

HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR

For 30 years, by her comatose daughter's side

Florida mom keeps promise, and becomes an inspiration

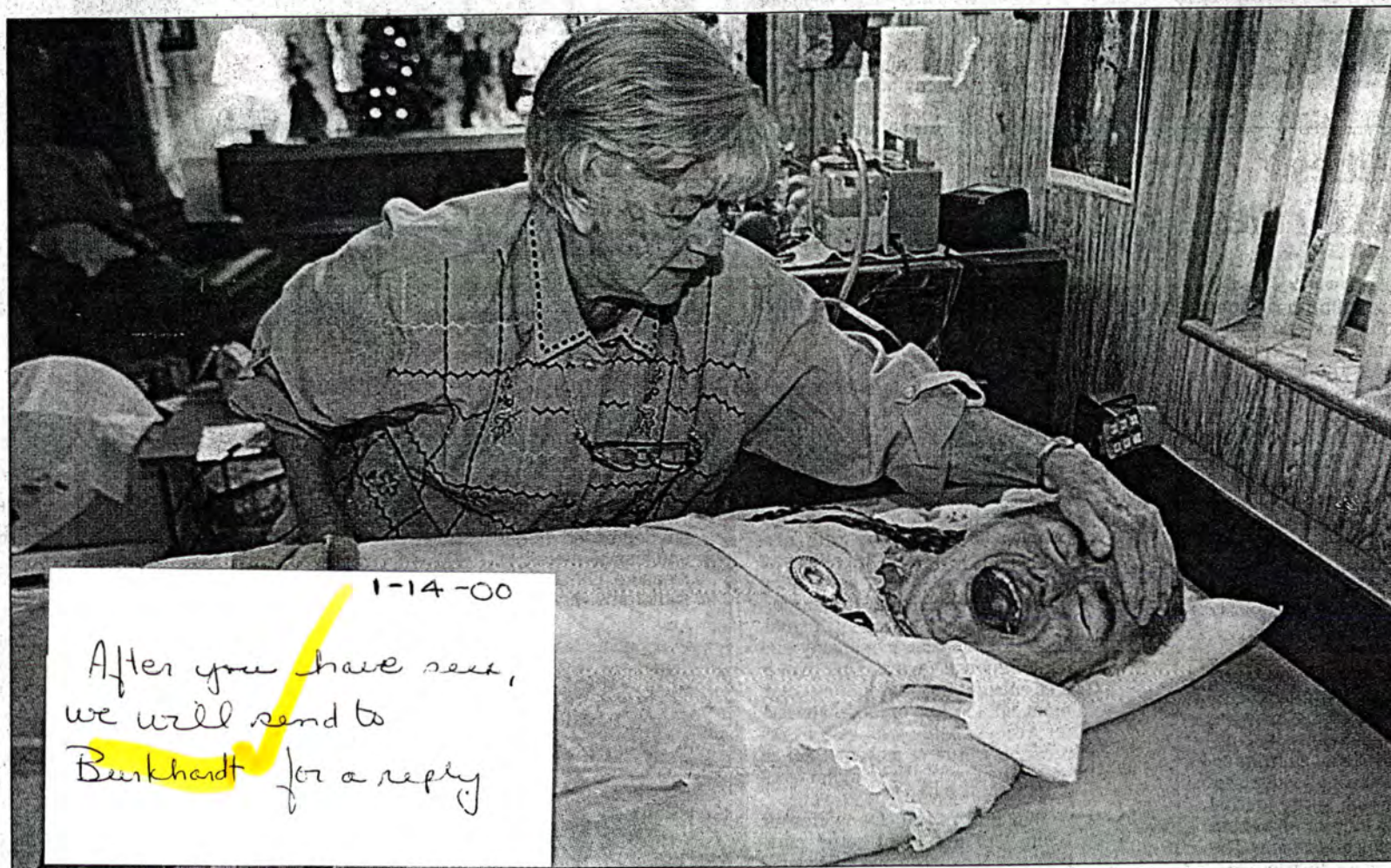
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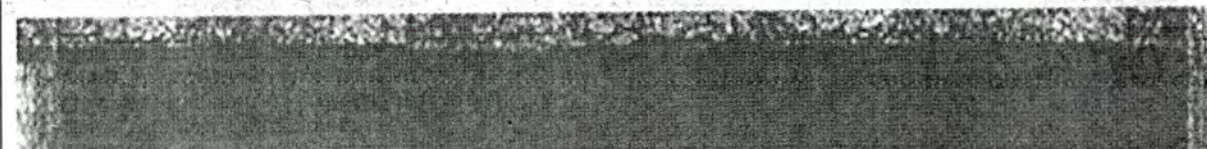
Photos by Andrew Itkoff, Gannett News Service

Mom's love: Kaye O'Bara, 72, spends much of her time holding and caressing daughter Edwarda, 46, who was 16 when she fell into a diabetic coma.

It's a life that denies her the night, restricts sleep to a nap, a life tethered decades on end to a two-bedroom house in an industrial section of town where doors and windows are barred. O'Bara embraces this life. "Dity kills people," she says. "Some-

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This is all to say O'Bara, who at 72 stands slightly stooped and shuffles when she walks, is busy. Always busy. Her only help is a nurse's aide for one hour, five days a week. Yet O'Bara appears to thrive here in a rundown house in a rundown neighborhood, energized despite drinking only decaffeinated beverages.

"Oh, honey," she says, her turquoise eyes clear, "I don't need caffeine. Old-fashioned love keeps me going."

By all accounts, O'Bara, a devout Roman Catholic and former kindergarten teacher, has found peace in her labor. She is the antithesis of frustrated, fatigued caregivers such as Richard and Dawn Kelso, who became subjects of national news soon after Christmas when police reported the Kelsoes abandoned their 10-year-old son, who has cerebral palsy, in a Wilmington, Del., hospital.

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In coma since age 16

O'Bara's oldest daughter, Edwarda was 16 when she lapsed into a diabetic coma and returned, in essence, to the cradle. On Jan. 3, 1970, she whispered these last words: "Promise you won't leave me, will you, Mommy?"

Edwarda is 46 now, as gray-haired as her mother. Kaye O'Bara's husband, Joe, died 25 years ago. Her youngest daughter, Colleen, was briefly imprisoned on a drug conviction before returning home. O'Bara suffered a heart attack in 1982, and through it all she has been Edwarda's primary caregiver for all but a dozen or so days.



Sanctuary: Edwarda's room is decorated with spiritual icons: ceramic angels, praying hands, paintings. Every day, more visitors and letters arrive.

Dartmouth's Greek life survives for now

By Mary Beth Marklein
USA TODAY

Fraternities and sororities at Dartmouth College won't have to go co-ed after all. But some students fear that Greek groups will disappear altogether under recommendations announced Monday at the Hanover, N.H., campus.

The recommendations, part of a 40-page report by a committee of

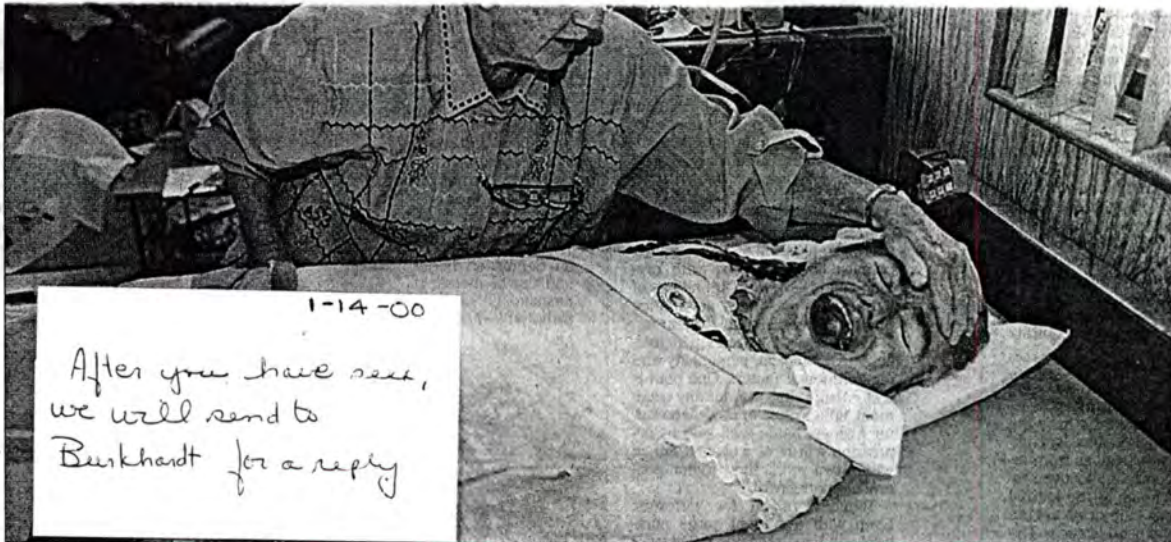
The committee did not recommend a ban on single-sex social organizations — a possibility raised in February, when trustees, in a move noted on campuses across the nation, said they wanted a "substantially co-educational" campus environment.

But it did propose changes to restrict eligibility for membership and for living in a Greek residence, and it acknowledged that "it is unlikely that all present organizations will be able to meet the new standards."

The report also says that having fewer organizations "will improve the compatibility of the remaining higher-quality organizations with the overall campus environment."

Trustees won't act until the campus community responds. The first of several discussions began Monday. "It's terribly important for us to do this as a group," Dartmouth president James Wright says.

Matt Kuhn, president of Zeta Psi



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In motivational speeches worldwide, Dyer uses O'Bara as an example of pure unconditional love. He describes her home as a place of "high spiritual energy," on par with the St. Francis of Assisi chapel, a 13th century monument to Italy's patron saint.

And like at the chapel, Dyer says, he and his wife, Marcelene, felt a spiritual energy so overwhelming they cried upon entering Edwarda's room for the first time. Whenever Dyer visits now, he goes directly to Edwarda's side and meditates briefly. "This is truly a divine place," he says. "I really do think Edwarda is doing saintly work." Together, he says, O'Bara and her daughter provide a valuable lesson: There is immense spirituality in selfless compassion.

'Spiritual meaning'

Visitors have come to O'Bara's home on religious pilgrimages. Others send letters with prayer requests or ask to have their letters touched to Edwarda's skin, as if she can silently intercede with God.

O'Bara holds up a plastic bag with more than 40 letters. "Just from this morning," she says, shrugging.

Cranford calls this act of turning a vegetative person into a religious icon "grotesque." He does not believe in miracles. "When I see things I can't explain ... I say, 'Oops, I don't know what that is,'" he says. "The only spiritual meaning I can put on (Edwarda's case) is that she has a mother totally dedicated to her."

But O'Bara behaves and speaks as though she knows something — someone — most people don't.

"The Blessed Mother visits me three or four times a week. I talk to her as I would a friend," she says matter-of-factly.

Edwarda's room is more sanctuary than bedroom. Ceramic angels and praying hands crowd shelves, a large crucifix hangs alongside paintings of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. There are Bibles and framed Scripture and a small pillow with cross-stitching that sums it all up: "Hope Never Dies."

Dr. Louis Chaykin, the Miami physician who has cared for the O'Baras pro bono for more than three decades, believes Edwarda would have died within six months of going into a coma if not for her mother.

"Perhaps we're seeing a miracle, just the fact she has survived 30 years," he says.

"And maybe," he continues, melding spirit to science and choosing his words carefully, "there is a reason Edwarda is still with us. I think (she) and Kaye maybe educate all of us. Maybe they make us a little less egotistical ... maybe a little less selfish."

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Joe Lockhart

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I thought you might enjoy these pieces from Charles Peters in this month's issue of The Washington Monthly.

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Personal File

Tilting at Windmills

BY CHARLES PETERS

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Bits and Pieces of a Democratic Manifesto

"BRAND-NAME SCHOOLS AREN'T always better," was the headline above Michelle Singletary's article in *The Washington Post*. I thought I had found a soulmate! As regular readers know, I always urge students to look not at the name of the school but to the strength of the departments in the area of study they are interested in. Do they have good professors? Do the professors actually teach? But this is not what Singletary was interested in. Her concern was that "pricey schools aren't necessarily the deciding factor in helping students make big bucks after graduation." Isn't one purpose of a good education that it helps the student see that some things are more important than the big bucks?

FOR MOST OF HIS PRESIDENCY, I could not be counted among Ronald Reagan's fans. But sometimes his speeches, like the one he made in Normandy on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, or something he said—like calling the Soviet Union "the evil empire"—struck me as just right. The most thrilling moment for me came when he stood in Berlin and said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." I was thus dismayed to find Edmund Morris' *Dutch* saying of that moment, "What a rhetorical opportunity missed. He could have read Robert Frost's poem on the subject."

TOBY NEEDS A BOOSTER SHOT and a heartworm test. *The Washington Post's* Colbert King was recently reminded by his dog's veterinarian. "It hit me then and

there," writes King. "In more than 40 years of uninterrupted participation in America's health care system—a period during which I never missed a premium payment, always paid my deductibles and co-payments on time, unfailingly presented myself for examination in clean underwear and with all teeth brushed, always received whatever treatment was dispensed with gratitude bordering on obsequiousness—no doctor's office has ever initiated contact with me about anything remotely related to the maintenance of my health and general well-being."

My experience has been the same. I've had some calls from dentists reminding me that I'm due for a check-up or a cleaning, but to the best of my recollection never from a physician.

Sometimes I've been just as happy that they didn't call and ask if I was sticking to my diet or cutting down on my drinking—but part of me wondered why they didn't. More important, why didn't they call to say "It's time for a flu shot" or to say "At your age you really should have your heart checked or better still, come in for a complete physical?"

CALVIN S. KINNEY, A GYM teacher in the D.C. schools, recently got a 12 to 36 year sentence for having sex with several 14-year old girls. Opinions may vary about the sentence, but what is beyond understanding is the judgment of

the school authorities who assigned Kinney a desk. It was located in the girls' locker room.

DID YOU SEE KEN STARR'S PIECE in *The Wall Street Journal* trying to explain his disastrous investigation? He points out that 75 percent of

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Whitewater cases ended in hunguries compared to a 5 percent hung jury rate in criminal trials generally. This he attributes to "some people entered the jury room with agendas" and "judges sometimes appear to be swayed by politics." Couldn't another explanation be that Starr presented unconvincing evidence?

Starr does concede that he should not have taken on Monica-gate, Travelgate or Filegate: "Moving beyond Whitewater/Madison slowed our progress, increased our costs and fostered a damaging perception of empire building."

It is incredible to me that all of this investigation—Whitewater, Filegate, Travelgate and Monica-gate—produced no indictment against Bill or Hillary Clinton other than that he had lied about a personal matter, having nothing to do with his public duty. And that indictment—which is what impeachment by the House constituted—produced no conviction. Nor did any of the investigations by four other independent counsels of Clinton cabinet members produce a conviction, except on a lie by Henry Cisneros, also about a personal matter having nothing

to do with his public duties.

Yet the Clinton administration is depicted again and again by the Republicans and by a large part—probably a majority—of the media as “scandal-plagued” or “scandal-ridden.”

I don't think the Democrats can win if they don't fight back—if they accept that Bill Clinton is a corrupt president who sold the Lincoln Bedroom. Democrats should answer Thank God for the Lincoln Bedroom. Decent politicians get down on their knees and pray for innocent favors they can do for their contributors. How much better to offer a night's sleep at the White House than a change of administration policy on an important issue. Bill Clinton hasn't sold out to the bad guys—the gun lobby or the tobacco lobby. How many Republicans can say the same!

SPEAKING OF THE GUN LOBBY, *The Wall Street Journal's* Paul Barrett and Vanessa O'Connell have recently written about evidence that its power is declining. One fact in their report that fascinated me is that the gun lobby's constituency is shrinking. “Hunters and target shooters—the industry's core market—are gradually walking away from those sports... Most ominously, gun companies' efforts to cultivate new buyers among women and teenagers have failed to stem the erosion.”

DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE PROUD, instead of ashamed—as some of them seem—of Bill Clinton's record as president. The economy has performed superbly—with an amazing combination of low inflation, deficit reduction, and low unemployment. And during the last seven years, it's been Bill Clinton who has been president, not Alan Greenspan, as the pundits seem to think when they're praising the economy.

More jobs have meant that the major accomplishment of welfare

reform, for which Clinton shares the credit, has been implemented, if not perfectly, with considerably better results than most liberals anticipated.

On a host of other issues from gun-control to the patients' bill of rights, it seems to me that Clinton has been on the right side far more times than he has been in the wrong. For some of these, though, he gets no credit or at least none that I have seen. A case in point is antitrust. Clinton's Department of Justice has had the courage and the savvy to take on bullies like Microsoft in the interest of fair play.

On foreign policy, many of his efforts, including those in Northern Ireland and Kosovo, have been laudable. In the Middle East, all you have to do is recall the testimony of the dying King Hussein that Clinton had done more than any other president Hussein had known. And Hussein had known Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

It's worth recalling again Hussein's words:

“I have never—with all due respect and all the affection I have held for your predecessors—I have never known someone with your dedication, evenhandedness, focus and determination to help resolve this issue.”

As a dying man, Hussein had nothing to gain from flattering Bill Clinton. For that reason, his words have special force.

All of this is not to say that Bill Clinton has never done wrong. Indeed, he has often been criticized—sometimes severely—in these pages. It is to remind people that as angry as we may get at the man, on the whole he's done an impressive job.

HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION are the issues Americans are most concerned about, according to a recent Harris poll. That's good

news for Hillary Clinton, because another poll—this one a CBS News-*New York Times* survey—shows that when respondents were asked “Who do you think would do a better job at working to reform the health care system—Hillary Clinton or Rudy Giuliani?” Mrs. Clinton won by 63 percent to 22 percent. For the same question regarding education reform, she won 60 percent to 27.

I'M INDEBTED TO MY FRIEND, Mark Shields, for bringing me up to date on John Gilligan. He has devoted a lifetime to public service. As a young Navy lieutenant, he endured kamikaze attacks at Okinawa. His heroism won a Silver Star. He went on to become a city councilman and a congressman. He was then elected governor of Ohio. Now at 78, he's not sitting around the farm or spending his days at the golf course. He's running for the school board of his hometown because, he says:

“There are 48,000 kids in Cincinnati public schools and the education they get in those public schools is their one chance for a decent and productive life... We owe it to them. We owe it to our community and to the future of all our children to make our cities' schools the very best.”

What a heartening story, in an era when far too many seniors try to avoid paying the taxes that would give young people a better education and when far too few good people of any age are going into public service.

DAVID BROOKS, WHO CONTINUES to strike me as one of the most perceptive of today's conservative writers, recently observed in the *New York Times Book Review* that “a secret of George W.'s political success so far is that in the age of television politics, it is more important to be comfortable with yourself than it is to have built a long string of accomplishments.”

The same explanation goes a long way toward accounting for the recent lead Bill Bradley has taken in the polls of New Hampshire voters. This troubles me. I'm not at all sure Al Gore and John McCain should suffer because they are uncool. It seems much more important to me to look at what a candidate has done throughout his life than at the person he seems to be. The *Washington Post* columnist David Ignatius recently wrote about Al Gore as a student at St. Albans. He wasn't cool then but he was already a responsible leader.

The test of responsibility is one that I think Bill Bradley failed when he decided to leave the Senate when the Gingrich revolution was at its height and congressional Democrats were in the greatest peril. There are many things I admire about Bradley, but this is not one of them.

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"OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS THE military has had an accident rate 81 times that of civilian airlines," reports Russell Carollo of the *Dayton Daily News*. Is this because military planes have been in combat? No, these accidents were not combat-related. Nevertheless, an average of 163 military planes have been lost each year during that period. Worst of all, the accidents have caused an average of 104 deaths per year.

Among the reasons for this shocking record is a system that protects contractors from suits even when they supply defective parts and that does not provide for independent investigation of the kind provided for civilian airline accidents by the National Transportation Safety Board, leaving

accident investigations to people who often have a substantial interest in self-protection.

Another factor is sloppy maintenance. Maintenance-related accidents have more than doubled in the Air Force since 1992. This coincides with a period of military downsizing and commercial airline growth that encouraged experienced maintenance personnel to leave the military and go to work for a Delta or a United. Then there's

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the problem of inadequate training for those that remain. One survey of 210 Air National Guard mechanics found that 107 out of 210 "had not received mandatory skill-level training in over 1400 tools."

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FOUR OUT OF twenty-two stock analysts downgrad-

ed IBM after it announced that sales of its mainframe computer would be weak for the next six months. How many had downgraded it before the announcement?

One, reports *Newsweek's* Allan Sloan, and he only reduced it to a "buy" from a "strong buy." The analysts who specialize in computer stocks are presumed to follow IBM closely and to be able to warn you, the customer, of unhappy news that's on its way.

This reminds me of a piece John Rothchild wrote for this magazine long ago in which he described his interviews with a series of these "experts". One after another, instead of offering bold predictions about the future, they probed for the names of stocks the other analysts had recommended.

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BACK TO HENRY CISNEROS FOR a moment. I have been told that the official who insisted on the indictment was Louis Freeh, who

was said to be incensed that Cisneros had lied to the FBI even though, as we have already pointed out, the lie had nothing to do with Cisneros' public duties. I was thus interested to see a report in *Newsweek* that Freeh was more understanding when the lying to the FBI was done by his top aides. It seems that when Larry Potts, Freeh's hand-picked top aide, had to be let go because of his involvement in various cover-ups, there was a farewell party. His FBI pals flew into Washington from around the country. They billed the government for the travel, saying that it was for a non-existent "ethics seminar." That, of course, was a lie—and that lie *did* concern their public duties. Did Freeh insist that they be indicted? They were let off with a mild rebuke that charged them not with lying, but with "inattention to detail." I can understand why they might be forgiven, but not why similar mercy was not accorded Cisneros.

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ROBERT SAMUELSON RECENTLY wrote a column advocating means testing for social security benefits, a cause the *Monthly* has long supported. Jay Rockefeller is a splendid fellow and a good senator but he doesn't need social security. But there is another way to do something about this windfall for the rich and I'm indebted to Gene Ogden's recent letter to *The Washington Post* for reminding me of it: Require social security taxes to be paid on all income above \$72,000. That income is not now subject to the tax. As Ogden points out, we now have "means-testing" in reverse. Low-wage workers pay 6.6 percent while the high income isn't taxed at all.

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HERE AT THE MONTHLY, WE have an editorial meeting after each issue goes to press to discuss possible subjects for future articles. Often we'll decide to do pieces immediately and assign them to

one of our own staff or assign them to outside writers. But sometimes an idea just stays on the list month after month and never gets done. One example is an idea of mine that, while fascinating to me, has obviously never aroused much excitement among my colleagues. It is: Why do some excellent products lose their popularity or disappear even though they, at least when last seen, remained best or among the best in their field? One example is Rise, which I've always thought was the best of the shaving creams. It is impossible to find in Washington and in much of the rest of the country. Another is the MacIntosh, a wonderful cotton raincoat from England that was widely available in this country in the 1950s for \$20 or so. I've given up on my colleagues on this one, but if anyone out there shares my curiosity, I welcome letters about Rise, the MacIntosh, or similar lost or vanishing products that deserved a better fate.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE "IS-SUE" ad poses a great challenge for the media. "I don't want big government in my medicine cabinet" is an effective ad of the Harry and Louise variety that was so successful in killing the campaign for national health insurance in 1993-4.

When private lobbying groups publish such ads, someone needs to sort out the truth from the fiction. And that someone is the media. The media has recognized a similar responsibility—at least to a modest extent—in examining political commercials during campaigns, but to the best of my knowledge they have done nothing—beyond a few discussions of Harry and Louise after they did their damage—about confronting the problem of issue ads.

If reporters don't take on the responsibility of explaining to the public when the ads are misleading, and of doing the explaining *before* the damage is done, then the

American people are going to continue to be brainwashed by the special interests that have the money to pay for the ads.

LAST JUNE, TWO TEN YEAR-OLD boys were playing by a creek in a park in the state of Washington. They spotted a lighter lying by the bank, picked it up and started clicking it. A wall of flame shot up from the creek, enveloping both boys. A gasoline pipeline under the stream had ruptured. The fire burned all of the boys' clothing and too much of their skin for them to survive. They died later that day.

There are 165,000 miles of pipelines under the fields and streams of America and under the houses and other buildings where we live and work. At least 2,100 gallons of oil or other harmful liquids are spilled by pipelines an average of four times each week, according to Kim Murphy of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Although the technology exists that would allow companies "to conduct detailed internal inspections, detect leaks and shut off oil flows automatically in the event of a rupture," writes Murphy, "there are no federal regulations requiring those measures."

Here's another example of where the problem is not too much regulation, but too little.

THAT'S WHY THE DEMOCRATIC counterattack I suggest on behalf of Bill Clinton should extend to another matter: the role of government. Don't let that lady get away with "I don't want big government in my medicine cabinet." Not just Democrats but every reasonable citizen should rise up and say "Look, sister, don't you really want a CDC to warn you of dangerous diseases, and don't you really want an FDA to warn you when what's in your medicine cabinet may not be safe? In fact, you want unsafe products kept off the mar-

ket, period."

When that fat cat sitting next to you on the plane declaims against big government, ask him if he doesn't really want the government to make sure that this plane you're in is safe and that the pilots who are flying it and the air traffic controllers who are guiding them know what they're doing.

And since fat cats usually own stocks, ask him if he doesn't want an SEC to be sure he isn't cheated by crooked brokers. Freely concede government agencies can be made better—they can and should be—but don't let anyone forget that we need them.

SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR agencies and the need for them to do a better job, why did federal regulators take so long to catch on to the catastrophe that was brewing at the First National Bank of Keystone, West Virginia? The bank's losses will cost the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \$800 million. Among the less-than-subtle hints that trouble could be expected was the contradiction between the bank's policy of paying higher-than-usual interest rates to its depositors and then investing their money in riskier-than-usual loans. The fact that a small town bank—Keystone's population was 627 at last count—had a president who owned two dozen Harley Davidsons is also enough to have aroused a tiny bit of curiosity among regulators.

IN OUR NOVEMBER ISSUE WE criticized the EPA and the Justice Department for failing to be tough enough in enforcing clean air and clean water laws. So we should acknowledge that a week after our issue came out, the two agencies filed lawsuits against seven of the nation's largest utilities, asking federal courts to force the utilities to install pollution controls they should have installed years ago. We're delighted by the suit. Maybe they read the *Monthly*. ●

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December 15, 1999

Mr. John Podesta
Chief of Staff
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear John,

I thought you and the President might get a kick out of the enclosed photograph from Kosovo. We have a CHF team there assisting hundreds of families to repair their houses before the dead of winter sets in. Our crew has found the Kosovars to be friendly, willing to work, and determined to rebuild their homes and communities.

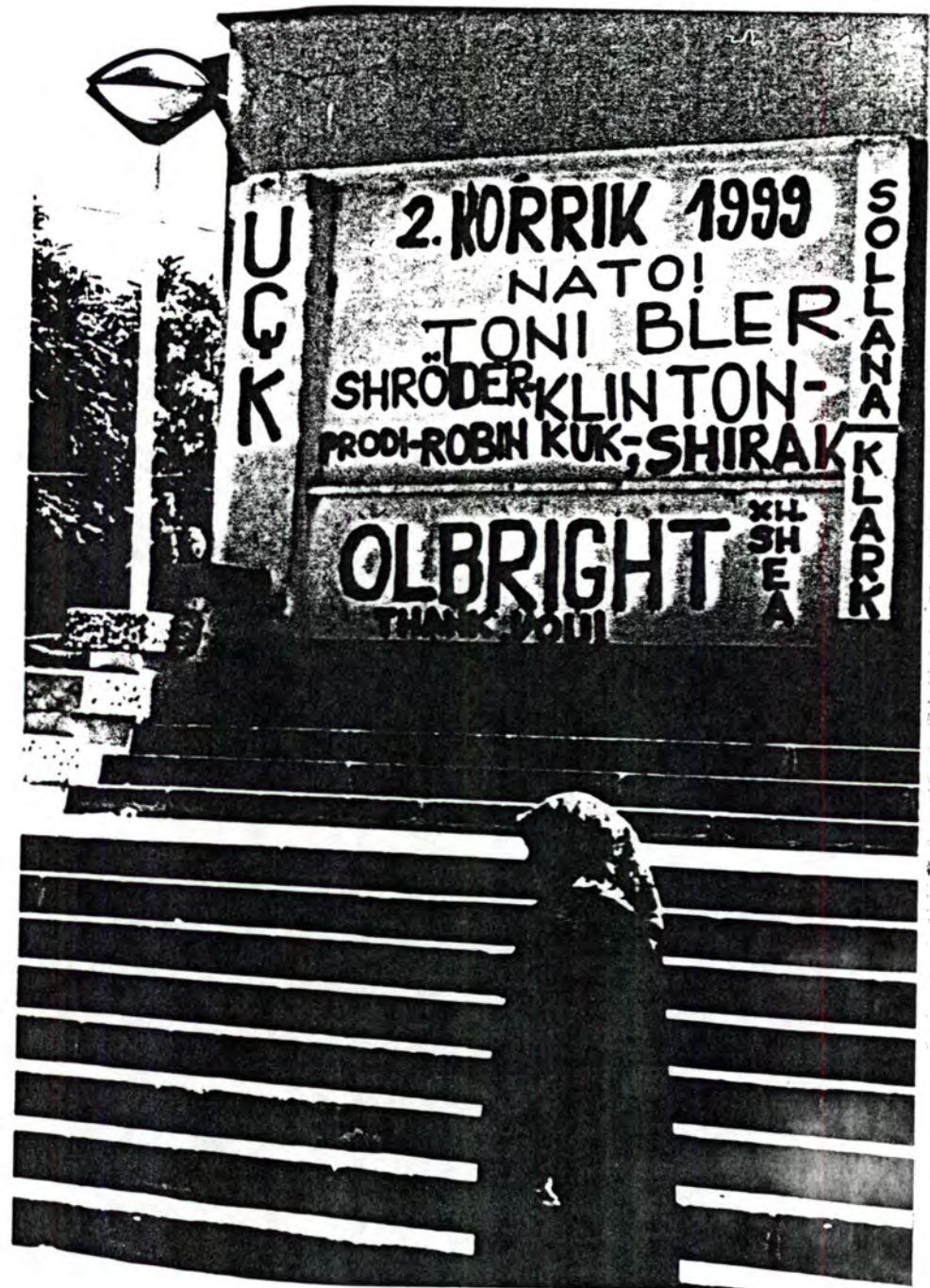
As the picture suggests, the Kosovars are also openly grateful to the US, the Europeans and NATO for the successful intervention. When our guys walk down the street, the children often chant, "USA! USA!" or "NATO! NATO!" Almost daily, adults approach the CHF staff and express in broken English, "Please tell Mr. Clinton 'thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

I pass this along because I thought you might enjoy some good news.

Sincerely and with warm regards,



Michael E. Doyle
President/CEO



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From: The Staff Secretary

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November 30, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *un for*SUBJECT: Delegating Presidential Authorities Under the
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000Purpose

Delegate authority to the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Energy to prepare and submit certain reports to Congress.

Background

Sections 1401, 1402, and 1406 of the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 require you to submit three reports to Congress on various technology transfer-related issues. You are required to report to Congress on a one-time basis regarding China's missile technology control practices. You also are required to report annually through 2007 on the significance of U.S. technology transfers to countries of concern and to report annually through 2004 on the national security applications for high performance computers.

The attached memoranda will delegate to the Departments of State, Defense, and Energy the authority to prepare and submit the reports. You have delegated similar authority to the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Commerce in the past.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memoranda.

Attachment

Tab A Memoranda to the Secretaries

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority Under Section 1401(b) of
the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65)

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of State the duties and responsibilities vested in the President by section 1401(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 ("the Act") (Pub.L.No.106-65, 113 Stat. 512(1999)).

The Department of State shall obtain concurrence on the report from the following agencies: the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, and the Director of Central Intelligence on behalf of the Intelligence Community prior to submission to Congress.

Any reference in this memorandum to the provisions of any Act shall be deemed to be a reference to such Act or its provisions as may be amended from time to time.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority Under Section 1406 of
 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65)

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Defense the duties and responsibilities vested in the President by section 1406 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 ("the Act") (Pub.L.No.106-65, 113 Stat. 512(1999)).

The Departments of Energy and Defense shall jointly prepare a report with the assistance of the Departments of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Director of Central Intelligence. The Departments of Defense and Energy shall obtain concurrence on the report from the following agencies: the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Director of Central Intelligence on behalf of the Intelligence Community prior to submission to Congress.

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The Secretary of Energy is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority Under Sections 1402 and 1406 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65)

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Defense the duties and responsibilities vested in the President by sections 1402 and 1406 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 ("the Act") (Pub.L.No.106-65, 113 Stat. 512(1999)).

The Department of Defense shall prepare the report required by Section 1402 of the Act with the assistance of the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, the Department of Treasury, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Department of Defense shall obtain concurrence on the report from the following agencies: the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Director of Central Intelligence on behalf of the Intelligence Community, the Department of Treasury, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to submission to Congress.

The Departments of Defense and Energy shall jointly prepare the report required by Section 1406 of the Act with the assistance of the Departments of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Director of Central Intelligence. The Departments of Defense and Energy shall obtain concurrence on the report from the following agencies: the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Director of Central Intelligence on behalf of the Intelligence Community prior to submission to Congress.

Any reference in this memorandum to the provisions of any Act shall be deemed to be a reference to such Act or its provisions as may be amended from time to time.

The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

Staff Sec

December 30, 1999

President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

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Dear Mr. President,

It has come to my attention that our good friend, Lloyd George, is eligible for a Presidential pardon.

Lloyd and I served almost 30 years together in the House and he was always one person I could depend on to research each issue and give a good honest educated vote.

Mine and Lloyd's families are very close. My youngest grandson thinks Lloyd "hung the moon".

I've had a lot of good friends in my lifetime and I count Lloyd as one of my very best.

Lloyd is a good decent American and his kind of people are what has made our country great. I will appreciate any consideration you give him.

I wish this, your last year in office to be the very best.

1-4-00

Sincerely,

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Bobby

Bobby Newman

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1-4-00

Send to Burkhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

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December 7, 1999

Senator Ode L. Maddox
P. O. Box 128
Oden, Arkansas 71961

00 JAN 4 AM 8:56

Dear Ode,

Hope this letter finds you and your family doing well over the Holiday Season.

I know you are aware of my Federal Court Hearing. Now that I have paid the assessed fine and served the 2 years of supervised parole, I am requesting a Pardon from President Bill Clinton. I am asking you as a personal friend to write the President on my behalf.

Being 73 years old, and living on a farm in Birta, Arkansas has really made me appreciate my family and friends. I want to visit and travel with my four children and nine grandchildren and it is very important that my name be removed from the Federal Felon List.

Please help me clear my name by sending your letter to President Bill Clinton, White House, Washington, D.C. 20500-2000. Being on the Federal Felon List hurts very much.

Here's wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks Lot!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Lloyd George

Lloyd George

LRG:kk

Dear Mr President (Friend)

*Lloyd said it better than I
could - help him -*

*Best Wishes to you and
your family - Ode & Susan*

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December 27, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500-2000

Re: Jeffrey James Ratcliff

Send to Bushhardt?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Dear President Clinton:

I wanted to congratulate you on the pardons that were given by you and publicly announced on Christmas Eve 1999. This was a wonderful gesture of forgiveness of the eve of the birthday of Jesus Christ who pronounced that forgiving is the key to eternal life.

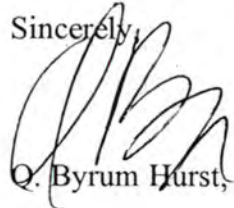
I could not help but note that one of the men that received a pardon was an 80 year old man who was quoted as saying that he was concerned he may not live to see his name cleared of the offense for which he received a pardon. I represent Jeffrey James Ratcliff and he is a young man (32) who was in an automobile accident on federal property over twelve years ago. As you may know I have applied for a pardon for him and as I read the story in the newspaper of the 80 year old man who received his pardon, I thought about how much better it could have been had someone had had the courage and integrity to grant that pardon years ago while he was able to enjoy much more of his life.

I wanted to congratulate you for having the courage to act for the 80 year old man and the others that you decided to pardon. I also want to urge you to grant Jeffrey James Ratcliff a pardon while he still hopefully has many more years on this earth. Because of Jeffrey James Ratcliff's conviction he has carried a label, which has hampered him in trying to improve himself in his chosen profession. His conviction was a result of an automobile accident in which he was

negligent, and it was a federal offense because it occurred on federal property. He has paid his dues and has shown society that he can be a good and productive citizen and the granting of a pardon would be a wonderful gesture of final forgiveness.

Thank you for your consideration and I know that you will have another wonderful and successful year in 2000.

Sincerely,



Q. Byrum Hurst, Jr.

QBHjr/sc

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JANUARY 3, 2000

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TO: PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
C/O BETTY CURRY

FAX: (202) 456-6703

FROM: TERRY MCAULIFFE

RE: PALACE ARTS FOUNDATION "PALACE OF GOLD & LIGHT" EXHIBIT-UPDATED
LETTER

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3

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New Version
Send to ^{NSC} ~~Berkley~~?
Yes ☒
No ☐
Duplicate? ☐

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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

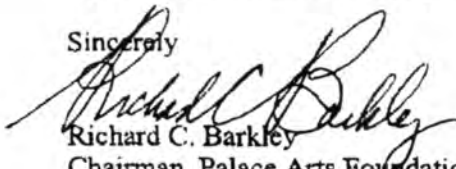
As you may be aware, I have the honor of serving as Chairman of the Palace Arts Foundation, which is organizing the exhibition, *Palace of Gold & Light: Treasures from the Topkapi, Istanbul*. This extraordinary Exhibition, which will open at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington on March 1, 2000, is the most important cultural exchange ever to occur with the Republic of Turkey. In recognition of that importance, President Suleyman Demirel has identified this Exhibition as a central marker of the great friendship between our two nations. (See President Demirel's letter, attached.) I am thrilled with the opportunity to share this heritage with the American people and honored that Terry McAuliffe and his wife Dorothy, and Margaret Tutwiler, have agreed to chair the exhibition.

In view of the importance of the Exhibition, the Government of Turkey has made a one-time exception to its policies and advised United States defense contractors that they may satisfy their offset obligations by financially supporting this project. Determined to counter the devastating psychological and economic impact of the recent earthquakes, the Turkish Government looks to the success of this project as an important part of its effort to re-instill pride and confidence in its people's future.

While offset has never been a favored practice from the perspective of U.S. interests, when agreed to by defense contractors, offset obligations are legally binding, contractual commitments. Further, U.S. policy grants the President of the United States standing authority to make certain exceptions to our offset policy, when it serves the U.S. national interests. Here, not only are the obligations of U.S. firms clear, but also it would directly advance our interests to encourage American contractors to meet their current, lawful offset obligations to the Turkish Government through contributions to the Exhibition. Since such contributions will ensure the great success of the Exhibition, the beneficiary of that success will be American-Turkish relations. Accordingly, we and our Turkish friends would be most grateful if you would inform the Department of Defense that the success of this Exhibition is in the interests of U.S.-Turkish relations and that U.S. contractors be instructed to consider supporting this project by taking appropriate steps in connection with their existing contractual obligations.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely


Richard C. Barkley
Chairman, Palace Arts Foundation

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The President

Ankara, 8 October 1998

Dear Ambassador Barkley,

It was indeed a pleasure for me to meet you and Dr. Epstein and listen to your project regarding the Topkapı Exhibit in the US.

Activities of this sort are a perfect conduit in presenting the Ottoman/Turkish culture and society to the American people. I am confident that your ardent efforts and meticulous planning will render the exhibit a major success. The Turkish government stands ready to assist you in planning the said exhibit.

I should also like to advise you that promotion of Turkey through cultural events has increasingly been receiving support from Turkish as well as American business circles. You might, therefore, find this increased awareness, especially on the part of Turkish private sector, as a suitable source for sponsors. I encourage Turkish and American business communities to support your commendable project.

Thanking you for your personal efforts in further developing Turkish-American relations, I wish you success in all your endeavours

Sincerely,

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January 4, 2000

Christy Carpenter
830 Olima Street
Sausalito, California 94965

Dear Christy:

It was wonderful to have you with us in the White House last month -- and I'm so glad you had a good time.

Thanks for the book. It looks great, and I'm hoping to read it soon.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Barack

December 20, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

Many, many thanks for making the long dreaded 50th birthday an extraordinarily memorable and fun time. Not since the Johnson Administration had I visited the second and third floors of the White House, and this was my first opportunity to sleep over. The accommodations were admittedly a whole lot better than the living room floor Abby and I provided you in London some thirty years ago! You were incredibly kind spend time with us given your flu.

Enclosed is a book from Ken Wilber and Drexel Sprecher which I did not have the chance to give you that evening at the White House. I am working with Ken and Drexel on the creation of an Integral Politics Institute and was delighted to learn of your interest in Ken's philosophy. I first came across his writings about five years ago while pursuing my spiritual practices and studies. In addition to supporting Ken's work, I am heading up a new company -- LifeQuest Network -- whose mission is to use the internet and television to encourage spiritual transformation and new paradigm thinking.

- ★ Please know that I will always be available to be of help to you and Hillary in any way needed. I'm already fundraising for her New York race as well as organizing for the Vice President whose candidacy I actively worked on in 1988 in New York.

Thanks again for your generosity in hosting Martha, Abby and me for an experience we'll never forget.

Warmest personal regards,

Cliff

*One Taste
The Journals of Ken Wilber*