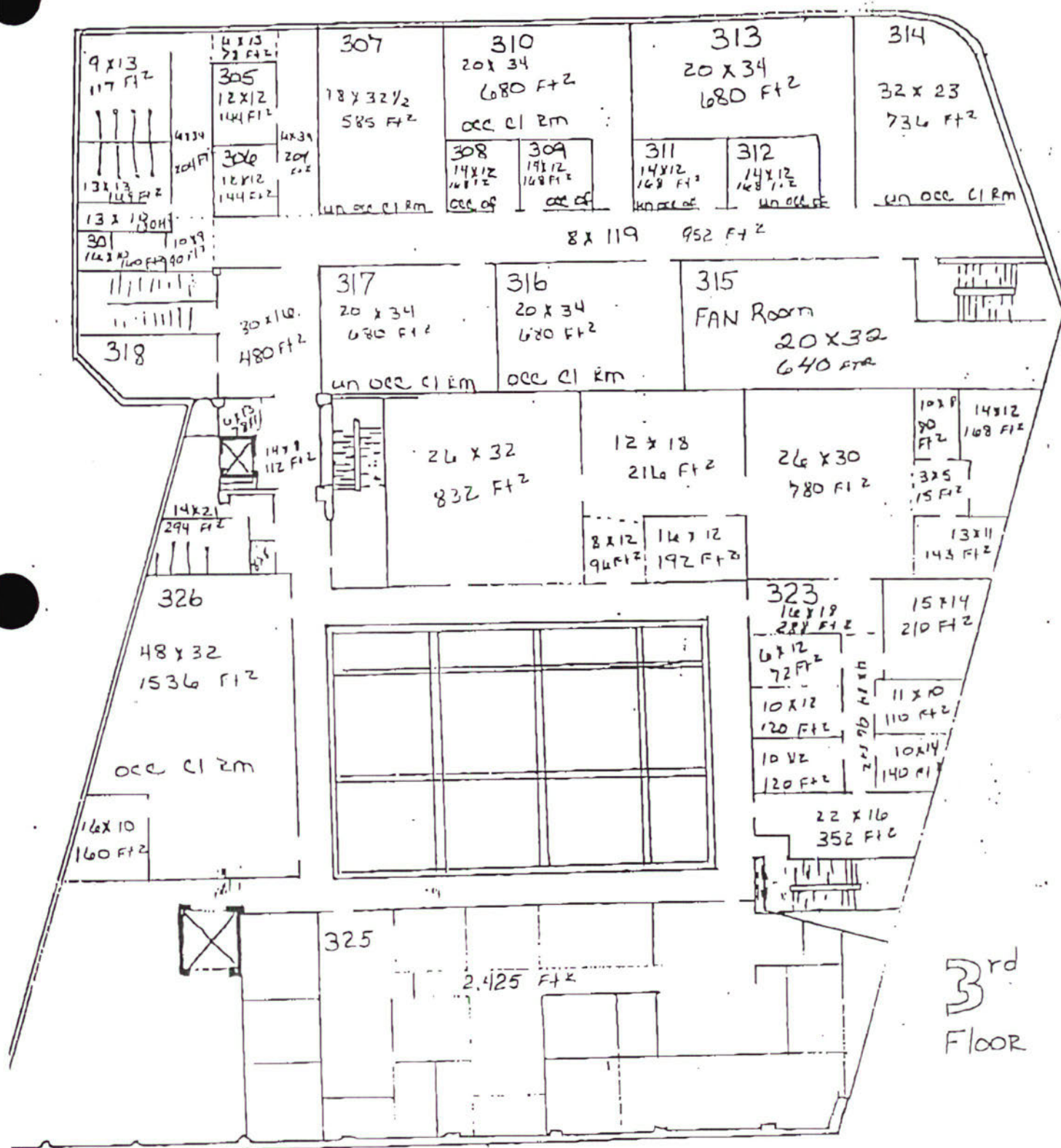
Hand-drawn floor plan of the 2nd floor of a building. The plan shows various rooms, corridors, and dimensions. The rooms are numbered 201 through 45, with dimensions and areas in square feet. A large central area is labeled '222' and contains a grid of smaller rooms. The plan also shows a staircase and a large open area labeled '225'.

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CAREER ALLIANCE, Inc.

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Total: 16,924 Ft²

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August 29, 2000

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Associate Director for Disability Outreach
White House Office of Public Liaison

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1. Two employees of our administration staff that have disabilities. David White is the coordinator of our workforce system and is visually impaired. David uses assistive technology in his job to monitor the performance of our employment and training service providers. Leon Eiermann is a maintenance custodian who is deaf. Our entire One-Stop staff have attended disability sensitivity training and business sign language classes. Leon uses a portable TTY device. We also have live remote tele-video interpreter services available at our One-Stop from the Statewide Services for the Hearing Impaired organization, located in Flint.
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3. Me. I'm a paraplegic wheelchair user and Chairman of the Workforce Investment Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties. I'm President of Michigan Works, an association of all 25 Michigan Workforce Boards and recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Workforce Boards. I'm the Executive Director of The Disability Network, a designated Center for Independent Living, and a Governor appointed member and officer of the Statewide Independent Living Council. Our One-Stop Center in Flint is setting the standard in Michigan for inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all employment, training and support services offered by the State's workforce system.

4. Our Workforce Investment Board and several individuals with disabilities that have used the One-Stop Center to gain employment and use assistive technology in their workplace.

Following are disability and technology related items about our One-Stop:

1. Our recently renovated One-Stop Service Center goes far beyond ADA compliance and is fully accessible, including power assisted doors. We provide state-of-the-art assistive technology for individuals with disabilities including the latest in voice recognition software, screen reader software for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, magnified screens and information in alternative formats. Our Board participated in a Social Security Administration grant to fund benefit counselors who will be located in our One-Stop Center. They will assist individuals with disabilities in making informed employment decisions and understanding the impact of employment on their federal, state and local benefits.

2. We have formed a Disability Council to our Workforce Board that is made up of area businesses, private sector Workforce Board members, individuals with disabilities and several local organizations that provide supports and services to citizens with disabilities. The Council's mission is to educate employers on the advantages of employing individuals with disabilities, create a local One-Stop and workforce system that is totally inclusive for citizens with disabilities, insure all services from our contracted service providers are inclusive and develop best practices for an inclusive statewide Michigan workforce system.

3. Our Workforce Board formally supported implementation of the President's Work Incentives Improvement Act and Medicaid Buy-in feature in Michigan. We will encourage full implementation of the new Ticket to Work legislation and are considering becoming an employment network entity that will accept the ticket and

blend it with the WIA's individual training account so that we can train, place and retain individuals with disabilities in high-skill, high-wage jobs.

After touring the Career Alliance One-Stop Service Center, located in the heart of Flint, the President will travel ½ mile north on our main street to drive by or briefly visit the Federal Job Corp Center and then ½ mile further north to visit the Broome Community Center, where he will see a fully accessible building, converted from a middle school, that is part of our workforce system in Flint and features high tech computers with the latest in assistive technology. Several community partners provide services at the Broome Center, including Mott Community College, neighborhood block clubs, Boys and Girl clubs, etc. Further information is in the book I sent overnight to you.

These important and accessible facilities are located in Flint's enterprise zone, where we have focused our employment, training and support services to meet the employment and community needs of our African American citizens, which represent a majority of Flint's population.

The last stop for the President will be two miles south through our cultural center and college campus locations to visit us at The Disability Network, an organization governed and staffed by people with disabilities. The President will participate in the grand opening of a new Assistive Technology Access Center, a collaboration with Flint's Mott Community College and the US Department of Education to bring technology to neighborhoods and bridge the digital divide between individuals with and without disabilities.

The new Access Center at The Disability Network is one of three (with more planned) non-traditional, technology centers located in Flint's minority populated neighborhoods. The Access Center features stunning assistive and adaptive technology on high-tech computers, using high speed T1 access lines to the Internet. Assistive technology at the Access Center includes voice recognition and screen reader software, sip & puff controls, eyegaze technology, and other adaptive and assistive technology. The Disability Network facility is incredibly accessible. The Access Center is also linked to Mott Community College's (MCC) main campus for tutorials and distance learning opportunities through the Internet and video conferencing.

The Disability Network's Access Center will offer a newly developed open-entrance, open-exit formal Assistive Technology certification program, not

available anywhere else in the United States. The Access Center is an integrated setting that is available to all people in the surrounding neighborhoods, including citizens with disabilities. The Access Center director is John Burt. John is a wheelchair user and the only individual with a disability in the United States with a formal RESNA certification in assistive technology as an assistive technology supplier and support technician.

The Disability Network will hire individuals with disabilities and train them to become MCC certified assistive technology experts to meet the growing demand for assistive technology specialists in the workplace, college campuses, government locations and local schools. Individuals with disabilities are the best evaluators of assistive technology because they know what works. They will become experts in the accessibility and usability of assistive technology. We will also train them on design of accessible web-sites, a growing need on the Internet.

The President will meet AmeriCorps volunteers with disabilities assigned to The Disability Network and trained as ADA specialists. The volunteers use assistive technology in their work.

Flint showcases the following disability related items:

1. Mott Community College is building a new \$34,000,000 high-tech Regional Technology Center in Flint. The money was raised through a local bond issue (\$17,000,000) and grant from the State of Michigan. The Regional Technology Center, that will be officially designated as a Michigan M-TEC center tomorrow, will provide education and training in state-of-the-art manufacturing and simulation technology.

I am on the board of trustees of the new M-TEC center which enthusiastically supports full access for individuals with disabilities through complete facility accessibility and the availability of the latest assistive technology. We are reviewing new curriculum to include research and development of disability related mobility technology. One application of this technology will be for the Amigo corporation that manufactures wheelchair scooters and is located just up the road from Flint. The three neighborhood Access Centers referred to above are also entry points to the new M-TEC center.

2. The county-wide Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) system has a new and modern fleet of vehicles that are accessible to citizens with disabilities in the regular line haul buses and Your Ride vans. Drivers and employees of the MTA

receive disability equipment and sensitivity training from The Disability Network. We depend heavily on our MTA system that provides employment transportation for ALL citizens, including daily trips to worksites in five surrounding counties.

3. Flint's Mayor Woodrow Stanley (who I believe is a personal friend of President Clinton and stayed at the White House) recently created a formal city-wide Access Council to educate the community and employers on the advantages of hiring and serving citizens with disabilities, recognize businesses that hire, service and are accessible to individuals with disabilities (using a large "Access Flint" decal for display), recognize great employees that happen to have a disability, enforce disability related building codes and create a resource directory and web-site of local disability related services for Flint citizens.

4. Flint has four major college campuses; Mott Community College, University of Michigan Flint campus, Kettering University and the private Baker College. All four of the colleges and universities have a student services department for their students with disabilities and make available the latest in assistive technology and supported services for their students.

5. The Michigan Department of Career Development - Michigan Rehabilitation Services (Michigan's vocational rehabilitation agency) is a full partner and required member of all 25 Michigan Workforce Boards and are co-located in all 102 One-Stop Centers in the State, including Flint. The Flint, MRS works closely with our One-Stop partners, employers and individuals with disabilities to resolve employment related issues, including assistive technology needs in the workplace.

Finally Jonathan, Flint is a national leader in the availability of workforce assistive technology and commitment to our citizens with disabilities. We are a showcase for President Clinton's landmark legislation initiatives including 1) the Work Investment Act that specifically requires the inclusion of citizens with disabilities in the nations new One-Stop centers, 2) the Work Incentives Improvement Act that removes the most significant barrier to work for individuals with disabilities and 3) the President's Assistive Technology legislation. This administration's commitment to American citizens with disabilities is the strongest in the history of our republic. The President will receive an incredible welcome from all of Flint's citizens, but especially those of us with disabilities.

I met President Clinton at a White House lawn reception two years ago. What really impressed me was meeting him at a rope line in Chicago last year where he actually said "Mike, it's great to see you again"! How could he possibly remember me? President Clinton is a national leader on disability issues and a hero to many

of us with disabilities. We will be honored to have President Clinton visit Flint to showcase disability related technology and meet individuals with disabilities that use assistive technology in their everyday and working lives.

Jonathan, You will be receiving fax letters of enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint from the following individuals who are partners with The Disability Network and our Workforce Development Board:

Cal Rapson - Region 1C Director of the UAW

Gary Ishom - Director of the local Carpenters Union

Joe Abraham - Director of local AFL-CIO

Local Director of the Teamsters Union

Leisa Richardson - Executive Director of the Flint Urban League

Larry Ford - Executive Director of the Greater Flint Chamber of Commerce

Jean Conyers - Executive Director of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce,
which represents African American businesses

Dick Shaink - President of Flint's Mott Community College

Tim Herman - President of the Focus Council, a business advocacy group of large
employers in Genesee county

Todd Brian - President of the Growth Alliance, Flint's economic development org.

Bob Foy - Director of the local Mass Transportation Authority

Tom Gilbertson - Senior Vice President of Bank One

James Ray - Superintendent of Flint Community Schools

Nancy Jurkiewicz - Director of the National League of Cities Flint project

Woodrow Stanley - Mayor of Flint and a friend of President Clinton

Dale Kildee - US Congressman

Carl Levin - Michigan Senator

Spencer Abraham - Michigan Senator

others to follow

Thursday, March 9, 2000

BRIEFING

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY BETH CAHILL

FROM: Jonathan Young

CC: Gene Sperling, Assistant to the President and Director, National Economic Council

RE: Disability Meeting on the New Markets/Digital Divide Tour

DATE\TIME: Friday, March 10, 2000, 2:15 p.m.

LOCATION: OEOB 180

ATTENDEES:

White House Representatives (5)

Mary Beth Cahill

Gene Sperling

Thomas Kalil

Jay Dunn

Jonathan Young

Guests (14)

Carol Boyer	Project Associate, Technical Assistance Project, Rehabilitation and Education Society of North America (RESNA), Alexandria, VA
Marc Brenman	Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Civil Rights, DOT
Judy Brewer	Director, World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), Cambridge, MA
Deborah Buck	Director, TRAIID Project, New York State Office of Advocates for Persons with Disabilities, Albany, NY
Jennifer Dexter	Co-Chair, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Technology Task Force, Easter Seals, Washington, DC
Alan Dinsmore	Executive Director, American Federation for the Blind, Washington , DC
James Gashel	Executive Director, National Federation of the Blind, Washington, DC
James Geletka	Executive Director, Rehabilitation and Education Society of North America (RESNA), Alexandria, VA
Judy Gilliom	Manager, DoD Disability Program, DOD
Larry Goldberg	Director, National Center of Accessible Media, Boston, MA
Kathy Ladipo	Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities
Larry Scadden	National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA

Susan Turnbull GSA Center for Information Technology Accommodation ,
Washington, DC
Gregg Vanderheiden Director, Trace Research and Department Center, Madison, WI

PURPOSE:

To discuss the President's upcoming New Markets Tour on the Digital Divide, and solicit input about how the President can incorporate the concerns of people with disabilities into the tour.

BACKGROUND:

On February 23, OPL hosted a constituency briefing on the President's upcoming New Markets Tour on the Digital Divide. The briefing discussed the President's plan to travel with CEOs, civic leaders, and a bipartisan delegation of Members of Congress to specifically focus on new and expanded efforts that companies and organizations are undertaking related to the digital divide in underserved areas of the country.

During the briefing, one participant encouraged the Administration to incorporate disability into the tour. Gene Sperling responded in part by suggesting constituency-specific briefings to learn about communities' particular needs and concerns and to solicit ideas for possible tour sites. OPL has been soliciting input from the disability community as preparation for tomorrow's briefing, identifying programs around the country currently addressing the divide, and learning about specific concerns. (A draft document summarizing programs throughout the country is attached.)

Recently, the disability community has focused on Congressional activities, including a February 9 hearing in response to business concerns. People felt that the hearing successfully highlighted the need and practicality of making the internet accessible. But a column by Bill Frezza's in a February 28 Internet Week Online show is now being circulated in the community as a cautionary reminder. He called web access a "regulatory cancer" "stalking the internet," designed to help the "unfortunate" and destroy free enterprise.

Some advocates of web access have criticized the Department of Commerce for not being more inclusive of the issues of a digital divide for people with disabilities in their conference and reports. A recent study DOED-funded study by H. Stephen Kaye, Ph.D., "Computer And internet Use Among People with Disabilities," concludes "that gaps in computer and Internet use based on disability status are just as large as those based on race and ethnicity." People with disabilities are about half as likely as their non-disabled peers to have access to a computer at home, and about one-third as likely to have access to the internet.

FORMAT:

Jonathan Young will introduce **YOU**.

YOU will welcome the audience to the White House and introduce **Gene Sperling**.

Sperling will make a brief presentation and open floor to Q&A.

YOU will serve as a guide for selection of questions and comments.

YOU determine when question and answer and comment period should end.

YOU close the meeting and thank Sperling for his presentation.

YOU and **Sperling** will depart.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: N/A.

TALKING POINTS: N/A.

ATTACHMENTS:

"Programs & Projects Working to Bridge the Digital Divide Among People with Disabilities" (DRAFT 00-03-09).

Proposal for POTUS visit to Boston: Memo from Judy Brewer and Larry Goldberg

Proposal for POTUS visit to Baltimore: Memo from James Gashel

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These important and accessible facilities are located in Flint's enterprise zone, where we have focused our employment, training and support services to meet the employment and community needs of our African American citizens, which represent a majority of Flint's population.

The last stop for the President will be two miles south through our cultural center and college campus locations to visit us at The Disability Network, an organization governed and staffed by people with disabilities. The President will participate in the grand opening of a new Assistive Technology Access Center, a collaboration with Flint's Mott Community College and the US Department of Education to bring technology to neighborhoods and bridge the digital divide between individuals with and without disabilities.

The new Access Center at The Disability Network is one of three (with more planned) non-traditional, technology centers located in Flint's minority populated neighborhoods. The Access Center features stunning assistive and adaptive technology on high-tech computers, using high speed T1 access lines to the Internet. Assistive technology at the Access Center includes voice recognition and screen reader software, sip & puff controls, eyegaze technology, and other adaptive and assistive technology. The Disability Network facility is incredibly accessible. The Access Center is also linked to Mott Community College's (MCC) main campus for tutorials and distance learning opportunities through the Internet and video conferencing.

The Disability Network's Access Center will offer a newly developed open-entrance, open-exit formal Assistive Technology certification program, not

available anywhere else in the United States. The Access Center is an integrated setting that is available to all people in the surrounding neighborhoods, including citizens with disabilities. The Access Center director is John Burt. John is a wheelchair user and the only individual with a disability in the United States with a formal RESNA certification in assistive technology as an assistive technology supplier and support technician.

The Disability Network will hire individuals with disabilities and train them to become MCC certified assistive technology experts to meet the growing demand for assistive technology specialists in the workplace, college campuses, government locations and local schools. Individuals with disabilities are the best evaluators of assistive technology because they know what works. They will become experts in the accessibility and usability of assistive technology. We will also train them on design of accessible web-sites, a growing need on the Internet.

The President will meet AmeriCorps volunteers with disabilities assigned to The Disability Network and trained as ADA specialists. The volunteers use assistive technology in their work.

Flint showcases the following disability related items:

1. Mott Community College is building a new \$34,000,000 high-tech Regional Technology Center in Flint. The money was raised through a local bond issue (\$17,000,000) and grant from the State of Michigan. The Regional Technology Center, that will be officially designated as a Michigan M-TEC center tomorrow, will provide education and training in state-of-the-art manufacturing and simulation technology.

I am on the board of trustees of the new M-TEC center which enthusiastically supports full access for individuals with disabilities through complete facility accessibility and the availability of the latest assistive technology. We are reviewing new curriculum to include research and development of disability related mobility technology. One application of this technology will be for the Amigo corporation that manufactures wheelchair scooters and is located just up the road from Flint. The three neighborhood Access Centers referred to above are also entry points to the new M-TEC center.

2. The county-wide Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) system has a new and modern fleet of vehicles that are accessible to citizens with disabilities in the regular line haul buses and Your Ride vans. Drivers and employees of the MTA

receive disability equipment and sensitivity training from The Disability Network. We depend heavily on our MTA system that provides employment transportation for ALL citizens, including daily trips to worksites in five surrounding counties.

3. Flint's Mayor Woodrow Stanley (who I believe is a personal friend of President Clinton and stayed at the White House) recently created a formal city-wide Access Council to educate the community and employers on the advantages of hiring and serving citizens with disabilities, recognize businesses that hire, service and are accessible to individuals with disabilities (using a large "Access Flint" decal for display), recognize great employees that happen to have a disability, enforce disability related building codes and create a resource directory and web-site of local disability related services for Flint citizens.

4. Flint has four major college campuses; Mott Community College, University of Michigan Flint campus, Kettering University and the private Baker College. All four of the colleges and universities have a student services department for their students with disabilities and make available the latest in assistive technology and supported services for their students.

5. The Michigan Department of Career Development - Michigan Rehabilitation Services (Michigan's vocational rehabilitation agency) is a full partner and required member of all 25 Michigan Workforce Boards and are co-located in all 102 One-Stop Centers in the State, including Flint. The Flint, MRS works closely with our One-Stop partners, employers and individuals with disabilities to resolve employment related issues, including assistive technology needs in the workplace.

Finally Jonathan, Flint is a national leader in the availability of workforce assistive technology and commitment to our citizens with disabilities. We are a showcase for President Clinton's landmark legislation initiatives including 1) the Work Investment Act that specifically requires the inclusion of citizens with disabilities in the nations new One-Stop centers, 2) the Work Incentives Improvement Act that removes the most significant barrier to work for individuals with disabilities and 3) the President's Assistive Technology legislation. This administration's commitment to American citizens with disabilities is the strongest in the history of our republic. The President will receive an incredible welcome from all of Flint's citizens, but especially those of us with disabilities.

I met President Clinton at a White House lawn reception two years ago. What really impressed me was meeting him at a rope line in Chicago last year where he actually said "Mike, it's great to see you again"! How could he possibly remember me? President Clinton is a national leader on disability issues and a hero to many

of us with disabilities. We will be honored to have President Clinton visit Flint to showcase disability related technology and meet individuals with disabilities that use assistive technology in their everyday and working lives.

Jonathan, You will be receiving fax letters of enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint from the following individuals who are partners with The Disability Network and our Workforce Development Board:

Cal Rapson - Region 1C Director of the UAW

Gary Ishom - Director of the local Carpenters Union

Joe Abraham - Director of local AFL-CIO

Local Director of the Teamsters Union

Leisa Richardson - Executive Director of the Flint Urban League

Larry Ford - Executive Director of the Greater Flint Chamber of Commerce

Jean Conyers - Executive Director of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce,
which represents African American businesses

Dick Shaink - President of Flint's Mott Community College

Tim Herman - President of the Focus Council, a business advocacy group of large
employers in Genesee county

Todd Brian - President of the Growth Alliance, Flint's economic development org.

Bob Foy - Director of the local Mass Transportation Authority

Tom Gilbertson - Senior Vice President of Bank One

James Ray - Superintendent of Flint Community Schools

Nancy Jurkiewicz - Director of the National League of Cities Flint project

Woodrow Stanley - Mayor of Flint and a friend of President Clinton

Dale Kildee - US Congressman

Carl Levin - Michigan Senator

Spencer Abraham - Michigan Senator

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Dear Mr. Young:

We are extremely excited and honored to have The President, our commander and chief, consider visiting our One-Stop Center. We are particularly thrilled to have this opportunity to introduce ourselves, and our community, to the leadership in the White House. Our citizens are struggling to make a lot happen – with very little. A visit from The President could be just the spark we need to help bring hope to the hopeless.

Let me take a moment to briefly introduce you to our agency. Career Alliance, Inc., is the designated One-Stop Service Center for Genesee and Shiawassee Counties. As such, we play host to a myriad of agencies, providing services to people from birth to the end of life. We have services at our location that assist people with disabilities, veterans, people suffering from substance abuse, unemployed individuals, and people who are seeking better employment opportunities. Approximately 500-800 people access the services provided through our One-Stop Center daily.

We also have a very unique program, called Flint Family Road. Flint Family Road was established as a result of Flint's infant mortality rate, which is twice the national average. Leaders from Career Alliance, Hurley Hospital, area banks, the Community College, the City of Flint, local health organizations, and other community stakeholders, came together to address this problem head-on. The result was Family Road. Flint Family Road focuses on reducing infant mortality through a holistic, family-centered approach to removing the factors that lead to infant mortality, including employment and financial counseling. Family Road also assists visually impaired individuals learn to cook again.

In addition to the resources housed within the One-Stop, our community also plays host to the Job Corps Center, and the Broome Center, all within a one-mile radius of the One-Stop Center. All three of these Centers are located within our Enterprise Zone, and all focus on serving our community's most impoverished citizens.

Our focus at our One-Stop, and our satellite centers, is to provide a corporate and professional environment that encourages people to reach their full potential. Our motto is Workforce Development is Economic Development is Community Development... Together we can make a difference!

With the support of strong leaders, like President Clinton, we can truly make a difference.

At the request of our Workforce Development Board Chairman, Michael Zelley, we have enclosed a more detailed description of our One-Stop Center, and the services it provides. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at (810) 233-5974 extension 162. In the interim, please feel free to access our website at www.careeralliance.org.

We do hope that President Clinton decides to visit our location. It is truly an honor to even be considered for such an opportunity as this. Thank you for your support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Pamela Y. Loving".

Pamela Y. Loving
President & CEO

Cc: J. Michael Zelley, Chairman – Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board

Background Information - J. Michael Zelley

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Founder and Director of The Disability Network, a consumer driven, non-profit and federally designated Center for Independent Living with 4,000 members. The Network supports people with any type of disability in Genesee County.

Founder and President of TravAbility, Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in product licensing, international exporting and disability issues for the travel industry.

Senior Vice President and Board Officer, Securedata Corporation (1969 - 1990). Securedata was a \$50 million division of Security Bancorp, a Michigan Bank Holding Company with assets exceeding three billion dollars, acquired by First of Michigan.

EDUCATION: Crozier Catholic College, Syracuse Indiana - Theology major,
Harvard University Business School - Marketing Management,
Cornell University - Management and Procurement

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Chairman of The Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.
President of Michigan Works, a statewide association of 25 Michigan Workforce Boards.
Board Member, National Association of Workforce Boards.
Chairman of the Michigan Association of Centers for Independent Living.
Board Member, Mott Community College M-TEC Regional Technology Board.
Board Member, Statewide Independent Living Council, appointed by Governor Engler.
Board Member, Visually Impaired Center of Flint, Michigan.
Board Member, Hurley Medical Center, Community Projects Board Committee.
Board Member, Genesee County Head Start Advisory Council.
Board Member, Whiting Auditorium Renovation Building Project
Board Member, Genesee County Mass Transportation Authority Advisory Board.
Past Board Member and Officer of the Michigan Disabled Business Association.
Past Board Member of the Children's Museum of Flint, Michigan
Presidential appointment to the 1993 NAFTA Small Business Conference.
Mayor appointment to the 1999 Flint Empowerment Zone project team.
Mayor appointment to the 1999 National League of Cities project team.
Commencement speaker for the 2000 graduating class of Michigan Career & Tech Institute.
Guest speaker at the 2000 Social Security Administration Public Forum on National Legislation.
Guest speaker at the 2000 National Association of Centers for Independent Living.
Guest speaker at the 1999 National Workforce Board conference with Governor Engler.
Guest speaker at the 1999 Michigan State Senate Appropriations Committee on Disability.
Guest speaker at the 1999 & 1998 MiWorks annual conference, employing people with disabilities.
Guest speaker at Senator Reigle's 1993 US Export seminar, University of Michigan
Guest editorial writer for the Flint Journal newspaper with 230,000 circulation.
Past Michigan Disabled Business Person of the Year.
1991 Grand Marshall of the Flint St. Patrick's Day Parade.
Lector & Coordinator for the Office of Persons with Disabilities, Lansing, Diocese.
Genesee County Parks & Recreation, Advisory Council Member.

Other Community affiliations:

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Past Vice Chairman of the Genesee County Coalition for the Disabled.
Past Chairman, Mott Community College, Disability Student Services Advisory Board.
City of Flint delegate to the White House Empowerment Conference.
Member of the National Council on Independent Living.
State Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America.
Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.
Member of Holy Family Church Parish Council
Vice President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Mike Zelly has been a paraplegic and wheelchair user for twenty one years as a result of an automobile accident in 1979. He returned to his position as marketing director three months after his paralyzing accident. His career advancement continued. He is married and the father of seven children and grandfather to 10 grandchildren. Zelly is an active leader in his church.

He is a strong community leader and respected by his business associates, governmental leaders, board members of the several organizations he provides leadership to and non-profit organizations that he is so involved in. Zelly is known as a creative problem solver that helps people collaborate on community and business issues.

Zelly is providing national and statewide leadership on workforce issues. He is a frequent guest speaker to the 25 workforce boards in the State of Michigan on business and disability issues. He is a known advocate for the employment of people with disabilities that experience 70 % unemployment across the nation.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Woodrow Stanley
MAYOR

August 30, 2000

Jonathan M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
White House Office of Public Liaison
122 OEOB
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Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to offer my full and enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint where he will tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President's visit will focus on technology and employment resources for citizens with disabilities. We are a supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please assure President Clinton that if Flint is fortunate enough to be selected as one of his stops, he will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome as he addresses this most important issue to citizens with disabilities in the City of Flint and across the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Woodrow Stanley".

Woodrow Stanley
Mayor

cc: Mike Zelley, Director, The Disability Network



Office of the President

August 30, 2000

Jonathon M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
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Dear Mr. Young:

On behalf of Mott Community College, I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support of President Clinton's visit to Flint and his tour of the Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. It is our understanding that the President's visit will focus on technology and employment for citizens with disabilities. Because of MCC's role in the community as well as our long-time partnership with the Disability Network and Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, we are very interested in this issue and the new policy statements that the President will announce during his visit.

Mike Zelle, Director of the Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board, is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please be assured that President Clinton will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Flint as he addresses this most important issue.

We look forward to working with you to make this visit a reality.

Sincerely,

M. Richard Shaink, Ph.D.
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Dear Mr. Young:

I hereby offer my full and enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint where he will tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President will focus on technology for citizens with disabilities. We are a supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board, is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please assure President Clinton that he will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Flint as he addresses this most important issue to the citizens with disabilities in the City of Flint

Sincerely,


Jean L. Conyers,
President/CEO

cc: Mike Zelley, Director of the Disability Network

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August 30, 2000

Mr. Jonathon M. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to support the request for President Clinton to visit The Disability Network and Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center in Flint, Michigan.

The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board has a long history of advocacy on behalf of person's with disabilities. This organization is striving to create viable options for individuals with disabilities. Their client base is comprised of persons with acquired and developmental disabilities that come from all segments of community. They recognize the wide spectrum of disabilities and tailor the use of assistive technology to prepare each person to enter the workforce.

Acknowledging the distinctive nature of a person's disability is key to providing the assistance each individual needs. The staff of The Disability Network work hard to prepare their clients for the complex, changing workplace. President Clinton's visit to their facilities will grant them the opportunity to showcase the role technology plays in the training they provide to citizens with disabilities. This will give the President a illustrative backdrop as he focuses on national attention on the emerging technology in this field.

I have been a supporter of The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties. I urge the President to visit the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center as he addresses this issue.

Sincerely,



Dale E. Kildee, M.C.

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August 30, 2000

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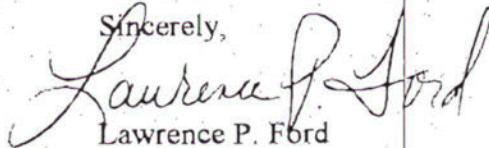
Dear Mr. Young,

As the President of the Flint Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter in support for President Clinton's visit to Flint. It is my understanding that during his visit, he will tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I also understand that the President will be focusing on technology for citizens with disabilities. The Chamber of Commerce is a strong supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and The Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

I am a Workforce Development Board member and also sit on the Executive Committee, and can honestly say that Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board is one of the most dedicated and driven individuals I have ever worked with. Mike not only impacts the local community but also goes way beyond the boundaries of our community to voice the importance of employing individuals with disabilities and continuing advancement for assistive technology. You have my personal guarantee that President Clinton will be warmly received and embraced as he addresses this most important issue to citizens with disabilities in Flint and Genesee County.

For the above reasons mentioned and many more, I urge you to give every consideration in choosing Flint for a visit by President Clinton in September.

Sincerely,



Lawrence P. Ford
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August 30, 2000

Mr. Jonathon M. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Flint Area Enterprise Community, Inc., to support President Clinton's visit to Flint, where he will tour The Disability Network, Inc. and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President will focus on technology designed for Americans with disabilities.

The Flint Area Enterprise Community, Inc. is a supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties. We are especially grateful and proud to personally work with Mike Zelley, the Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board. Mike is an exemplar role model for all of us.

Mike works effortlessly to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities, while continuing to help rebuild our enterprise community, where many individuals with disabilities live. He is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology designed to help them access resources to live independently.

We are elated that President Clinton is considering coming to our community. He will be warmly welcomed to Flint as he addresses issues for citizens with disability in Flint and its federal enterprise community. Our community welcomes this uplifting visit from the President.

Sincerely,


Nancy Jurkiewicz
Corporate Manager

xc: Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network

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FAX # 202-456-0362

Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to offer my full and enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint where he will tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President will focus on technology for citizens with disabilities. We are a supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelle, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please assure President Clinton that he will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Flint as he addresses this most important issue to citizens with disabilities in the City of Flint.

Sincerely,

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Robert J. Foy, General Manager

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CC: Mike Zelle, Director of The Disability Network - FAX # 810-742-1800



August 31, 2000

Jonathon M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
White House Office of Public Liaison
122 OEOB
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to offer the full support of me and my Board of Directors, for President Clinton's visit to Flint to tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. We are a supporter and partner with The Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelle, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board, is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. We are asking the President for strong consideration in choosing Flint, Michigan as one of the cities he visits in late September. Please let President Clinton know how important this issue is to citizens with disabilities in Flint.

Sincerely,

Tim Herman
President & CEO

Region 1-C



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CAL RAPSON
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September 1, 2000

VIA FAX 202-456-0362

Jonathon M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
White House Office of Public Liaison
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Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to offer my full and enthusiastic support for President Clinton's visit to Flint where he will tour The Disability Network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President will focus on technology for citizens with disabilities. We are a supporter and partner with the Disability Network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please assure President Clinton that he will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Flint as he addresses this most important issue to citizens with disabilities in the City of Flint.

Sincerely,

Cal Rapson, Director
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cc: M. Zelley

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September 5, 2000

Jonathon M. Young
Associate Director of Disability Outreach
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Via Fax: (202) 456-0362

Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing to offer my strong support for the proposal that has been sent by the Disability Network and Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center located in Flint, Michigan, requesting that President Clinton visit their site to make policy announcements on assistive technology for Americans with disabilities.

The Disability Network and the One-Stop Service Center are well known at the local, state and national level for their outstanding advocacy for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce. They have built a coalition of support that includes the private sector, government agencies and community agencies.

As a member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I have been especially interested in their use of technology to better serve the disabled community. I have had the opportunity to work with Mike Zelly, Director of the Disability Network, over the past several years. Mike is a very strong advocate and has been an inspiration to all who know him. He has made sure that The Disability Network and One-Stop Service Center "walk the talk" by hiring members of the disabled community to play major roles in their agencies.

I strongly encourage you to put Flint at the top of your list when choosing a location to focus attention on the importance of technology and employment for individuals with disabilities. I am proud to say that Flint has an outstanding program and would be an excellent choice for a Presidential visit.

Sincerely,


Debbie Stabenow
Member of Congress

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September 1, 2000

Mr. Jonathon M. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing to offer my support for President Clinton's visit to Flint where he will tour The Disability network and the Workforce Development Board's One-Stop Service Center. I understand that the President will focus on technology for citizens with disabilities. We are a supporter of partner with The Disability network in Flint and the Workforce Development Board of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties.

Mike Zelley, Director of The Disability Network and Chair of the Workforce Development Board, is a strong local and national advocate for individuals with disabilities and assistive technology. Please assure President Clinton that he will receive a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Flint as he addresses this most important issue to citizens with disabilities in the City of Flint.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Gilbertson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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Websites

http://www.abletv.net/events_digital_divide.asp

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<http://www.wemedia.com/>

Stories

Initiatives for Disabled Unveiled; Clinton Announces Grants, Other Plans for Technology Access

Edward Walsh , Washington Post Staff Writer

President Clinton toured a high-tech training center for the disabled here today and announced a series of initiatives to improve access for the disabled to the rapidly changing technologies of the 21st century.

Speaking in a small gymnasium at Mott Community College, Clinton said the goal of giving every citizen the opportunity to live a productive life cannot be achieved "if we leave any American stranded on the other side of the now famous digital divide."

"There are truly amazing possibilities," he said in recounting his tour of the center.

The initiatives the president announced included \$ 16 million in grants from the Education Department's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research for measures to improve Internet access for the disabled.

He said the Americorps volunteer program will provide \$ 9 million in grants to support 1,200 volunteers to train disabled children and adults in the use of the latest technology.

In addition, Clinton announced, the chief executive officers of more than 45 high-tech companies have pledged to adopt practices to ensure their products are accessible to the disabled, while the presidents of 25 major research universities have agreed to expand research and education on technology access for people with disabilities.

Taking steps to make sure the disabled can use the Internet and other innovations "is not just the morally right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do," Clinton said.

"If we want to keep the rest of the economy growing, we have to make information technology more accessible," he said. "It's responsible for about 30 percent of the economic growth we've enjoyed over these last eight years.

"We have to bring more people into the circle of opportunity to work in information fields. That means people with disabilities have to be able to enter the 21st century workforce, not only for your own benefit but for the rest of America as well."

Clinton included in his remarks a plug for Vice President Gore, saying they had worked together "to break down barriers that hold people back." But, he said, "breaking down barriers is not enough. People actually have to have the tools they need to take advantage of this remarkable moment of opportunity, especially the tools they need in cyberspace."

Clinton's first stop here was at the Assisted Technology Access Center, where he viewed demonstrations of devices designed to assist the disabled. Clinton watched a demonstration of the Eyegaze System, which enables people with severe motor and speech disabilities to operate a computer, control household appliances, access the Internet and send e-mail by moving their eyes across a screen. It was developed by LC Technologies Inc., a Fairfax-based company.

"I love it," Clinton said. Invited to try it himself, Clinton sat in front of the screen while Nancy R. Cleveland, medical and technical coordinator for the firm, directed him. At one point, Cleveland placed her hands on Clinton's head to keep it from moving.

The president did not immediately master the system. "Oh, I screwed it up again," he said at one point. "Dad gumit," he said a few minutes later.

Finally, Clinton succeeded in using his eyes to type "GoodMorning," without a space between the words, on the screen of a laptop computer attached to the Eyegaze device. When the computer's audio system spoke the words, a small group of people in the room applauded.

Asked how difficult it was to operate the system, Clinton said, "Pretty hard, but if you're trained you can get it down. It's amazing."

From here, Clinton flew to Detroit, where tonight he spoke at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Bar Association and at a reception for the Michigan Democratic Party.

Clinton aims to bring technology to people with disabilities

By DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press Writer

President Clinton got a close-up demonstration Thursday of technology that's helping people with disabilities connect to cyberspace: computers that let people read books online in Braille, send e-mails with a gaze of their eyes or translate Web pages aloud.

Clinton flew to Michigan, a battleground state in the presidential election, to announce actions that his administration, private companies, universities and organizations are taking to make sure more of the millions of Americans with disabilities can join the digital economy.

"We have not given every American the chance first to get an education, and second to use their education to work and achieve the American dream," Clinton said at Mott Community College after touring a center that trains people with disabilities to use new tools to access the Internet.

"In this information age, when the pace of change increasingly accelerates at a breathtaking rate, we cannot achieve that goal if we leave any Americans stranded on the other side of the now-famous digital divide."

The White House said 17.3 million Americans have severe disabilities.

At the Disability Network, a nonprofit technology center for the disabled, Clinton tried to operate Eye Gaze, a system that tracks users' eye movements to allow them to control their computers. He had a little trouble.

Clinton focused his eyes on grids, letters and symbols on the multicolored screen, but kept moving his head, instead of his eyes. Nancy Cleveland, medical and technology coordinator of the system, held the president's head between her hands to stabilize it, and he did better.

"It's pretty hard, but if you learn, you can get it down," Clinton said.

Clinton walked into the campus event on the arm of Karla Hudson, a 29-year-old rehabilitation counselor who lost her sight as a child. Clinton observed a demonstration of a blind user typing on a computer keyboard that orally repeated every command, letter and punctuation mark she typed. Then, he sat down and typed: "I would like to have this everywhere." Onlookers applauded.

At the community college, Clinton announced a series of actions that will be taken to give people with disabilities access to new technology. He said he has directed the Cabinet to find ways to allow Medicare and Medicaid pay for technology to enable people with disabilities live and work independently. Also, AmeriCorps is awarding \$9 million in grants to put 1,200 volunteers in schools and communities to teach computer skills to students with disabilities, he said.

In a letter to Clinton on Thursday, the executive officers of more than 45 companies, including Microsoft, America Online, BellSouth, Hewlett-Packard and Sun Microsystems, said within six months they would train employees to develop products that give disabled people better access to the digital world.

In another letter, presidents of 25 research universities pledged to ensure that computer scientists and engineers are trained on making computers that can be more easily used by disabled people. They also agreed to make sure their own university's online resources are accessible to people with disabilities.

Before leaving Washington, Clinton urged Congress to pass a bill that would provide \$3 billion a year for 15 years to buy land, restore coastlines and protect wildlife. The money would come from oil and gas leases, primarily in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska. The measure has stalled in the Senate. Some budget writers don't want to lock in spending for 15 years, and some Republicans don't want the government to buy more land in the West.

While in Michigan, the president spoke to about 800 people at a reception that raised an estimated \$350,000 for the Democratic Party in Michigan. At the event, in Livonia, he was joined by Rep. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., who is challenging Republican incumbent Sen. Spence Abraham.

He also addressed the State Bar of Michigan's 65 annual reception in Detroit, where he complained that 42 of his nominations to fill vacancies on the federal bench have been stalled in the Senate. Thirty-four of the nominees have never had a hearing, he said.

"In an election year, there has always been some slowdown. But if you look at the statistics here over the last five years, this Senate has been far less forthcoming on these nominees than the Democratic senators were with Republican presidents who were my predecessors," Clinton said. "These people are very highly qualified, which leads to only conclusion - that the process has been politicized."

United Press International

September 21, 2000, Thursday

Clinton announces millions to boost technology for disabled

By Paul Singer

President Clinton traveled to Michigan Thursday to announce million of dollars in federal grants and loans as well as new private sector initiative to boost the availability of advanced technologies to assist disabled workers.

Some disability advocates said the president's trip was the first ever by a sitting president dedicated specifically to disability issues.

In a speech at Mott Community College, Clinton announced nearly \$30 million dollars in new federal grants and loans to programs to help bring the Internet and other advanced technology to the disabled.

Clinton said he has directed AmeriCorps to provide \$9 million in grants to support 1,200 volunteers to help "close the digital divide" by helping bring technology education into communities. Some of these projects will be specifically focused on training people with disabilities - and the people who teach disabled students - how to use the new technologies.

The assistance package also includes a \$7.5 million grant to the Georgia Institute of Technology to work with product designers to increase the accessibility of technology, and \$6.6 million to expand state loan programs for assistive technology.

The president also announced that he is creating a new task force consisting of members of the Cabinet to investigate whether Medicare and Medicaid benefits can be extended to cover the costs of some of the advanced assistive technologies now available to people with disabilities.

"Breaking down barriers to access" through laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act "is not enough," Clinton said. "People have to have the tools they need - especially the tools they need in cyberspace" to participate in the new economy.

Clinton noted the tremendous achievements of physicist Stephen Hawking, who is considered one of the world's great geniuses despite being stricken with a disease that makes him unable to speak or write. He uses a computer program to select words for his speeches and writings.

"Millions of other people with disabilities can also access and use the information superhighway, if we build the necessary on-ramps," Clinton said.

Clinton visited a new technology center being set up in Flint by an advocacy group called the Disability Network and the Department of Education. The center, which will open some time in October, features several extraordinary technologies to assist the disabled, which Clinton toured and tried out.

The president tested the Eyegaze system, a computer hooked up to a camera that senses the movement of the viewers eye. The system allows the viewer to type on a keyboard by looking at the keys on the screen, and then the machine announces the words the person has "typed." The system also allows the viewer to turn on the lights by looking at the on switch and navigate the worldwide web by looking at cursor controls displayed on the Eyegaze screen.

Clinton struggled to type "Good Morning" with his eyes, and pumped his fist when he got it right and the computer announced it.

Eyegaze representative Nancy Cleveland said mounting the system on a wheelchair costs about \$17,000, and there is no federal assistance available for this purpose, though some state labor departments are helping users underwrite the costs.

Other technologies on display at the center include a computer based book reader, a web browser that speaks the commands displayed on the screen, and a system for converting printed matter into bar codes that can be turned into text files with a normal scanner and free software. Clinton also participated in a conversation that was translated by a sign language interpreter at a remote location, who was connected through two-way video conferencing over the Internet.

Mike Zelly, Director of the Disability Network, said "this is the first time a president has made a specific official trip on disability issues."

The other disability advocates hosting the president also applauded his effort on disability issues. Several pointed out that the federal government can have an important impact on new assistive technologies simply by setting consistent standards for software so that assistive readers will function.

"Programs and Web sites have to be designed to allow these technologies to work, said Judy Brewer, director of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Accessibility Initiative.

"Thank you for your leadership and for challenging us all to work together to ensure the accessibility of the digital age," Brewer said

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Clinton Focuses on Access Of Disabled to Computers

By MARC LACEY

President Clinton gazed at a computer screen today at a community center for the disabled and -- using only the movement of his eyeballs -- haltingly typed out a two-word message: "Good morning."

Never mind that it was well past noon or that the computer repeatedly misread the president's stare. By experimenting with the innovative technology, the president sought to draw attention to the possibilities that computers present to those with disabilities.

Mr. Clinton, accompanied by administration aides who are disabled, said hooking up more handicapped people to the World Wide Web would integrate them into the economy and enable them to live fuller lives.

"We all know that not everyone has shared in the American economic renaissance," the president said in a speech at Mott Community College. "We all know there are people and places who have been left behind, including millions of Americans with significant disabilities who want to go to work, but whose path is blocked and who could work and contribute, not only to their own lives, but to the rest of us, as well."

As part of his continuing effort to bridge what the White House has labeled the digital divide, the president announced a variety of modest initiatives aimed at increasing the number of disabled people with access to computers.

He said 45 technology companies had pledged to do more to make their products and services accessible to the disabled. And he announced that the Department of Education would provide \$16 million in grants to make cyberspace more accessible.

Studies show that only 24 percent of the country's 54 million people with disabilities have access to a computer, compared with 52 percent of those without disabilities. And a review of state and federal government Web sites by Darrell M. West, a Brown University professor, found that only 278 of 1,813 sites provided disability access.

One site that has received positive reviews is the White House home page. Susan Scheer, executive director of the Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York, said two disabled people, one blind and one with a head injury, reviewed www.whitehouse.gov recently and "both thought that it was very, very good."

White House aides said they chose to come to Flint because of an innovative computer center for the disabled here, not because of an embarrassing episode involving Vice President Al Gore this month.

Mr. Gore apologized to Chad Swiatecki, a local reporter who uses a wheelchair, after the journalist wrote an article saying he was unable to cover a Gore campaign event because it was not accessible to the handicapped.

Today, five wheel-chair-accessible vans were added to the motorcade to carry a few journalists and guests who were disabled.

On his tour of the nonprofit Disability Network, Mr. Clinton tried the EyeGaze system that allows eye movements to control a cursor.

"It's hard to do but if you train you can get it down," he said.

The Flint Journal

Clinton seeks end to digital divide for disabled

Friday, September 22, 2000

By Marjory Raymer
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

FLINT - The nation will look to Flint to make technology accessible for people with disabilities through an initiative announced by President Clinton on Thursday.

With funding from the Mott Foundation, the local Disability Network will organize a national task force to study the long-term challenges in making technology more accessible to the disabled. Clinton also announced several other initiatives to help the disabled gain access to high technology..

"I think it is a wonderful start," said Catherine Strickland of Flint Township, whose 4-year-old daughter, Isabella, has Down syndrome. "With how hard it is for normal people to access technology, it is twice as hard for someone with a disability. This will help."

The task force will be asked to issue a report at the end of the year and propose solutions to current accessibility problems - including the high cost of technology..

Affordability is the top priority outlined by Clinton for the task force, which will include 15 to 20 people representing industry, academia, technology experts and disability advocates.

"If we want to keep the rest of the economy growing, we have to make information technology more accessible. It's responsible for about 30 percent of the economic growth we've enjoyed over the last eight years," Clinton said.

"People with disabilities have to be able to enter the 21st century work force, not only for your own benefit, but for the rest of America as well."

The task force was one of several initiatives outlined by the president during his invitation-only speech to about 1,000 people at Ballenger Fieldhouse on the Mott Community College campus.

Clinton said he would explore ways that Medicare and Medicaid might pay for assistive technology, and he

pledged \$9 million in grants to send 1,200 AmeriCorps volunteers out to teach disabled and underprivileged children how to use the Internet.

He also said that 45 high-technology companies have pledged to do more to make their products and services accessible to the disabled. And he announced that the Department of Education would provide \$16 million in grants to make cyberspace more accessible.

Before making the announcement, Clinton toured the new community technology center operated by the Disability Network on Dort Highway. There, paraplegics can type by scanning their eyes across a computer screen, the blind can view Web pages and the deaf can download captioning for movie trailers.

"Bridging the digital divide is not just the morally right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do," Clinton said.

Clinton tried his inexperienced eye on the equipment designed for people with severe paralysis. A camera mounted on the computer snaps 30 pictures a second to record users' eye movements as they scan the screen.

After three tries, Clinton successfully typed out "good morning" - a greeting the computer delivered with a voice simulator to cheers from the crowd.

"It's amazing," Clinton said.

The president arrived about 1 p.m. at Bishop Airport and was greeted by local officials, including Mayor Woodrow Stanley, the entire City Council and state officials. All along the travel route for the president's 26-vehicle entourage, traffic backed up and pockets of supporters gathered to watch, wave and videotape as the caravan passed.

Clinton's speech was over by 3:40 p.m., but he didn't leave Flint for nearly two more hours. The time wa

Clinton stops for young hugs, handshakes

Friday, September 22, 2000

By Matt Bach

JOURNAL EDUCATION WRITER

FLINT - If it wasn't for a craving for flame-broiled chicken, a group of Freeman Elementary students may never have met President Clinton.

Two Freeman teachers on their lunch hour Thursday spotted Air Force One, the presidential plane, flying into Bishop Airport. Over lunch, the teachers, Laura Garrison and Vicki Howard, realized the president's motorcade would take him just two blocks from their classroom, an individual unit on McKeighan Avenue, so they marched their students to Hemphill Road to wave at the motorcade.

And on his return trip back down Hemphill to Bishop Airport, the world's most powerful man stopped. He got out of his limousine and shook hands and gave hugs to all of the 40 Freeman second- and third-graders who lined the roadside with their quickly-made welcome signs.

"We met the president. It was cool. I never met a president before. He was nice and shook all our hands and gave us hugs," said Freeman third-grader Kayla Krajniak, 8.

"I was nervous," said Sabrina Crieen, a second-grade student at Freeman. "It is the first time I ever met a president. I wish I could have met George Washington and Abraham Lincoln before they died too."

The teachers thought just seeing the motorcade would be educational and exciting for their students, even though the windows of the vehicles were tinted. They never dreamed Clinton would stop.

"It was weirdest thing. ..." Garrison said about an hour after the historic visit.

"We thought we would take a chance and stand on Hemphill so at least the kids could see the motorcade. Heck no, we didn't think he would stop. But when he stopped we looked at each other as if to say, 'You've got to be kidding me.' Needless to say we haven't been able to get much accomplished this afternoon."

The children just watched the motorcade as it passed the first time. A police officer told the students the motorcade would be coming back through in about a half-hour, so they returned to their classroom, finished their lunches and made signs for the president.

"One sign said, 'Freeman School Unit welcomes you President Clinton,' " said third-grader Devon Slater, 8.

A short time later the students were back along Hemphill with signs in hand. This time the motorcade stopped.

Garrison said Clinton made sure to hug and shake the hands of all the students and he took the children's signs to autograph and later return to the school.

Devon said he wasn't fooled by the men in dark sunglasses that he believed were pretending to be reporters.

"There was a bunch of men and they were all dressed like news reporters, but I know what they had under their clothes: bulletproof vests," Devon said. "They wear those so if the president got shot at, they would jump in front of him and save the president." Matt Bach covers education and the Flint School District. He can be reached at 810-766-6330 or mbach@flintjournal.com

In Michigan, Clinton plays cheerleader

In Flint, the president talks about technology

Detroit Free Press
September 22, 2000

BY CHRIS CHRISTOFF
LANSING BUREAU CHIEF

President Bill Clinton came to Michigan on Thursday and declared he has a new job.

"My new official title is cheerleader in chief," he told several hundred people at a state Democratic Party fund-raiser at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Clinton urged the crowd to defeat Republicans up and down the ticket, criticized GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush's economic plan and defended Vice President Al Gore's views on automobiles and the environment.

Clinton said Gore is wrongly thought of as a threat to the auto industry and its jobs.

Gore's ideas would produce more fuel-efficient, clean-burning cars with less reliance on foreign oil, he said.

With a more folksy delivery to a friendly crowd, it was the kind of campaign atmosphere in which Clinton revels. It capped a daylong swing through Flint, Detroit and Livonia which brought presidential weight to the Democrats' election-year hopes.

Clinton gave special emphasis to U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow who was among several high-profile elected officials who accompanied Clinton. Stabenow is challenging Republican U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham.

Noting that Stabenow is at a financial disadvantage in the race, Clinton said "They have more dollars, but I know her, and she has more sense."

The \$250-per-person event raised \$400,000 for the Michigan State Democratic Party.

On Clinton's visit to Flint earlier in the day, his fourth visit to the democratic bastion, he noted, "I'm afraid if I come again, I'll get a tax bill."

His trip to the Genesee County city was not a campaign plug for Al Gore, whose name Clinton mentioned only once.

Clinton was in Flint to promote a politically benign notion -- making computers and information technology more accessible to people with disabilities. Clinton announced five initiatives and toured the Disability Network, a nonprofit technology center that helps people with disabilities overcome what Clinton labels the digital divide.

Still, Clinton's presence carried political weight. Dan Kildee, chairman of the Genesee County Democratic Party, said Clinton's visit has stirred up what has been lackluster interest in the fall election.

Kildee said when Clinton's visit was announced last week, calls began pouring in to the party headquarters. "There's a whole lot more positive energy in the campaign than a few weeks ago," Kildee said. "People associate the good work of his administration with Al Gore."

Clinton brought the crowd to a hush when he told them of one of his speechwriters, who has one disabled arm and a prosthesis for the other one.

"It's nice he's got a job," Clinton said, putting aside his text. "It's more important the feelings in his heart can be expressed."

Clinton concluded, "The economics are important, but the dreams matter more."

As he wrapped up the Flint visit, Clinton shook hands and posed for pictures with those who came to see him.

"This makes me realize I wish he was staying as president," said Shirley Kelley, 56, of Clio. "I'm not real fond of Al Gore, but this can't hurt."

Clinton went from Flint to Detroit for an early evening appearance before the Michigan State Bar Association in Greektown.

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Attached please find the following documents:

- 1) Vocational Profile Summary - provides information regarding a pilot program providing employment and enhanced assessment for individuals with disabilities.
- 2) The write-up on Career Alliance given to Edward Prewitt for the President's ~~speech~~ speech.

If you have any questions, please call me.

VOCATIONAL PROFILE SUMMARY

The Vocational Profilers Project is a pilot program that began on February 14, 2000. The purpose of this project was to employ JTPA IIA customers with disabilities or other significant barriers to employment.

Program Design - Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, Inc., and Tim Steinbrink (The Disability Network) will work collaboratively with Human Investment and Development Corporation (HIDC) on this project.

Steps of Program Design (JTPA)

Step 1 -	Client Recruitment and Orientation	Tim Steinbrink
Step 2 -	JTPA Orientation and Eligibility	HIDC
Step 3 -	Assessment/ISS Development	Goodwill
Step 4 -	Advisor Training	Tim Steinbrink
Step 5 -	Vocational Profile & Vocational Profile Mtg	Goodwill
Step 6 -	Job Development/Placement	HIDC
Step 7 -	Job Coaching	HIDC
	• Enroll - Twelve (12) Customers	
	• Place - Nine (9) Customers	

The Vocational Profile test indicates an individual's skills, interest, job matching, educational level, work experience, and habits/etc. This information is given to HIDC for job development and placement.

The program initially started with twelve (12) profilers. A report is attached from Nicole Hackett of Human Investment and Development.

Goodwill vendor agreement cost	\$17,593.00
Goodwill cost per outcome	\$ 1,466.00
HIDC cost per outcome	\$ 720.00
Total cost per outcome	\$ 2,186.00

The cost per outcome is comparable to the universal population.

This program will continue under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) with other Service Providers within our network.

Under WIA the participant initially goes to Employment Services to receive core services, (Internet access, resume, labor market information) is then referred to a Service Provider for secondary core services and intensive services. Referrals will then be made to Goodwill Industries and the Disability Network. Following their activities with Goodwill Industries and the Disability Network, the customers will return to their designated Service Provider for job development and placement.

There were ten (10) consumers referred to the JTPA Profiler program. Currently, there are four (4) consumers who have been placed and are successfully working. Two (2) consumers are in the Job Development phase. This means that the contact with their respective employer has been made and they are waiting to begin employment. Two (2) consumers have, after completing the profile report/meeting, realized that it would be in their best interest to address other facets in their lives first. One such consumer was referred to Michigan Department of Career Development and Rehabilitation Services for job development. There was also one (1) consumer who was too young for the program and one (1) who was never seen by HIDC staff.

WORKING

- Brenda Allen - is advocating for people with disabilities and their families at the Disability Network thru the HAB program. Kathy Flowers is her supervisor.
- Hugh Henderson- is working at Mott Community College in a work study program averaging 43 hours per week in the computer lab while concurrently enrolled in a computer programming course at the college.
- Laura Linder- is working as a receptionist at Colonel's BIR, INC raceway. HIDC has nominated her for "participant of the year". Laura has had a desire to work since 1993, but due to illness has been unable to. She enjoys her job and feels it's a perfect placement as well as her employer.
- Teriena Robinson - is currently involved in a Bill Knapp's food prep training program and upon completion, employment is possible. The reports on Ms. Robinson's progress are encouraging. They like her at Bill Knapp's and Teriena is happy also. This appears to be a good fit and employment is likely.

JOB DEVELOPMENT STAGE

- Harold Bordeaux- has prospective employment at Meijer's on Center Road as a bagger.
- Richard Taylor- has prospective employment at The Flint Journal answering phones.

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- Mona Storr and Eric Thomas - after finishing the profile report and meeting decided long-term treatment was in their best interest.
- Eleanor Fisher- was referred to Michigan Department of Career Development and Rehabilitation Services for job placement.

TO: Mr. Edward Prewitt
FROM: Pamela Y. Loving
DATE: September 18, 2000
RE: Information for President Clinton's Remarks
CC: Michael Zelley

REVISED:

The WIA calls for One Stop Service Centers. Career Alliance, Inc. is a nationally recognized One Stop Employment Service Center. It is a comprehensive center where employers and job seekers come together in a unique blend. There are more than 40 agencies, which co-locate to meet the needs of the universal population. Those with visual, hearing, mobility and mental health issues are accommodated in the One Stop Service Center by the use of the latest, available assistive technology in their quest for full employment. Employers are provided with assistance to help make any necessary accommodations affordable.

Flint Family Road is part of a national initiative, which has a programmatic approach to reduce the 17% infant mortality rate facing Flint families as well as teen moms and dads. Located on the lower level of Career Alliance, agencies come together to respond to the needs expressed by those most affected. Family Road simulated environments are usually located in a hospital. Flint Family Road is located in the One Stop because of a community decision. There are 500 to 800 people in the facility daily. Employment opportunities through our Job Bank and Talent Bank along with employability skills preparation, financial counseling, substance abuse support, domestic violence education and prevention, parenting skills, midwifery, car safety, nutrition, children's medical insurance coverage and a myriad of other services have been provided to over 2000 individuals since its inception in June 1998. It is a "learn and earn" environment in which "Loving Bucks" are used to shop in the Family Road Store where car seats, baby clothing, and 42 dry food goods are available. Loving Bucks can also be used at Farmer Jack Grocery Stores to ensure the availability of perishable goods. Baby Showers held throughout the community stock the store.

Dr Henry Foster, who heads up President Clinton's National Teen Pregnancy Program, serves on the National Board of Family Road. Career Alliance, Inc. is located across the street from an Alternative High School Program. Young parents who come to Flint Family Road have demonstrated improved school attendance and academic achievement as a result of their involvement.

Dress for Success Flint Store is a boutique environment located across from Flint Family Road. Women are provided a "head to toe" make over to assist their moving from welfare to work in a luxurious manner. Gently used suits, shoes, and jewelry provide an "air of confidence" so badly needed by those with other barriers to employment. Membership in a professional women's support group enables the women to be connected with a support team of professional women where they can ask questions and get appropriate answers.

Hillary Clinton currently serves as Honorary Chair for the National Dress for Success organization.



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DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS PRAISE NEW TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

(Washington, DC) The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities' (CCD) Task Force on Technology applauds the initiatives announced by President Clinton in Flint, Michigan on Thursday, September 21, 2000. It is crucial that these far-reaching proposals be implemented as swiftly as possible.

In today's world, there is an ever-increasing need to make sure that people with disabilities are not left behind as technology progresses. The CCD Task Force on Technology has worked in conjunction with federal agencies and Congress to make sure that existing programs to increase access to technology for people with disabilities, like the state assistive technology projects, are fully supported and to develop new initiatives like those announced by the President. Thursday's announcements will help put us closer to the goal of full inclusion for people with disabilities and help raise awareness of the fact that a digital divide exists for people with disabilities. We are particularly pleased with commitments from technology CEOs and university presidents to increase efforts to infuse issues of accessibility throughout their organizations and look forward to working with them to help achieve our mutual goals.

The CCD Task Force on Technology looks forward to helping fulfill the promise of these far-reaching proposals to close the "digital divide" for people with disabilities and to growing existing federal support for access to technology.

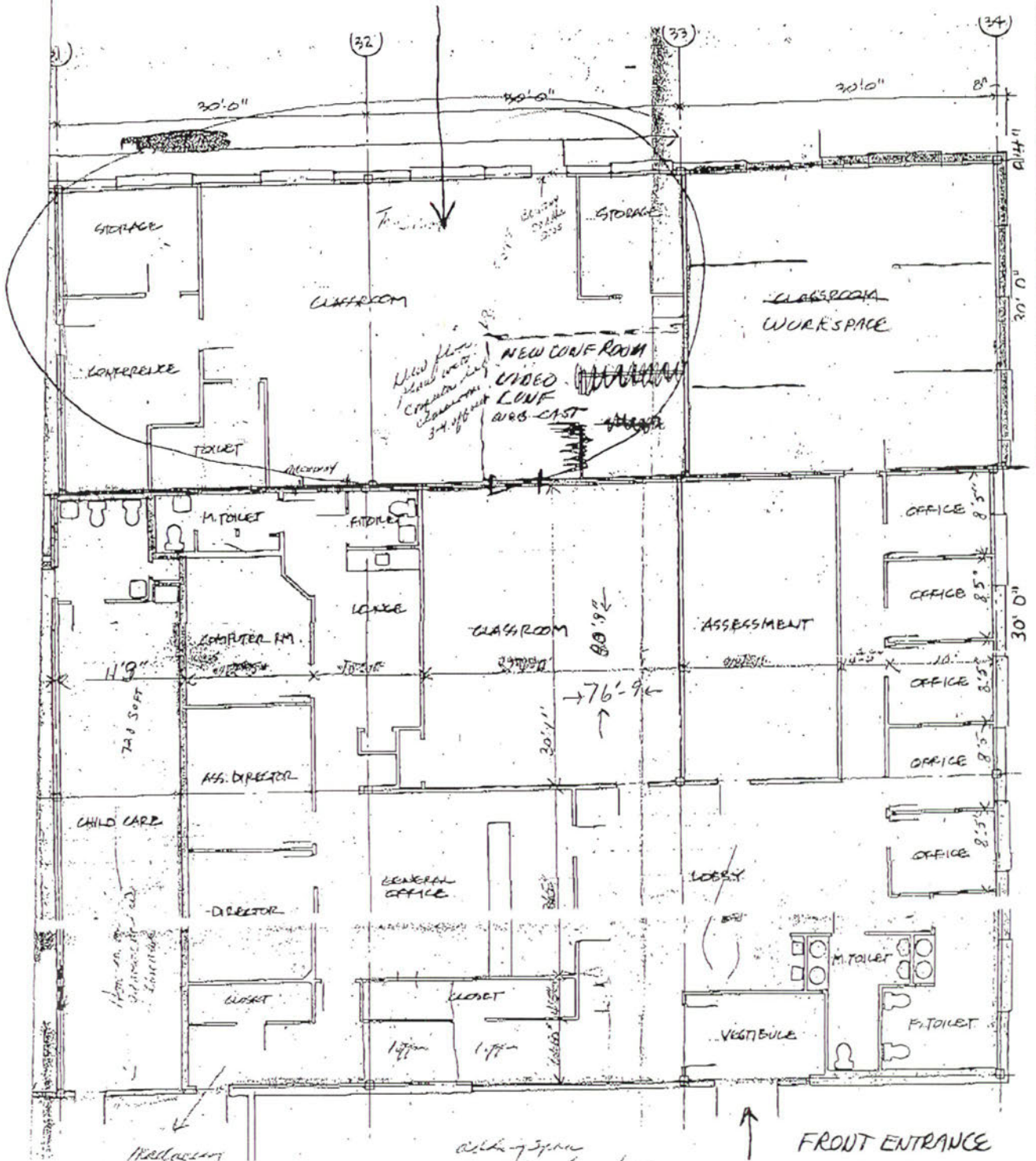
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Subject: [Fwd: Al Gore Won't Accomodate Reporters In Wheelchairs]

Hello Jonathon

This reporter (Chad) needs to hear from you and/or others.

regards

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Kelly Pierce wrote:

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> >From the Flint Journal of Flint, Michigan

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> From the web page:

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> <http://fl.mlive.com/news/index.ssf?/news/stories/20000905f5a1goreco.frm>

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> Gore folks push reporter's wheelchair out of race for story

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> Tuesday, September 5, 2000

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> By Chad Swiatecki

> Flint Journal column

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> It was supposed to be a dream assignment.

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> When word came down last week that presidential hopeful Al Gore was

> planning a trip to Flint, and when the job of covering Gore's and running

> mate Joseph I. Lieberman's visit got handed to yours truly, it brought with

> it a chance to write about the man who could be the next president of the

> United States.

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> No one gave a thought as to whether my wheelchair would be a problem.

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> This was a job reporters here at the Journal vied heavily for, offering to

> give up part of their holiday weekends to get close to Al and Joe and pick

> their brains on all things Flint.

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> And here I was, four months out of college and barely a modicum of

> political expertise, getting all the Gore I could handle simply by virtue

> of being the paper's Sunday reporter.

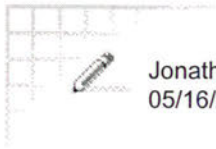
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> Though it sets me apart from every other reporter at the Journal, the

> wheelchair I use, before Sunday, had caused me little or no difficulty in

> covering the suburban communities I'm responsible for during the week.
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> Soon, however, I learned that wasn't the case when it came down to rubbing
> elbows with Al and Joe.
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> While in Flint, the Gore campaign was to make a stop at an undisclosed
> location that its spokespeople said was inaccessible to wheelchairs.
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> The campaign said it couldn't allow me to follow the motor pool in my car
> to the location and the vans for the rest of the press corps couldn't
> accommodate my wheelchair.
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> Going it alone would have drastically limited the scope of what I could
> cover to just the Hurley visit, making the story I could write inferior to
> what other papers and media could deliver.
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> Not wanting to compromise the story for our readers, my editors and I
> agreed it would be best to have another reporter come in to follow Gore to
> his other appearance, which turned out to be at the GM Truck and Bus plant.
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> Though I was glad to have backup, especially given my status as a political
> novice, the situation irked me into action to find out why the man who
> wants to be my next president wasn't willing to meet my needs.
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> I wanted answers.
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> Unfortunately, talking to Gore staffers to try to get an explanation for
> their lack of preparation yielded nothing more than a pert assistant
> saying, with as big a smile as possible, "We've never run into a situation
> like this before."
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> Needless to say, I wasn't smiling.
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> I suppose I could take that as a compliment, the fact that by trying to do
> my job I'm - hopefully - alerting a presidential hopeful that he needs to
> be prepared on all fronts all the time.
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> But I'm more inclined to think that a candidate who doesn't have enough
> foresight or flexibility to let an extra car into the motor pool or make
> sure a campaign stop has a wheelchair ramp isn't the candidate I'd be
> inclined to vote for come November.
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> This is something new for me, since I've always thought myself akin to
> Booker T. Washington where it concerns the disability movement, preferring
> to make as little noise as possible and effect change on a small scale
> instead of fighting tooth-and-nail for large-scale reform.
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> But now I'm starting to rethink that stance.
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> After all, they say the squeaky wheel is the one that gets greased.
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> Well, Al, I've got four of them. Can you hear them yet?
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Subject: [DD] Summary of Dig Divide Announcements to Date

Below please find a compilation of Digital Divide Announcements that the President has announced so far: beginning with the kick-off event at the White House on April 4, the trip to NM, CA, and IL on April 17-18, and the NC trip on April 26. I have simply cut and pasted these from the original fact sheets I distributed to my general email mailing list, but thought it would be useful to have a quick-reference to all of the announcements in one place. (Some of the descriptions are more detailed than others; I'll try to find more complete descriptions for all of them.)

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LIST OF DIGITAL DIVIDE TOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Divide Kick-Off, April 4, 2000

- + THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE will commit \$12.5 for projects aimed at bringing digital opportunity to youth, families and communities;
- + YAHOO! will provide an Internet advertising campaign worth \$1 million to enlist volunteers with high-tech skills for AmeriCorps' digital divide initiative;
- + In partnership with the YWCA's TechGYRLS program, 3COM will announce NetPrep GYRLS, a \$330,000 program that will offer girls aged 14-16 training in computer networking; and
- + THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION will work with its members to create or expand "information literacy" programs in at least 250 communities around the country.

East Palo Alto, CA, April 17, 2000

- + The Kaiser Family Foundation and Black Entertainment Television will air media campaigns to motivate young people and African Americans to "get connected."
- + Gateway will provide technology training for 75,000 teachers, including those in East Palo Alto; and
- + PowerUP will expand 250 technology centers for underserved youth across the country, with major support from AOL, which will provide 100,000 free accounts valued at \$26 million annually.

Shiprock, NM, April 17, 2000

- + Over 200 new Community Technology Centers: The Department of Education will announce a combined public and private investment of \$86 million over 3 years (\$44 million in federal funding and \$42 million in state, local, and corporate investments) to create 214 new community technology centers and expand 136 centers. President Clinton is proposing to increase funding for Community Technology Centers to \$100 million in the FY2001 budget.
- + Doubling of Neighborhood Network Centers to 1,000 Across the Country. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will announce today that it will expand the number of Neighborhood Network Centers to 1,000 over the next two years. These centers are computer-training facilities located in or near HUD-assisted housing developments that offer computer access, staff assistance and a range of training resources to housing residents.
- + Preparing Every New Teacher to Use Technology in the Classroom: The deans of over 200 colleges of education will make a commitment to President Clinton to ensure that new teachers are prepared to use technology in the classroom. Currently, many schools of education do not prepare their graduates to integrate technology into the curriculum. The President's FY2001 budget proposes \$150 million to work with schools of education to help them reach this goal - up from \$75 million in FY2000.
- + FCC Chairman William Kennard Will Announce Proposals to Provide Phone Service for \$1 Through the Lifeline Program. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman, William Kennard, has proposed increasing funding under the Lifeline program so that every member of a federally recognized Indian tribe who is income eligible can have basic phone service for as little as \$1 per month. The FCC has also proposed an increase in federal universal service funding to companies willing to serve Native American reservations by removing the cap on the funding available to carriers that purchase exchanges on reservations and changing the practice of averaging the cost of serving high-cost reservations with low-cost areas when calculating support amounts. These critical steps to expand the Lifeline program will greatly improve Native American communities' access to information and technology resources.
- + Microsoft Will Announce \$2.75 Million in New Grants to the American Indian Tribal

College Program, Including Din? College. Microsoft will provide eight American Indian Tribal Colleges with technology and training through its American Indian Tribal College Program, part of a continuing relationship with the American Indian Science and Technology Education Consortium. Microsoft will provide these tribal colleges with \$2.5 million in software and \$250,000 in technical assistance to ensure an increase in technical skills among students at tribal colleges. In addition, the program will include the tools necessary for the institutions to achieve Microsoft Certified Training Facility status.

+ IBM, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the University of Michigan Will Invest \$1 Million in Partnership Tribal Colleges to Develop a Virtual Library For Tribal Colleges. The President will announce a unique \$1 million partnership between IBM, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the University of Michigan and several tribal colleges to create a "virtual library." The virtual library homepage will link into a major national database that will catalog electronic books, magazines, journals and Internet documents from around the world. The virtual library will have a reference section, a database section, and local exhibitions for the 32 tribal colleges across the country. There will also be a technical support system which will answer student, faculty and community members' questions interactively.

+ Compaq, in Partnership with TechCorps, Will Announce a \$500,000 Commitment to Serve Native American and Other Schools Through Online Mentoring. The President will announce a \$500,000 commitment by Compaq Computer Corporation to partner with TechCorps to develop, pilot and support the nationwide launch of Techs4Schools, an online mentoring program that uses the Internet to join teachers with volunteer high-tech experts to advance the level of technological knowledge and support in our schools. Four Navajo Nation schools participated in the pilot of Techs4Schools, and following today's launch, Techs4Schools will be available to all Navajo Nation Schools and other K-12 schools nationwide.

+ The Corporation for National Service Will Announce A \$1 Million AmeriCorps Grant For the Navajo Leader Corps. The President will announce a \$1 million AmeriCorps grant for the Navajo Leader Corps. The grant will support 50 Navajo AmeriCorps members in renovating 165 Head Start Centers and BIA schools across the Navajo Nation. The renovations will include wiring the facilities for Internet access.

+ A \$100,000 Commitment from Andersen Consulting to Support Small Business In Indian Country. The President will announce that Andersen Consulting will pledge \$100,000 to mentor and provide technical assistance to Native American tribes, tribal businesses, and other Native-owned businesses. This assistance will support their efforts to expand e-commerce. Andersen and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will coordinate this effort. This support will be in the form of professional mentoring, technical advising, computer equipment, and other services.

+ Tachyon, Inc. Will Provide Tribal Colleges with Satellite Internet Access. President Clinton will announce a major commitment by Tachyon, Inc. to assist 500 students by bringing Internet access to Din? Tribal College and a remote school. The Tachyon

Corporation will provide high-speed, two-way, satellite-delivered Internet access to link two sites of Din? Tribal College and the Lake Valley School, a Bureau of Indian Affairs school. This assistance from Tachyon will build upon a \$10.3 million Department of Labor Youth Opportunity Grant received by the Navajo Nation and Din? College to help fund eight technology centers in each of Din? College's locations.

+ An Over \$100,000 Commitment by Native American Systems to Increase Internet Access in Indian Country. The President will announce a more than \$100,000 commitment by Native American Systems (NAS) to provide satellite connections to the Red Rock Day School, a Bureau of Indian Affairs school on the Navajo Nation in Red Valley, AZ. NAS will donate and install a satellite dish, a network router, and 12 complete computer workstations, including Compaq iPAQ computers and monitors for the 244 children attend the Red Rock Day School. NAS is also contributing an additional 30 network routers which will be distributed to similarly isolated Bureau of Indian Affairs schools on reservations across the country. The President and CEO of NAS is Robert P. Rutherford, a member of the Choctaw Tribe.

+ The Native American Digital Divide Taskforce Will Launch with \$100,000 from America Online. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will announce the creation of the Native American Digital Divide Taskforce. This Taskforce, with the support and cooperation of the Department of Commerce, bring together a core group of tribal leaders, tribal businesses, academics, government officials, and private businesses to examine issues of access to technology; economic development and workforce training; education; and the creation of culturally and socially relevant Internet resources. empower Native communities through increased information and access to advanced telecommunications and information technologies.

+ Blackboard Inc., Commits to Providing Enhanced Educational Tools to Native American Tribal Colleges. The President will announce a pledge of software, training and educational content to Native American Tribal Colleges. Blackboard, Inc., is Internet Education Company that powers online teaching and learning platforms, servicing more than 2.1 million people worldwide. Through this pledge, tribal colleges will be able to develop courses for students in remote areas in need of distance learning opportunities. It will also ensure access for tribal college students and faculty to millions of online course currently available through the Blackboard platform.

+ Healtheon/WebMD Announces Internet Access to Healthcare Information for Indian Country. Healtheon/WebMD has agreed to provide free subscriptions for WebMD Practice to the doctors at the Indian Health Services facility in Shiprock, NM. WebMD Practice is an Internet portal that provides doctors and other healthcare providers with a full spectrum of services and information to help them provide quality healthcare more effectively and efficiently. In addition, Healtheon/WebMD will install an Internet-connected kiosk equipped with printers in the waiting room of the Indian Health Services facility. This kiosk will allow visitors to search for and print out healthcare information from the WebMD portal.

+ USDA-Rural Development Announces Safe and Clean Water Funds for Indian Country. The Department of Agriculture will announce \$3 million in grants from its American Indian Safe and Clean Water Set-Aside fund to serve six tribal communities in five states (AZ, ME, MN, OR, SD). Additionally, USDA is committing \$2.2 million in low interest loans and \$300,000 in grants to the projects. Five tribes and one non-profit utility district have developed these projects to provide good quality drinking water or improved wastewater disposal.

+ HUD Announces 10 Neighborhood Network Centers Targeted in Indian Country. As part of its overall expansion of Neighborhood Network Centers, HUD commits to helping 10 Indian Housing Authorities to create Neighborhood Network Community Learning Centers, and to locating donations or other sources of funding for equipment and networking.

+ HUD Launches Native eDGE - the Native American Economic Development Access Center. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and its Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) will announce the creation of a Native American Economic Development Access Center, accessible via website and toll-free number. This Access Center, called Native eDGE (economic Development Guidance and Empowerment) will, for the first time, electronically link resources from over 12 Federal agencies with Native Americans, lending institutions, non-profits, foundations, and private businesses so they can collaborate to achieve sustainable economic development in Indian Country. The Access Center will include a publications clearinghouse to distribute printed materials on demand, and will provide technical assistance by economic development specialists.

+ The Department of Education Proposes the Challenging Online Coursework Initiative. The President will announce that his FY2001 budget includes \$10 million to fund the Challenging Online Coursework Initiative for competitive grants to spur innovative research and development efforts focused on web-based Advance Placement (AP), second language, and other challenging coursework. Grants of up to three years would be provided to partnerships for research, development and evaluation of technologies such as online simulations and other web-based instruction that can help provide high-quality learning experiences for all students no matter where their school is located. This initiative will be particularly valuable for remote Native American schools.

+ The Small Business Administration and Treasury Propose BusinessLINC in Indian Country. Under Vice President Gore's leadership, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Treasury have launched a national initiative called BusinessLINC. As part of his FY2001 budget, the President has proposed \$1.25 million to expand BusinessLINC to Indian Country. During the remainder of this year, Treasury and SBA will hold at least two working sessions that will help explore how BusinessLINC in Indian Country might best proceed with particular attention to high-tech opportunities. These sessions will bring together tribal leaders, high-technology firms. These working sessions would explore how the high-tech industry could expand its activities into Indian Country.

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Whiteville, NC, April 26, 2000

- + Telecommunications Companies Agree to Provide High-Speed Internet Access to All Businesses and Citizens of North Carolina Within Three Years
- + For the First Time, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Will Expand Its \$670 Million Telecommunications Loan Program to Companies that Provide High-Speed Internet Access to Rural America
- + QUALCOMM Will Announce a \$1 Million Investment in High-Speed Internet in Whiteville, NC and 7 Additional Rural Communities, Working with Other Telecommunications Carriers
- + MCI/WorldCom Will Announce a \$2 Million Multi-Year Commitment to Rural America for Wireless Broadband Access
- + The National Science Foundation Will Announce a \$10 Million Commitment in R&D for Next Generation Broadband Technologies in Rural America
- + Red Hat Will Pledge \$225,000 to Provide Software and Training to 100 Small Businesses in Rural North Carolina
- + AT&T Will Pledge \$1.2 Million to Develop IT Curricula in North Carolina Universities

+ The Department of Commerce and The Department of Agriculture Will Release a New Report on the Challenges of Broadband Access in Rural America