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JOHN SYKES PRESIDENT

April 16, 1998

Dear Nancy,

During our meeting at the White House on Monday, the President asked that I send him a copy of our VH1 Divas concert that aired on the network Tuesday evening benefiting music education. The President was interested in seeing the performances by Celine Dion, Gloria Estefan, Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, Mariah Carey, and Carole King. The show also included his saxophone presentation to the Washington, D.C. student.

Please forward the enclosed thank you note to the President for our meeting and a copy of the concert on video tape.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. President,

It was nice to see you again on Monday at the White House. I can't tell you how thankful I am that you took the time on Monday to present your saxophone to our VH1 Save the Music campaign. We aired the saxophone presentation during our Divas Live concert to benefit VH1 Save the Music on Tuesday evening and the response was incredible. Besides the viewers watching in our 61 million U.S. television homes, the live audience at the Beacon Theater in New York included many of your friends like Peter Jennings, Ray Chambers, Sumner Redstone, and Kathie Berlin.

Mr. President, you are a man of your word. From the day we spoke about VH1 Save the Music over a year ago, you, the First Lady, and your staff have supported us every step of the way. Monday's saxophone presentation gives our initiative tremendous momentum, sending an important message to America about your commitment to music education and the future of our nation's children.

I'll keep you up to date on the success of the VH1 Save the Music national campaign. This year's initiative will add hundreds of new music programs to our public schools affecting millions of elementary school children. Regardless of our success this year, we'll continue to build the program over the coming years.

As you requested from me on Monday, I'm sending along a video copy of Tuesday's concert. Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Gloria Estefan, Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, and Carole King all gave great live performances, but I must say your presentation was the highlight of the evening. I'm also sending a copy to the First Lady.

Again, thank you Mr. President for all of your help, and I hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

JS/nmb

P.S.— Don't forget to take the Miles Davis collection on your trip to China. The collection includes some great saxophone moments by Wayne Shorter.



President William J. Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JANET MURGUIA /

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Victoria Reggie Kennedy

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

My colleague, Mary Lewis Grow, wrote to you recently to urge that you lead the country in a healing national observance: a Day of National Concern about young People and Gun Violence. She has asked me to serve on the Advisory Board for the event, and I am honored to do so.

On October 8, 1998, as on a fall date in 1996 and 1997, students around the country will be invited to make a voluntary Pledge Against Gun Violence. Participating students will pledge never to bring a gun to school, never to settle a dispute with a gun, and to encourage their friends not to resolve their disputes with guns.

In both 1996 and 1997, all 100 United States Senators voted to express approval of the Pledge and the Day of National Concern, with the original co-sponsors of last year's bill being Senator Patty Murray and Senator Dirk Kempthorne. In 1996, the bill was co-sponsored by Senator Bill Bradley and Senator Arlen Specter. We fully expect the same 100% bi-partisan approval for the Day of National Concern in 1998.

In 1996 and 1997, we were pleased that you made a Presidential Proclamation, designating a specific date as the Day of National Concern. This year, a Presidential Proclamation would be even more effective if announced now and accompanied by your and Mrs. Clinton's active involvement in the build-up to the Day. Such a national event, in this of all years, could offer a timely way of engaging young people and our communities in the constructive dialogue we need.

As Mary Lewis wrote, we need your leadership on this life-or-death issue more now than ever before. The massacre in Jonesboro has had a profound impact on our country and on all of our feelings about the safety and security of our families. Today and for the first time in our history, most of the citizens of our country -- whether

living in urban, suburban, rural or small town areas -- believe that a Jonesboro-type situation could happen in their communities. Unfortunately and tragically, our fellow Americans in Edinboro, Pennsylvania now know that it can happen to them.

What excuses can we possibly give to our children for not taking serious steps to stop this senseless violence? I have become involved in this movement because I cannot and will not make excuses for being silent. Hence, I am writing to you with a very important request.

You are a bold and compassionate leader, Mr. President, who has made an enormous difference in the lives of so many people. I think back to the overwhelming hope you gave just this year to so many people in this country when you stated your priorities in the State of the Union Address, when you reached out and touched victims of natural disasters, and when you comforted the families of victims of senseless violence. We are asking you to help us with the problem of young people and guns, Mr. President, because the country needs and has come to rely on your unique gifts of leadership.

In the face of their fear, young people need to know that they are not powerless and that violence is not inevitable -- that they can, through their individual and collective decisions, take a decisive role in reversing that violence.

Would you be willing to issue, in the very near future, a Proclamation declaring October 8, 1998, a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and announce that Day to the country? In that announcement, we would ask you to set forth the importance of the Day and challenge all of our students, educators, parents, concerned citizens and leaders of churches, synagogues and other places of worship to participate.

Your participation in this observance, combined with that of Mrs. Clinton and any other public figures you deem appropriate, would be tremendously powerful in mobilizing more people than ever before. Perhaps you might issue a challenge with bi-partisan support, asking states to try to surpass each other in the percentage of student participation in the Day of Concern and signing the Pledge.

On the Day of National Concern itself, perhaps we could have a synchronized, national time for the Pledge, similar to the swearing-in of the Americorps members a few years ago. With your leadership,

perhaps we could set a national target of 100% participation of the nation's schools no later than 1999.

We also envision a national event -- a March for the Millennium -- in the year 2000 in which all of the students who have signed this life-saving contract can join to renounce violence. We envision this mass event taking place in Washington where so many other movements have shown force and determination, with perhaps complementary events taking place at the same time in other locations around the country.

Hopefully, the Day of National Concern will help to heighten awareness and involvement by the students themselves. After all, they are the ones who have the most to lose by inaction. We also hope to galvanize educators, parents, local businessmen and women, and religious leaders who can work with the students to find an alternative to violence and to have a more hopeful outlook on life. The possibility for constructive work in individual communities is limitless.

We know that the National Day alone is not the full solution to this exceptionally complex problem, but we believe it will play an important role in the overall effort to reduce gun violence by educating people about the problem and getting them more involved in finding the solution. We hope you share our view.

Thank you very much for considering this request. I have enclosed for your review an additional copy of Mary Lewis Grow's letter and additional material on the Pledge and the Day of National Concern. If you or anyone on your staff has questions, I can be reached at my home office, (202) 965-7600. In any event, Mary Lewis Grow or I will follow-up with your staff in the next few days.

Again, we deeply appreciate all that you continue to do for our country and are proud that you are our president. We look forward to working on this exciting project with you.

*So many
thanks, Mr. President.
I think this is
a win-win for
everyone. V-*

Respectfully,

Vicki Kennedy



Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

April 9, 1998

The President
The White House
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Re: A Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and a Student Pledge Against Gun Violence and my hope for your involvement

Dear Mr President:

I am grateful to my cousin, Ned Powell, for bringing the enclosed ideas to your attention.

One of the things that has impressed me deeply during your time in the White House is the special gift you have for finding healing words for people who have suffered loss. In the wake of the Jonesboro shootings and a real national yearning for constructive responses to our many gun tragedies, I am writing to ask you to use your special gifts and the weight of your office in calling now for a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and a Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

You could launch the national initiative from Jonesboro or one of the other sites of a recent shooting, and while there, you could watch students sign the Pledge and lead them in saying it. T-shirts could be made up with the logo and the words; blown-up posters could be a back-drop. You could use the occasion to call on communities, churches, and schools to begin planning for and building towards the observance now.

The Senate, in both 1996 and 1997, passed unanimous Resolutions calling for this observance, and you have issued Proclamations for both years. The enclosed press release and update from last November's observance will tell you about some of the wonderful and creative ways in which cities around the country observed the Day of Concern.

But, in spite of the way in which this observance has grown over the last two years, the potential for this national observance has not yet begun to be realized. I believe that what will give power and resonance to the Day is a strong message, best delivered by you, that the decisions that young people voluntarily make that day: never to carry a gun to school, never to resolve a dispute with a gun, and to use their influence with their friends to keep

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them from resolving disputes with guns – are important, acknowledged at the highest levels, and reinforced. We need to let young people know that the country is watching them as they make potentially life-saving choices.

The rationale behind the Day of Concern was to help young people feel the immediate multiplication effect of their individual decisions by giving them a common day and a common promise. I've always believed in the incredible power of simultaneity: a large number of people doing the same thing at the same time.

But nothing could give participating young people a sense of the importance of their decision more than hearing about it from their President. If you and Mrs. Clinton talk about the Pledge Against Gun Violence when you visit schools, and remind students of the importance of the decisions they will be asked to make on October 8, and if you call on the country to build towards the observance with meetings, forums, essay, poetry, and poster contests for students who are addressing ways to reduce gun violence, I believe that this could become a truly watershed event.

I can imagine you and Mrs. Clinton reading from one of the children's books recommended in the resource materials that I give out in connection with this Day. I can imagine your reading from Walter Dean Meyer's book, Scorpions, to older children and young teenagers. The book gives a poignant and believable account of two young boys who want to make good choices but get drawn, by a series of events, into thinking that "carrying" will protect them – with tragic consequences.

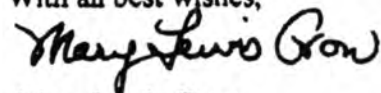
I can imagine your personally calling on star athletes such as Michael Jordan and asking them to make public service announcements asking young people to sign the Pledge Against Gun Violence on October 8 – and to live it and mean it.

I can imagine your appealing to corporate sponsors, asking them to put the words of the Pledge on grocery bags, posters in video stores, and billboards, so that the Day of Concern and the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence become part of our national consciousness during the weeks and months leading up to the observance.

I can imagine that this event could give us a focal point and a unifying way in which to address the issue of gun violence among the young. It is not about legislation; it is not partisan. (Senators from across the political spectrum – from Paul Wellstone to Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond and Larry Craig – signed on as co-sponsors.)

This is my dream and my vision. I would love to see you and Mrs. Clinton help it happen.

With all best wishes,



Mary Lewis Grow



I will never bring a gun to school;

I will never use a gun to settle a dispute;

I will use my influence with my friends to keep them
from using guns to settle disputes.

My individual choices and actions, when multiplied
by those of young people throughout the country, will
make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge,
we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety.

Student Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence

What is it? A national observance giving students throughout the country the chance to sign a voluntary promise that they will:

- never carry a gun to school
- never resolve a dispute with a gun
- try to use their influence with their friends to keep them from resolving disputes with guns.

The *Pledge* is followed by an acknowledgment of the importance of individual decisions, multiplied.

When is it? The Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and national distribution of the *Student Pledge* will take place on October 8, 1998.

Who will participate in it? Every student in the country, from middle school through high school, should be given a copy of the Pledge on October 8. Age-appropriate Pledges can be given to younger children as well. Schools and other community institutions such as churches and synagogues can use the days and weeks leading up to distribution of the Pledge to talk about the power that young people have to reverse the violence that is claiming so many lives.

Every person in the country concerned about the toll of gun violence on our young can participate in this event – by organizing community events prior to and following distribution of the Pledge, by making sure that their own local schools are distributing the Pledge, and by using the Pledge as a vehicle for dialogue and for letting young people know about our concern for them and our desire to see them grow up in safety.

Why a national observance? Why not deal with the issue on a school-by-school, town-by-town basis? The Day of Concern will empower young people to see themselves as part of a large national observance and to realize that they really can reverse the tide of violence and diminish one of the greatest threats to their health and safety.

There is power in large numbers acting together. While it is very valuable for students to study conflict resolution in their classrooms, they need to know that there will be millions of other young people making the same decisions they are at the same time. If they take the Pledge – and mean it – others will too.

Who supports this observance? In both 1996 and 1997, the U.S. Senate passed unanimous Resolutions calling for this observance. The President, both years, has issued Proclamations expressing his support. National educational associations have strongly endorsed. In light of the events of the last year, the strongest support yet is expected.



Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

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DAY OF NATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE OBSERVANCE IN SCHOOLS ACROSS AMERICA

President and U.S. Senate Call for Support

On Thursday, November 6, in schools across America, young people will make a strong collective statement renouncing the violent use of guns. Students from New York, Bridgeport, Chicago, Seattle, Atlanta, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Oakland, Richmond, the District of Columbia, and hundreds of communities in between, will sign a simple and voluntary Pledge: "I promise that I will never carry a gun to school; I will never use a gun to settle a dispute; and I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes."

The Pledge is followed by an acknowledgment of the power of this decision: "My individual choices and actions, when multiplied by those of young people throughout the country, will make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge, we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety."

The initiative grew out of a chance meeting in a hallway of the Hart Senate Office Building between then-Senator Bill Bradley and Mary Lewis Grow, who initiated the idea. In 1996, Senator Bradley, who serves as Honorary Chair of the observance, introduced a bipartisan Senate Resolution calling for a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and national distribution, on that day, of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

President Clinton has issued a Proclamation calling for the Day to be observed nationwide, just as he did last year. Senators Murray (D-WA) and Kempthorne (R-ID) sponsored this year's Senate Resolution, which, like last year's, passed by unanimous consent.

Among places highlighting Thursday's observance:

- **Washington State:** In Washington State, more than 120 schools have made a commitment to participation in the Student Pledge. On Thursday, Seattle's Superintendent of Schools, John Stanford, will lead a Peace March, with student representatives coming to Seattle from all over the state.
- **Richmond, Virginia:** In Richmond, the Mayor and a number of agencies and organizations have come together to coordinate their activities. The Richmond Education Association has donated books appropriate to the theme to each of the public schools and to all the public libraries in the city. Various schools will have speakers and assemblies and the Public Libraries will display the donated books and related materials. All of the City's schools will distribute the Pledge, and the Richmond

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Housing Authority will offer pledge signing opportunities in the Housing Communities. Initiative for the City-wide observance came from Richmond's Youth Services Commission.

- **Chicago:** In Chicago, led by Mayor Richard Daley, thousands of public, private and parochial school students will participate in the Day of Concern. Local radio station, WBBM-FM radio (B-96) will host a live, hour-long discussion about gun violence from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and will feature Mayor Daley leading students in the anti-violence pledge at approximately 9:30 a.m. Also scheduled to address the students via the radio broadcast are Chicago Police Superintendent Matt L. Rodriguez, Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, and U.S. Senator Carol Mosely-Braun. "The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence is an important reminder to our young people and their parents that this is a serious problem [gun violence], but a problem we can tackle if we work together," said Police Superintendent Rodriguez.
- **District of Columbia:** In Washington, D.C. Mayor Barry will begin the District schools' observance of the Day of National Concern with his 9:00 a.m. appearance at a local school, Elliott Junior High School, for an assembly program. Middle schools and high schools will call the total numbers of their students signing the Pledge to Student Council leaders, who will relay the totals to the Chief Executive Officer of the District's schools, General Julius Becton.
- **Milwaukee:** In Milwaukee, the Public Schools, the Mayor's Office, and the City's Department of Health have worked together to insure city-wide distribution of the Student Pledge and plan several all-school assemblies.
- **Oakland, California:** Oakland chose to distribute the Student Pledge to its students last week so that November 6 could be a celebration of its students throughout the district who signed the Pledge.
- **New York City:** For the second year in a row, the Pledge was widely distributed in NYC's public schools, where numerous activities took place.

Planning for the 1997 Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence has represented the best in public-private partnerships. While hundreds of volunteers around the country have mobilized to do most of the organizing, they have been assisted by a number of public officials, notably Governor Gary Locke of Washington State, Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton of Minneapolis, Minnesota's Attorney General Skip Humphrey, Seattle's Superintendent of Schools, John Stanford, and a number of state commissioners of education.

Individuals and groups from around the country have urged annual repetition of the Day of Concern. As Dr. Enid Margolies of the New York City Public Schools has said: "It's too important *not* to make this an annual event. If we want to change behavior, we need repetition and reinforcement. Young people often think that their individual decisions don't make any difference. But by offering students the chance to take the Pledge Against Gun Violence together by the millions, we may help them realize the power of one."



Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

November 7, 1997

Re: Day of Concern: an update

I have been getting calls, faxes, and e-mails all day today about some of the wonderful things that happened in cities around the country yesterday in connection with the Day of Concern. Here is a sample of some of the details that have been coming in:

The **White House** issued a Proclamation calling for November 6 to be observed as a Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence.

From the **Chicago Police Department**, an Investigator who worked on the observance said that in twenty-two years of police work, she had rarely been part of something that had been more wonderful. The radio music station listened to by most Chicago teens donated more than one hour of air time to a call-in show that was beamed into schools and throughout the city. During that time, students heard from **Mayor Richard Daley**, who lead the students in oral recitation of the Pledge Against Gun Violence (which they had also received in written form), from both of Illinois's U.S. **Senators: Carol Mosely-Braun and Richard Durbin**, from **Chief Executive Officer of the Public Schools, Paul Vallas**, **Police Superintendent Mike Rodriguez**, and two students who talked movingly about their own reasons for wanting their peers to turn away from gun violence. One had lost a brother to gunfire. The program ended with former police officer **Mike Robbins**, **founder of H.E.L.P. for Survivors**. Robbins, shot a number of times in the line of duty, talked about his conversion from someone who had always looked on punishment and prosecution as the answer to crime and violence to someone who wanted to stress prevention and getting young people to take responsibility for their individual decisions. Robbins was honored, along with Jim Brady, at the last Democratic National Convention.

Last year, Chicago distributed the Pledge in all its public schools. This year, they extended the observance to include parochial and private schools.

In **Seattle**, School Superintendent **John Stanford**, led a Peace March attended by students from all over the state. More than 120 schools from around the state participated in the Day's events.

In **Milwaukee**, the Chief of Police attended one of various assemblies held around the city yesterday, and listened to the essays and letters students had written him with their thoughts about how to reverse the gun violence. Then he replied to the students, taking their thoughts into his response. An African story-teller, Olusegun Sijuwade, told traditional stories about non-violence and led discussions with students about gun violence and the significance of their personal decisions. One of the people who planned the observance in Milwaukee (which distributed materials to all the schools) said that everyone was already excited about beginning to plan for next year.

In **Oakland, CA**, the Pledge was distributed to the city's 53,000 students. In one of the observances that marked the day, students stood on a stage, holding candles. One by one, they blew out the candles, symbols of the lives snuffed out by gunfire.

Santa Clara County, CA: November 6 served as a launch date for county-wide distribution of the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence in all **thirty-three** of the County's districts.

One teacher from **Phoenix** wrote: "The students here at Barry Goldwater High School in Phoenix, Arizona participated in the National Day of Concern Against Gun Violence. It was a huge success!!... Please send us information so we may participate again next year, but on a larger scale." She said that the event was covered on the local CBS news station on the noon news and again at 5:00. Reporters from both papers were going to interview her students about the observance. A local Phoenix anchor showed the blown-up version of the Pledge on camera and read the words as part of the lead story on the nightly news on the eve of the Day of Concern.

In **Connecticut**, the State's Attorney General appeared at a middle school to lead students through the Pledge and to show his support for the national day.

News about the ways in which communities observed the Day of Concern continues to come in.

**DAY OF
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ABOUT
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STUDENT
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Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

*ANYONE CONCERNED WITH GUN VIOLENCE CAN
HELP MAKE THIS OBSERVANCE A SUCCESS.*

What and when is it?

The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence calls for a national observance on October 8, 1998 that will give students throughout the country the chance to sign a voluntary promise that they will never carry a gun to school, will never resolve a dispute with a gun, and will use their influence with their friends to keep them from resolving disputes with guns. The Day of Concern will empower young people to see themselves as part of a large national initiative and to realize that they really can reverse the tide of violence. If they sign the Pledge—and mean it—others will too.

How shall we observe this day?

Every student in the country, from middle school through high school, should be given a copy of the Pledge on October 8. Schools, families, and community groups such as churches and synagogues can enhance the effectiveness of the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence by building towards it with discussions and activities that might include the following:

- Ask schools and community organizations to create awareness-raising activities for young people in the days leading up to the Pledge-signing. Students can design posters, write poems and song lyrics, or plant trees and flower bulbs in memory of young victims of gun violence and as a symbol of their commitment to a safer future. Teachers might invite an emergency room physician to speak about how it feels to operate on a gun-shot victim and lose that person; how it feels to inform parents of their loss;
- Churches and synagogues can talk to young people about the power of each individual's decisions and the opportunity for change that October 8 will offer. Adults can use the Pledge as a vehicle for letting young people know about our concern for them and our desire to see them grow up in safety;
- Convene panel discussions or forums with community organizations like the PTA, League of Women voters, NAACP, and churches and synagogues to discuss ways to implement the Pledge and reduce gun violence;
- Form a network of people who share your concerns and are interested in organizing future events to protect children from gun violence.

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER STUDENTS TO MODEL POSITIVE RESPONSES FOR YOUNGER STUDENTS. If it is true that people learn best by teaching, we could reinforce the impact of the Pledge by asking older students to take the message to younger ones, both on October 8 and in the days and weeks following.

Some new books for younger children

Sherril Chesson's *The Gorp's Gift*, for pre-school and lower elementary grades, warns children in verse and child-friendly drawings to assume that any gun they see may be loaded and asks them to promise not to touch guns. Marybeth Lorbicki's *Just One Flick of a Finger*, illustrated by Caldecott Award-winning artist David Diaz, is for older elementary school children. It tells the story of a boy who takes a gun to school and accidentally shoots a friend. Older students who have signed the Pledge could visit elementary school classrooms to discuss the decision they have made and to read either Chesson's or Lorbicki's book to the younger children. (Chesson's book can be ordered by calling 1-888-729-4677; Lorbicki's book can be ordered from Diaz Publishers at 1-800-526-0275.) A chapter book for older elementary and middle school students, Walter Dean Myers's Newbery honor award book *Scorpions*, would provide excellent classroom discussion either before or after the Day of Commitment.

What happens to the Pledge after the student has signed it?

Some suggestions:

- Give each student two copies of the Pledge. Ask the student to keep one copy for himself/herself and to give the other to the most trusted adult in his or her life: a parent, a teacher, a minister or rabbi, an older sibling, a grandparent, a counselor. Ask the students to remember that they have signed a contract and made a promise; the older adult can remind them of the importance of that promise.
- Designate several students in each classroom to collect the Pledges and tally the numbers, without recording the names of the students. Have several students per school tally the totals for that school. Totals should be reported to the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence, 112 Nevada Street, Northfield, MN 55057 or e-mail jungrow@microassist.com.
- Celebrate the day with an all-school assembly. Invite special guests: an athlete who is a positive role model, a political figure who has shown special concern for young people, a community leader.

Organizations that have endorsed:

The American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, Council of the Great City Schools, the National School Boards Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National PTA, League of Women Voters, the American Medical Association, Hadassah, the Student Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mothers Against Violence in America, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, The Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence, and mainstream church denominations.

Web site for more information.

Look for further information or add your own suggestions on the Pledge web site: www.pledge.org.



Oct. 8 1998

Enclosures

A copy of the Pledge itself
Last year's press release and update
General information sheets

Other supporting materials not enclosed

A list of supporting organizations
Press clippings
Letters of support written by different officials
Proclamations (from governors, mayors, city councils, etc.)
A preliminary list of Advisory Board members
Publishers' descriptions of the described children's books
A flyer publicizing the Student Pledge website (www.pledge.org)

Please call if you wish to see any further supporting materials.

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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A little more than one month ago, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) is unconstitutional, jeopardizing the critical harbor maintenance work for our nation's ports. Congress must now tackle the difficult task of developing a fair and equitable mechanism to replace the now, unconstitutional tax so that the federal government can continue the critical work necessary to keep our nation's ports functioning.

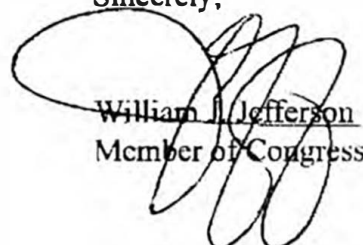
When the Congress last tackled this issue in 1986, J. Ron Brinson (then President of the American Association of Port Authorities, and now Chief Executive Officer at the Port of New Orleans) played an important role in the shipping industry's effort to structure a funding solution for the nation's harbor maintenance program. (See attached news article from the April 27, 1998 issue of the Journal of Commerce.)

As the Administration and the Congress prepares to address the issue of harbor maintenance once again, I believe Mr. Brinson is ideally suited to assist you and the congressional leadership in developing a public/private dialogue involving the diverse interests in the port and shipping industries.

Mr. President, you had the opportunity to meet Mr. Brinson and work with him at least twice during your Administration — first, when you kicked off your campaign for ratification of NAFTA at the Port of New Orleans in 1993, and then again when you dedicated the Nashville Avenue Wharf B in 1996. I hope that you will ask Mr. Brinson to lead a shipping and port industry task force that is charged with the task of crafting a fair, equitable and viable solution for the future funding of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion.

Sincerely,


William J. Jefferson
Member of Congress

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Suzy Chaffee

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Dear Nancy:

April 29, 1998

Becky Hernreich asked me to send you these clippings that just came in from our wonderful evicted Utah Utes who asked me to help them open the 2002 Olympics with the First Americans...finally! One is for the President, the other for Kelly at the 1st Lady's office. Like the African-American healing, this healing of our Aboriginal Peoples is great for karma! Please give him encouragement. You're doing an awesome job. God bless you.

From the heart,

Suzy Chaffee
Suzy Chaffee

5-4-98

Send to Burkhardt -

Yes ☒

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Phil -

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4/27/98

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Dear President and First Lady:

April 24, 1997

Congratulations on your historical healing of our African Americans! It's amazing how a simple gesture of an apology can do such wonders for the spirit and health of people. According to a U of Washington study, there's a direct link between esteem and health. I understand you are very sincere about your initiative on racial reconciliation. Sounds like a "quickenin'g"!

The Canadian Government just apologized to their Native Peoples, the Sidney Olympics will be honoring their Aborigines, and now scientists say, "that the values of the Indigenous are key to our survival into 21st." Yet in America, Newt Gingrich just made a commitment to the Navajo Nation, but "it was publicity stunt by the old Newt."

Two years ago after sharing the joy of skiing with a Lakota-Sioux in Telluride, he then saved us from a snowlessness Christmas. Seeing how Mother Earth listens, inspired me over a year ago to start a healing exchange of Skiing for Native Dancing with the evicted Utes. The "Welcoming Home celebration" included a judge's apology. After "declaring love on Telluride" for our good deeds, Ute Medicine man-historian, Alden Naranjo, co-founded the Native Voices Foundation. Not only did we start a love affair between our cultures, but amazing transformations happened. This Earth Day, Telluride leaders and our Natives for the first time banded together to take better care of our ailing beaver pond, wetlands and rivers on a hike and ceremony there. Our vital eco balance is now "under the guardianship of our united 'Nations'". Navajo Schools are seeing remarkable behavior in their kids so they can get to go skiing again. They say, "We learned to fly like eagles on skis. It's just the coolest thing!"

A real partnership is developing with our Ute and Navajo leaders, who are beautiful, brilliant and witty. They make your heart feel warm in their presence. At the Navajo Democratic Party meeting I attended, the word was, "Stop picking on our President!" I was just honored by the highest ranked Utah Navajo, Mark Maryboy. Also now a skier, Roland McCook, descendent of the great Ute Peacemaker Chief Ouray and Chipeta, Vice Chair of the Northern Utes, told me, "I believe in you".

Time to seize the moment? In the eyes of many Americans, Europeans and Asians, you will be remembered as the great "First Partnership" in history by healing the wounds we inflicted on our First Americans (& Mother Earth), with a touching apology for our ancestors... Perhaps you'd like to share that thought at our "First Americans Day Parade" around July 26-29 in Telluride, that is attracting many tribes, because they see us "hope" for America. We will be honoring their gifts, like Democracy, Ecology & the model of Jung's Modern Psychology. They've given more of their children proportionately, to protecting our lands, since saving Washington's troops from freezing to death at Valley Forge....plus the Navajo Code Talkers.

One sentence by you could mean so much. The Utes hope you could get Governor Romer to join you in officially welcoming them back to Colorado and Telluride. 130 yrs ago, they were herded 300 miles by Buffalo Soldiers to the Utah desert, taunted by a Denver paper, "The Utes must Go." Senator Nighthorse Campbell and Dartmouth's Native leader, Michael Hanitchek, support us. Harvard's Manley Begay of the Kennedy School, a skier, thinks what we're doing is "excellent!"

That said, you could set up a study, like the Canadians, on how to make this healing a reality. Some examples I've collected could be implemented in a heartbeat!



Roland McCook, descendent of Chief Ouray & Chipeta on his victory run!--in 1/2 hr. To his left, our Magic Carpet.

Trini-- Day 3!
Starting to fly like an eagle!



Valeri & Martina--Dineh (Navajo)

Telluride's Native American Ski Program



Star limo for the weary!



Valeri Yellowman--Day 2



With fun instructor Eric, who said kids were "awesome"--attentive & fearless, why some progressed to intermediate slopes on Day 2!



Suzy & the "7th Generation" that decides!...



On the New Intertribal Warpath!-- Day 2

--Your support in Opening the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics with the First Americans. Pow wow dancers just opened our National Snowboard Championships, (that Becky's kids competed in), as the first step... that got CBS Network & Sports Illustrated. Ute leader Larry Blackhair says Mr. Fowler at Governor Levitt's office is the last block.

--Giving 25% of the jobs in the Parks and Forest to the "Great Guardians of our lands for 30,000 yrs", (given our last 100). Wouldn't Al agree we need their integrity and skills to protect our resources that are being sold down the river for the benefit of a few. In Yellowstone, 1,000 buffalo were slaughtered, a solution thought out later.

--Requiring Native American Studies (+local heritage) in schools. Our web: [www.interaccessgroup.com /nativevoices/](http://www.interaccessgroup.com/nativevoices/) is a Bridge of Understanding between our cultures, that turns prejudice into awe & appreciation. The Indigenous are the "Phd's of Life"!

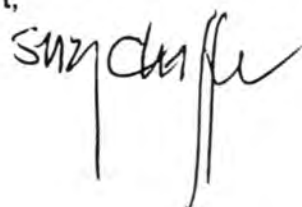
--Granting Native Americans the same federal privileges as the handicapped who get free skiing at ski areas. Because we used alcohol to handicap their spirit, culture & health to grab their lands, this gives them back some freedom in the mountains. Jung said, "We all have an urge to merge with Creator. If we don't give kids opportunities to get 'high' naturally, they will resort to second class highs in bottles and gangs." Natives missing an enzyme, this is also a solution for the high rate of alcohol-related auto accidents. If children get addicted or abused, they spend their lives turning that abuse inward or outward on society. Given the joy of skiing as a child, I can't help giving it back! We spend one million per "lifer" in jail, 17 billion on our losing war on drugs, and our President's Council says the lowest economic rung (Natives) have the worst fitness and therefore health because they're barely surviving. It's time to try love and joyful fitness. It's worked so well that a Navajo principal gave us some of their drug and alcohol prevention money to keep our program alive. Although this was to be a gift to our Natives, we've been funded by the Ute and Navajo Nations since December.

A County Commissioner suggested that part of the funding for free Native Skiing Nationally could come from the fees that ski areas give to the Forest Dept for the use of lands. Our program is already a "Role Model for American Ski Areas", according to President Michael Berry. Jackie Byers of your NACO wants to use us as a model. This could also help reverse the inadvertent bungle in Denver, that barred Native Americans from attending the interracial harmony meeting. (20,000 live there.)

Because our Government Camps also destroyed their culture, we are hosting that week a "Ute Intercultural Camp" in a teepee village in a pristine spot under Mt. Wilson. There the Utes, Navajo and Lakota teachers will tune up their kids' survival skills, primitive arts & ceremonies, while also exposing our kids to their reverence for Nature on horses and hikes. We would like to invite Chelsea and a friend, perhaps Ashley Hernreich, to join us in this amazing opportunity to understand the higher consciousness of our Native Peoples. Attending a Ute Camp last summer was a dream come true, that helped me see life with more wonder and concern for its future. Titanic could have been an awesome ride if not for our arrogance and ignorance of Nature's Laws. So too our Mother Earth Ship!

Please let Alden and me know if we might have the honor of your presence in our magnificent valley. Because a Native healing would be so important to all Americans, we still have some flexibility on dates. And considering how inspired you must feel after Africa, and your concern for health, we hope you will make this healing move with or without us. God bless you!

From the heart,



970-7281123
Box 3965, Telluride, Co. 81435

To Supporters of Telluride's Native Ski Program

Telluride, Colorado 81435

Yaa' te'h, (Greetings)

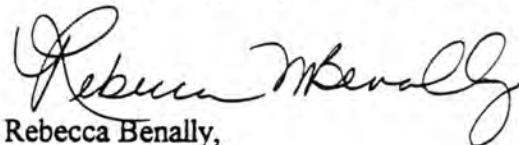
I'd like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for your kind heart and foresight of vision in helping our youth and schools to experience the wonderful sport of skiing. Without your contribution to the Native Voices Foundation, it would have been almost impossible to give the students the opportunity to ski.

The opportunity to ski has been an incentive for my students here at Whitehorse High School in Montezuma Creek, Utah. The first ski trip was for students that were struggling behaviorally, academically and at-risk for dropping out of school. Most of the time students that are doing well are usually the only ones that are recognized and rewarded. I figured if I could just let these at-risk students know that I acknowledged them and let them know that it's their behavior and choices, that got them into trouble was the problem. I wanted them to know that I still think that somewhere in there a good person existed. The second ski trip was for students that are succeeding and being good role-models for their peers. The students have been very grateful and appreciative for the opportunity to learn how to ski. The word is now out in the school, that if you are **trying** and making an effort to change your behavior, take school seriously and stay away from drugs, you will be rewarded with the elite ski-trip to Telluride, Colorado. The students have commented on how great and nice the people are at the ski shops, the instructors and of course, Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee.

In my opinion this is the first step to making connections with the Navajo concept of the Beauty Way of Life-"Ho'zhoogo 'iina". What a beautiful and magnificent place like Telluride and in the mountains for these kids to find themselves, mentally, physically and above all **SPIRITUALLY**. I feel that exposing them to another culture and sport gives these kids a chance of success and a sense of "hope". It really does take the effort of a village to help our children.

Again, Ahe'hee' - thank you for your kindness and contribution to the Native Voices Foundation and making a difference in the lives of our future- "Our Children".

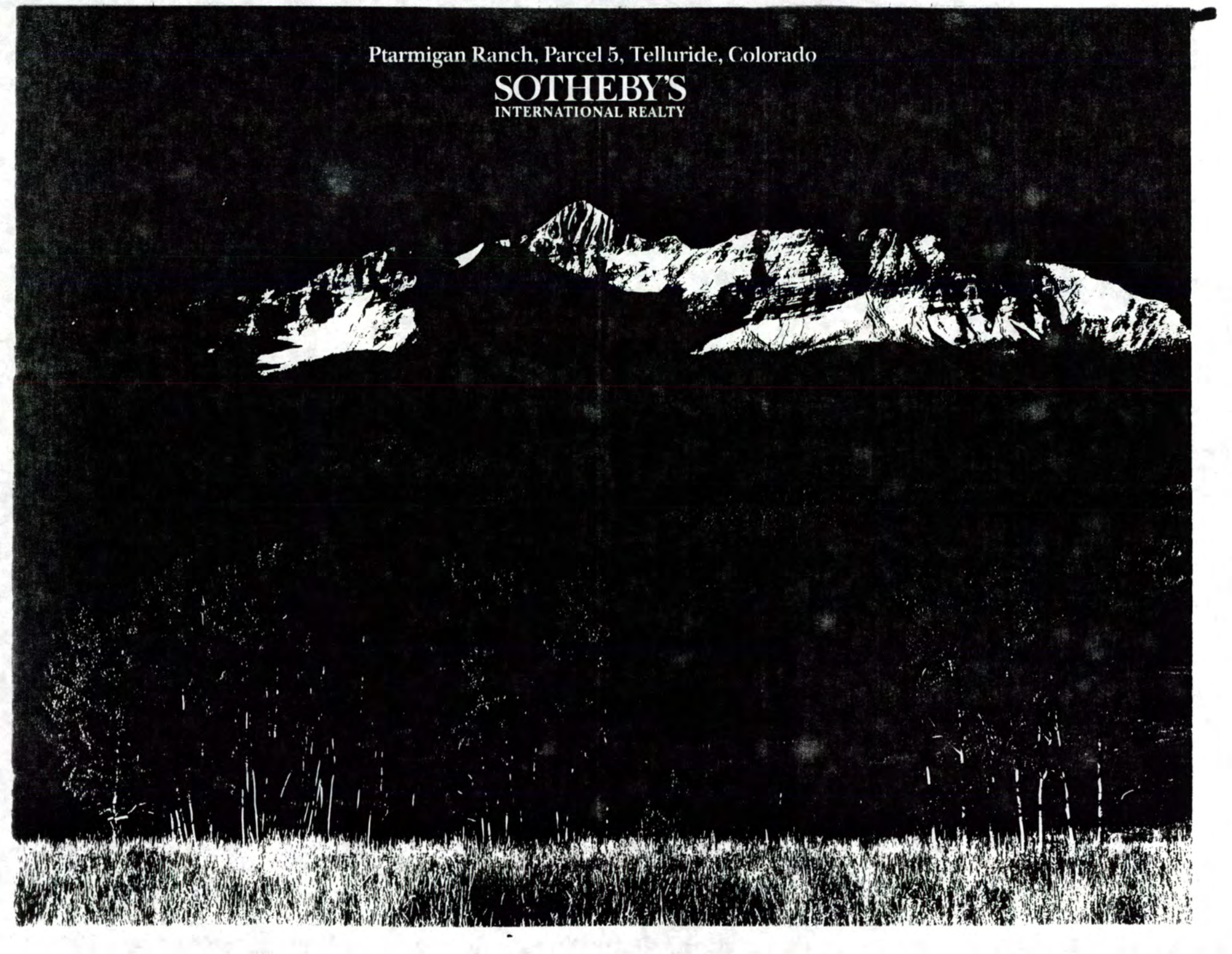
Hozhoogo yi'nal, May You Walk In Beauty,



Rebecca Benally,
Assistant Principal
Whitehorse High School

Ptarmigan Ranch, Parcel 5, Telluride, Colorado

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Photography by T.R. Youngstrom

Ptarmigan Ranch, Parcel 5, Telluride, Colorado

Location County Road 60M (Silver Pick Road) Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado, approximately 14 miles from the town center of Telluride. Air service is available from Telluride Regional Airport, 10+ miles away, and Montrose Airport, 65 miles away. Served by excellent local public elementary, middle, and high schools. Telluride is a world-class ski resort offering superb downhill slopes as well as other outstanding facilities for recreation, including cross-country skiing, horseback riding, fly fishing, hiking, biking, snowmobile tours, and glider rides. Renowned for its unrivaled beauty, Telluride embraces a magnificent expanse of pristine forests, lush rolling mesas, and majestic mountain peaks. The carefully planned development within Telluride has preserved a strong sense of community, which has been designated a National Historic District with extensive landmark Victorian architecture.

Located on the west side of the ski area, the town of Mountain Village is home to the Peaks Resort and Spa. Adorned with 40,000 square feet of spa facility and a 7,000-yard championship golf course, the Peaks rivals the world's finest spas. Parcel 5, Ptarmigan Ranch, is only 20 minutes from Mountain Village and the Town of Telluride, both offering fantastic dining and shopping and a multitude of cultural events.

Property This spectacular 68-acre parcel is situated near the base of 14,017' Wilson Peak. The property provides a perfect balance of woodlands and meadows. The designated homesite offers a stunning view of Wilson and Sunshine Peaks plus Lizard Head, while surrounded by stately aspens, affording privacy and serenity. The parcel includes water rights from the carrier ditch that have historically irrigated 34 acres of meadows on parcel 5. This exquisite Gentleman's Ranch is also ideal for equestrian use.

Well-maintained county roads provide convenient year-round access to the property. Underground electric and telephone lines have been installed to the end of a completed driveway. In addition, a finished cased well is included as well as a soils test. National Forest access is approximately 2 miles away at the trail head of the magnificent Wilson Mesa trail. Ptarmigan Ranch, Parcel 5 affords an outstanding opportunity to construct a custom-designed residence and experience an ideal ranch lifestyle.

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Exchanging Skiing for Native Dancing

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UTES, NAVAJO & LAKOTAS!

by **Suzy Chaffee**

"A Role Model for American Ski Areas"

--Michael Berry, President of "National Ski Area Operators of America"

At high noon of February 22, 1997, under the gaze of a wounded **eagle**, a prophetic healing started happening in Colorado between the Ute Nation and the People of **Telluride**. Over a century ago, the miners claimed this valley, the Utes' summer hunting and ceremonial home, for themselves. It was also a sacred valley to the Navajo--a dozen "walk and ski in beauty" here today. Said Telluride's Chief Marshal, Jim Kolar, "The way we treated American Indians was the lowest point in the history of US Justice." For the first time since then, our two cultures came together to find a common ground, for the benefit of our children. In the arms of our exquisite mountains, both sides finally spoke from the heart, then joyfully danced and skied together, which transformed our town that didn't even have a Ute plaque! Working in partnership, our Program is creating a bridge of understanding and unity, that is helping us come together again as One Tribe. As the Navajo say, "We must work together to heal our Mother Earth".

The "seed" was planted in 1994 by Daniel "**Rollingbears**" Quintana, a local Lakota-Sioux, whose singing and sweat lodge "highs" opened my heart and mind. I had asked him to exchange my joy of skiing for his wisdom of the mountains, to include in my book about the Ancients, "**The Snow Goddess**." Thanks to the Telluride Ski & Golf Company for donating a lift ticket, I taught "Bears" the Eagle Dance on skis, which inspired him to save Telluride from a snow barren Christmas. Singing the sacred "4 Directions Song" on the radio and the Peter Yarrow Concert, it snowed a foot each time, convincing me that **Mother Earth really listens!** I saw that while we Anglos dropped the ball, our First Americans continued the Wisdom of the Ancients.

NATIVE VOICES FOUNDATION

Thanks to a series of other good deeds, Alden Naranjo, Spiritual Awareness leader and tribal member of the Southern Utes, "declared love on Telluride", inspiring him to co-chair the "Native Voices Foundation," that honors the Wise Voices of Native Peoples. Alden's background, huge heart, bold vision, humility and wild Indian humor, made him a natural. I shared our experience with Michael Berry, visionary President of Ski Areas Operators. Seeing us as insurance for the healthy future of Skiing, he and Olympic Senator **Ben Nighthorse Campbell** agreed, "It's time for a bold move to heal Mother Earth. Yours is a good one!" Washington Athletes, like the Kennedys and Bill Bradley, who like Einstein, have been passionate about Nature, have been leaders in nurturing Earth, Natives, Women and Blacks, plus sports for health.

Now in NVF's second year, Telski expanded our program to two exchanges a month of 30 minutes of Native singing, dancing and drumming for free tickets, lessons and equipment for 25 Native kids and leaders each weekend. We now have more demand than we can supply because of the kids' reactions after learning how to "fly

like eagles" on skis, and regaining some of their old freedom in the mountains.

I overheard Rebecca Benally, assistant principal of the White Horse School, "If you kids do your homework and don't talk back, you'll get to ski here again". A month later she said, "The kids are behaving, because they say, 'skiing is the coolest thing to do!'" "We never want this to end!", said a 10 yr old Navajo who challenged me to a race his first day. Said Elder Roland McCook with a big smile after he learned how to turn in an hour without falling, "Now I understand how you skiers like to get close to Creator up here." (According to Jung, dancing and skiing gives one a natural "high", that connects us to our lover, God/Goddess. When that high is unavailable, people resort of 2nd class highs out of bottles, or gangs.) Explained Martina Maryboy, "There's never been such an exhilarating program that brings the Telluride part of our family together with us from Montezuma Creek." Say Telski's fun instructors, "The kids (& their performances) are awesome--attentive and fearless, a joy!" Corporations spend 2 billion a year on "high" risk sports, that get executives in touch with their wise Voices.

Our '98 Plan is to identify and support "Peacemakers" at ski areas and reservations to create "Unity Exchanges" across America. Vail, whose schools, like Telluride's, have "Native Studies", said, "We'll join in a heartbeat!" They already have staff people to run charitable programs. Those of the 500 Nations--many already skiers and boarders, like the descendent of Lakota Prophet Black Elk--we have talked to are excited about connecting with their ski areas. What worked smoothly is first sending scouts here to meet the people, get the lay of the land, and experience the joy of learning to ski to develop confidence to then bring a number of kids. Ideally, just as the handicapped receive free skiing across America, we'd like to see the same federal support made available to Native Americans. Because we used alcohol to handicap their spirits and culture, especially because they are missing an enzyme, this gives them back some joyful freedom in the mountains while getting them naturally high. Our commissioner suggested that monies that ski areas give the Forest Dept for use of their lands assist in funding. This would help offset our Presidents Council's report that our lower economic classes, (Natives are on the bottom rung), are the least fit and therefore least healthy, because they are busy just trying to survive.

In addition to ski exchanges, Alden stressed the importance of Cultural Camps to preserve their traditions, damaged by our abusive government assimilation schools. It also exposes Anglo kids to our Earth Roots in a fascinating way. On July 26-29, our town is hosting the **1st Ute Intercultural Camp** in a teepee village with horses in a pristine spot where Ouray & Chipeta spread harmony. Joining Ute, Lakota and Navajo teachers and kids, and Telluride's, we hope to help preserve their rich primitive Arts, Earth ceremonies and stories. That week, Telluride will launch a glorious "**First Americans Day**" Parade to celebrate their awesome gifts to the U.S. & World-- with a Earth honoring pow wow! We're raising consciousness to give back 25% of the Parks and Forest jobs to our great "Guardians of these Lands". For example, Native wisdom could have prevented the needless slaughter of 1,000 Buffalo in Yellowstone recently. Plus opening the **2002 Salt Lake City Olympics** with our 1st Peoples. NSAA's Michael Berry offered his support! (Utah is Spanish for Ute.) When Telluride's National Snowboard Championships in April asked us to open with a Native Ceremony, as the first step, CBS Network, Channel 9 Colorado and Sports Illustrated showed up!

HEALING AMERICA

Telluride's was just one of the "Gatherings" around the country to heal America. Most have been led by White Ministers asking forgiveness of our "First Americans" for their genocide (over 10 million), stealing most their lands and misinterpreting their religion. Instead of a crying session, the founder, Eugene Naranjo, wanted to do it the Indian Way-- "A joyful celebration of unity for the benefit of all our children". Next came our Navajo.

We're definitely in a "quickenings"! In January '98, the Canadian Government apologized to their Native Peoples for their abuses and awarded them \$250 million towards a healing! Newt Gingrich then made a personal commitment to the Navajo President to reform BIA and Health Services, as a start toward America's. In turn, the formerly oppressed--Indians, Women and Black Athletes and mixed bloods, like Tiger Wood, are giving our Economy new vitality. May '97 "Time Magazine" called the "Enchantment of Pow wow dancing, one of America's biggest draws!"

EDUCATION

To provide a solid foundation for these unifying events, Alden and I collaborated on this 65 page "Bridge of Understanding", to make up for the truth we missed in schools. Many Nations now educate on the Internet. Added to "Native American Studies" in Universities, we Anglos are getting exposed to the Wisdom we lost, to use knowledge, especially technology, more responsibly. It's also turning prejudice into "awe" and appreciation. "Kids are key to our survival" and need to hear Native Voices. Hire them to take youngsters on hikes to "feel" their reverence for Mother Earth, like 6 yr olds in Sweden and Telluride's schools. Our Brownies are selling cookies to pay a Navajo Sheepherder to give them a **Native American Experience**. The Good Shepherd, Ron Garnanez, donated his time to share his "Walks in Beauty" Culture to help our program survive and thrive!

Drawn to Telluride in '95, here's the story that moved me to tears & made me understand the far-reaching effects of our ancestors, to do something!

UTE HISTORY

"For a Millennium, the Ute Nation, especially the Uncompahgre Band, ("People of the Red Springs"), enjoyed living at One with Nature in the Telluride Valley, hunting abundant game, fishing in pristine waters. We traded with the Spanish, who gave us the 'Sacred Dog' (horse). Kids gathered herbs and berries, learned survival skills and went on vision quests to find courage and their purpose here. At the base of Mt Wilson, our ancestors performed ceremonies, honoring the Spirits, Earth, Her plants and animals who nurtured us. When the snows came, they moved to warmer climates, giving Nature a chance to renew Herself," Described historian Alden, "In a spiritual way, women set up camp, tanned hides and created clothing, teepees and jewelry, transforming everyday life into timeless treasure", C.J. Brafford director Montrose Ute Museum. Rancher Marvin Schmidt recalled how his great great grandfather had delightful talks with their great Peacemakers, Chief Ouray and his beloved wife Chipeta.

Over a century ago that harmony ended, when the discovery of gold brought ignorance-driven prejudice, greed and abuse of Nature and our beautiful Utes, whom we didn't understand because they were at a higher level of consciousness. Their eviction was a conspiracy between government, miners, settlers, and a Denver

newspaper that taunted their hearts with headlines, "Utes Must Go!" (award-winning Discovery Channel film). Triggered by Indian Agent Nathan Meeker who threatened to kill all their horses to make them farmers, (like threatening Telluriders to ban skiing), The Uncompahgres, along with the White River Utes, were herded by Buffalo Soldiers 300 miles on foot to the Utah desert near Fort Duchesne. "Out of the 10 treaties we made with the US Government, the only part they honored was taking the land and removing our people", said Alden. "We belong to that land. It is where our history and our hearts are," said Chipeta's descendent, **Roland McCook**, now Vice Chairman of Utah's Northern Utes. Similar stories happened to communities across America. The Utes, like the rest of our First Peoples, were friends to our explorers and settlers until we exploited them. Had we been honorable, we wouldn't be in this eco crisis!

GIFTS OF OUR FIRST AMERICANS!

The Utes we removed from our "Shining Mountains" were the same First Americans, who out of friendship, taught us survival skills starting with **Columbus**. "Over the past 30,000 years this 'Old World' has been our home", said Alden. "Columbus thought it was a 'New World' because of their brilliant management skills", said former Forest Dept employee, Alex Brunette, (a new generation of Anglos who is "very concerned that self serving Paper Companies assisted by politicians and Forest Departments, are dangerously selling off our trees.") Our First Peoples developed much of the medicines, cotton and dyes the world enjoys, in addition to vegetables, like corn from prairie grass. They were the model of Modern **Democracy, Ecology** and "psychologically healthy people," according to **Carl Jung**. They saved George Washington's troops from freezing at Valley Forge, and since the Revolutionary War, have given more children proportionately to the military to protect our Land, than any other race. The **Navajo Code Talkers** changed the tide of victory in the Pacific in WWII. Every Pow wow honors our Vets and flag. So considering how much our Natives gave, they wondered why we turned and stole their land and commit genocide...

SHARING

Like my ancestors, I was a typical American ignorant of their great contributions and values before meeting Rollingbears. Our souls were stirred by Indians, but our schools never explained why. Like most Anglo parents, mine were starved of heart-nurturing skills, never teaching me the harmonious possibilities of sharing and cooperation over competition. Winning, technology and money were supposed to make us happy. Not! Luckily, after skiing in the '68 Olympics, I was asked to join Vice President Humphrey's Sports Team to give clinics in the ghettos to prevent the riots that burned 150 cities, for lack of nurturing, compassion and shared abundance. I experienced the **real "Olympic high"**— giving back, which gave my life richer meaning! Turns out that the wealthiest 3% of the world are only slightly happier than the poorest ("Bottom Line"). "The happiest have a higher purpose and get spiritual 'highs' on dance, sports Arts & Nature, like Tribal Peoples." (Jung). Scientists say, "these Native values ('taking only what we need') are the model for survival into the 21st Century." One American child creates as much garbage and uses the energy of 30 Third World kids. Many have felt a "quickenings" to help set things right. **Princess Diana** and **Mother Theresa's** deaths were a wake up call to be more "womb-like", as Christ said. Natives, Women and more Anglo men (like Turner & Gates) are making "compassion in fashion" today!

OUR EXCHANGE

In Sept '95, at "Telluride's Wild West Classic," I asked Alden's brother, Eugene, founder of the world renowned "Ute Heritage Dancers," of Ignacio, Colorado, how we could create this kind of healing between our peoples. Listening to their sensitivities, resulted in our **Welcome Home 'Nuche' (Utes) Celebration**. Said my 12-yr-old "brave" house guest Boo, of the "7th Generation that decides the future", "Whites have given us things, but never said why." Each side finally spoke from the heart as 25 exquisitely plumed dancers, singers, drummers, bathed us in a circle of earth-loving "Chi" energy. We shared gestures of gratitude, gifts and prayers for the success of Our Exchange. Holding her young son's hand, Judge Sharon Shuteran said, "I apologize for the injustices of my predecessors and hope for a better future." Because dancing is a healer and ecstatic unifier that cuts across all differences, (how I later connected with Roland McCook and his Uncompahgres at the Delta Pow wow), the Utes then invited us to join them in a Friendship Circle. Many had tears of hope as our long lost sisters and brothers reconnected hands and hearts with 200 of our village people. Among them were Telski owners, Ron and Joyce Allred and Jim Wells, Marketing Director, Mike Hess, and Ski School Director Annie Savath — the folks with the foresight to make all this possible! One of the Ute gifts was bringing a shining role model for the kids, Ross Anderson, a 24-yr old Cheyenne, who skis 137 mph. He was dubbed by our paper, "A Human Boeing!", and later became the Ambassador of our program.

In April of '97, it seemed natural to end Telluride's glorious ski season with a "Mountain Honoring Ceremony," thanking a living, loving Mother Earth for smiling on us! Terry Knight, also our "Spiritual Advisor" and **Sundance** Leader of the sister "Ute Mountain Utes," led the prayers. Skiers all over the mountain told us, "Our hearts felt lifted by the chanting and drumming that once again rang through the mountains". Drumming, (also representing "hearts beating as One" to Japanese), called in their Ancestral Spirits to pray with us, that gave us glorious snow and transformations in town, that's in a vortex! (This Christmas he did a blessing for the safety of all skiers!)

UTE CULTURAL CAMP

In September, '97, at Alden's Ute Cultural Camp in Chimney Rock, I got to experience a dream come true- living in their old ways. We learned we were part of a Hopi Prophecy: "Babyboomers with the sacred wound of Viet Nam, are now Elders making others aware of our Earth Roots".

OUR EARTH ROOTS

The Druids, Celts and tribes across Europe had ceremonial sweat lodges, kivas and mounds like our Native Americans. Starting around 4,000 B.C., waves of barbarians from the North and Desert, then the Roman Conquest and Inquisition, abused and enslaved our harmonious Tribal Ancestors of "Old Europe". While the passionate pastoral Celts of Scotland, Ireland and Wales, etc., could not be conquered, 9 million nature-loving women (healers, 15% men) were genocided & lands stolen during the Inquisition--their families left with mental, physical and spiritual scars. Fear of the money & control-obsessed Church, forced their Earth celebrating ceremonies of our Franks, Etruscan (Italy), Norse, Angles (English)... Ancestors underground. Expanding the abuse generationally, Columbus, then the British Empire, brought these diseases of the mind and spirit, in the form of arrogance & ignorance masked pain, to America's lands and Children. With them also came diseases of the body, like small pox, that also killed millions. Our Government under the guise of treaties, continued the

genocide of our Earth Guardians, forcing their Nature ceremonies underground under pain of death. Born Catholic, I was therefore surprised to learn at our Awareness Festival that the Essene Prophets, Jesus, Moses, Buddha and Olympian Pythagoras, (who worked the earth and were called "Athletes of Virtue" then), opened their Ancient Ceremonies honoring the "4 Directions" and Mother Earth, like the World's Indigenous! --see **EVENTS.**)

To heal our European wounds, Ross Anderson's vision is to start an "Earth Bridge" Pow wow Ski Team." At the World Speed Championships in Les Arc, France, the Euros were deeply appreciative of our culture and wanted us to return to do healing celebrations like Telluride's." The Germans have teepee villages! "When 5 Oklahoma Indians danced at Berlin's Ski Show, everything stopped in awe," said Colorado Snow Country's Mary Motsenbocker, who is connecting us to the European and Pacific Rim Ski Shows and Areas. Plus Extreme Ski Star, **Troy Jungen**, a Beaver Indian who also soars like an eagle, is creating a Bridge to Canada.

CASINOS & SPORTS TEAMS

By getting involved in unity celebrations, amazing things will happen! Plus you will be more aware that some of the abuses of the "past continue", including involuntary sterilization at Native health service hospitals in the Pueblo and California. In spite of Casinos, Indian Nations are on the bottom economic rung, because we didn't honor our payments for their lands. Yet they are having to spend millions on legal bills to defend against our never ending greed attacks-- money needed for health. Knowing the historical background on sensitive issues of Casinos, and naming Sports Teams after Indians, like we include, there can be a silver lining! "Telluride's Steps to Awareness Festival" believes, "The more we are aware, the less we hurt each other."

WHO WE ARE--FORGIVENESS

Alden summed it up, "It feels like we are on the 'high road' of forgiveness and honoring our responsibility to all our children and living things. Historically, most peoples at one time have been oppressed—all kindred victims of thousands of years of generationally expanding abuse. We have a choice to stop the cycle of violence. We each need to find out **who we are**, get in touch with our Earth Roots, forgive each other and mourn our wounds. We also need to balance our Gifts-- the Heart and Earth nurturing of the Red and Black Peoples, the Technology of the Whites, and the Serenity of the Yellow. I congratulate and thank you for making a positive choice to 'log on' to this nurturing energy on the World University of the Internet. We need to ask the Voice of Great Spirit to guide us. You'll be aware you are on the '**Red Road**,' because your heart will sing! Trust your intuition. In the 60's, we started speaking up about our oppression as Anglos started coming to our ceremonies and following their intuitive Voices, causing a positive ripple that reversed some cataclysms—Earth's way of purifying Herself. I applaud Telluride's programs, like 'Greenbucks', which cleans up your parks and rivers and gives eco awareness classes, in exchange for tickets to Blue Grass Concerts!"

"Another sign of progress, is 80-year-old John Inman's coming forward with a peace pipe entrusted him by Chief Ouray. John shared how the Great Chief had visited him in a hospital as a sick child. He was told to only give it back to the leaders of the 3 Ute Nations when the Utes and Whites were beginning to live in harmony. The prophesy is unveiling. Inman brought the sacred pipe, our bible, to our Tribal leaders

at the reopening ceremony of the Montrose Museum in September, 97!"

Alden and I were surprised how New Age thinking is so close to that of Native Peoples. In unifying our Red and White Cultures, we also realized how close we are to World Unity! I remembered in 1971, going with a group of White and Black models to do USO Shows in the remote bases of Vietnam. Despite criticism and chaos back home, we were there to honor our men and women warriors as "Humans." This painful sacred wound of the 60's, was necessary to giving birth to a peaceful alternative to the wars of mass destruction-- same conclusion as Einstein and Gandhi. We're evolving to a maturer Civilization, beginning "to see each other as Humans above all differences in color, sex, religion, money, power and beliefs," in the words of theologian J. Krishnamurti. "In Nam we called each other 'Brothers. Then we came home...'", said Navajo Vet, Jimmy Maryboy. Touched by our unity of heart and mind, this grandfather to our local skiers, whom I honored in Nam, honored me with an eagle feather! In Nagano, we were again One as Flowers.

Education and honoring each other also build "esteem". Research at the U of Washington (Seattle), my alma mater, proves that **Esteem = Health**. Thanks to Sweden, we know that respecting each other as Humans above all, elevates the health, physical strength, productive energy and standard of living of a country, not to mention their Olympic Hockey Team! If Princess Diana, the Swedes and other "blonds" can figure out how to create harmony in the world, then anyone can!

Alden and I are grateful for the wisdom of many Nations and the generosity of Telluriders, especially humanists, **Michael Saftler** and journalists, **Bob Beer** and Doug McDaniel, Board members David Glynn, who is leading the movement in the next town of Ophir to give a piece of land back to the Utes to have a real home here, and Jim Brave Hawk, our Cherokee-Lakota Sundancer accountant-treasurer. The gifts of Telluride's free ski tickets, lessons, equipment, some lodging, office expenses, and a huge skiwear donation from Taos (call Stan Metcalf 505-7585553), share over \$300,000. worth of our "coolest" culture with our Indian neighbors. Beckoned by Great Spirit to be a "humbled" servant of this project, I have received so much more. Given how Native Culture reconnects us to Mother Earth, their gifts are priceless!

Please contact Alden or me if you, your Nation, Ski Area, Town, Foundation or Corporation, would like to join our team to build this Bridge of Understanding, Ski Exchange or Intercultural Camps across America or overseas. Awareness plus giving back of our talent or abundance is the healing! We received our first grant from N.Y.'s "Funding Exchange" for "fostering leadership among women and youths, unity among peoples, and economic justice, with potential for national impact." Given that we spend one million per "lifer" in jail, that we're spending 17 billion on a losing war on drugs and alcohol, that if children are abused or get addcted they spend their ilves turning their abuse inward or outward on society, it's time to look at love and joyful sports as an alternative. Having been given the joy of skiing as a child, I can't help giving that back. That's why a Navajo principal gave us some of their drug and alcohol prevention money to help our program survive. In fact, while this program was intended as a gift to our Natives, it's the Ute and Navajo Nations that have funded this program since December.

With your support, backed by other enlightened press like the Today Show, VH1, and Mountain Living Magazines..., we can make it so! Trends Institute says, "By

the year 2000, the definition of 'Patriotism' will include the philosophy of Native Americans, and soon thereafter we will have an overarching love for these lands." Let's go with the flow!

ONE TRIBE!

Why is this working? Guided by Spirit and Native Voices, we're inviting the Noblest Voices of our Cultures to work and play in reverent partnership--sharing wisdom, purpose, hope, prayers and joy, as we return to our heart-centered, Earth-honoring roots. We're "extracting the joy out of life," in the way of the Prophets and Indigenous. We're aware that it's the differences in our Cultures and Colors, like flowers, that make life rich! Let's celebrate the unique gifts that each of us has contributed throughout history and herstory to our One Magnificent Race, the Human Race! We've traced ourselves back to One Tribe! We need to get in touch with the Wisdom of our Ancients and Natives and play, heal and empower each other out in inspiring Nature. It's working in Telluride! Now more than ever, it takes a healthy Global Village and Mother Earth to raise a wise sharing child, who joyously "walks, runs and slides in beauty" into the 21st! As the Modern Goddess **Nike** says, "Just do it!"

From the Heart,

Suzy Chaffee Alden Naranjo
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RESEARCH ON ESTEEM & HEALTH

Researchers at The Family Formation Project at the University of Washington in Seattle, just completed a 4 year study that proves when our "esteem system" is attacked and depressed, our immune system is weakened, reducing our resistance to diseases. Self esteem killers include criticism that evokes shame or blame, as well as prejudice and job discrimination. Women being relationship oriented, the reaction is even stronger. If a mate is critical and non-supportive emotionally, researchers can predict the number of infectious diseases women will have over a 4 year period.

After Princess Diana and Mother Theresa raised global consciousness about compassion, I was shocked when I was told that I did not have the same privileges of being able to make a reasonable living in Telluride sharing my ski wisdom and fame with corporate executives, like my fellow Olympic males stars, even though they were lower than me in the magazine popularity polls for 28 years. I needed the money so I could afford to donate my time to run Telluride's Native Ski Program-- their pow wow dancing being one of the most "enchanted" draws in America, according to Time Magazine. I had also been auctioned off to raise money for the junior racers and freestylers here since '93, yet I was not allowed to do that for my Native Program. Living in hardship without medical insurance, dental care, in stress wondering how I could survive because I had to do something with a higher purpose that made my heart feel good, doing what I did best, and finding that there was no one to stand up for me after I had stood up for the joy and health of billions of women and families through my 20 years work on Title IX, gave me a glimpse of what Native Americans have been feeling for hundreds of years. This gave me bouts of depression and I started getting an ulcer. This experience was invaluable in experiencing what half of America was feeling who go to bed depressed and hungry because they are not part of the privileged, when there is enough abundance for all if we honor each other and share.

Experiencing discrimination after being an Olympic Competitor on level playing fields, is like having your leg shot off in the middle of a race, so you can never win! "Babyboomen women are dropping out of the skiing like stones" said the President of Ski Area Operators of America, Michael Berry, because it still a man's world compared to mainstream America. The ball is in the court of industry leaders to elevate good sportsmanship in the marketplace, to create an economic prosperity by treating Women with due respect, as the formerly oppressed Tiger Wood and women are doing for golf. When Stanford and the U.W. equalized their athletic and academic budgets across the board, the athletic and academic records of both sexes rose!

When all peoples are given praise, appreciation, simple acknowledgement and fairness in our jobs, not only is the economy bolstered, but the U.W. Study proves that "our bodies release good endorphins in the blood that give our spirits a lift and optimal health." Women being the great nurturers especially, will go to the end of the earth for you when treated with reverence. Plus the difference in our strength is day and night, as proven in muscle resistance tests. ("Heart Centered Marriage" tape in libraries). Their tests also proved that those who empower others gain strength, compared to those who put others down-- the law of karma proved in a muscle test!

The White House Sex Scandal is probably more about taking your focus away from nurturing the bottom half of America!

SPIRITUALITY & WISDOM OF MOVEMENT

The fact that Ben and other Natives have body, heart and spirit balance, make them extra valuable in Washington. Thanks to Bears giving me Maud Williams' "Growing Straight", we know their science of fitness, predates Atlantis. The Ancients' passion for dance, sports, Arts and Nature was key to their sensitivity that honored Nature and our feminine nurturing side. (I saw hieroglyphs of Pharaohs & Queens doing yoga so that with the help of herbs, they could astral travel forward and back in time to make wise decisions, like some tribal folks. Plus the Pharaoh had to do a running race to keep his job. I gave all this research to Bill and Hillary to push for Physical Education back in the schools.) As in many of the great religions of the world, some American Indian tribes have 4 day runs without food or water to purify and put themselves in an etheric zone to commune with Creator. Jesus walked in the desert for 40 days without food and water in order to purify to have a great talk with his Father.

ANCIENT GREEK COMPARISONS

→ There seems to be a definite connection between the Olympics, athletes, Indigenous Peoples, ethics, nurturing societies and Nature. Athletes spend more time connecting with their divine Voices of creativity in Nature and develop a kinship with wisdom Mother Earth and the Great Spirit. Sweating out the toxins and society's influences, their purer spirits and death defying courage is an inspiration to the masses. Like Ali, they can be Shamans of unity and meaning in society. The Greeks knew this, and made a concerted effort to nurture athletes as role models of ethics in society. To compete in the Ancient Olympics an athlete had to appear before a board of Elders to prove that he had body, mind and spirit balance. Winners of the Olympic Laurels received funding equivalent to a high ranking official, but it was all taken away if they misused their position. (There were also Women's Games & the equal Spartan Games.) Presently we vassilate from the purer Greek philosophy to the Roman, where athletes were often corrupted. And so has gone society, because people need wholesome role models. Having a gift for finding "Brains" with "Hearts", AAU President Jack Kelly and I started the World Sports Foundation, finding allies who helped bring back the ethics of the Ancient Games to the Modern that was in jeopardy from the scandals of under the table corruption. Chief advisors were Bill Bradley, the Olympic Basketball/ Senator, who did a paper on the Ancient Games as a Rhodes Scholar, Muhammad Ali, (who told Rollingbears and me he only trusts Natives), his lawyer, Bob Arum, IOC Vice President Willy Daume, GAIF President, Tom Keller and "New York Times" writer Bill Wallace. Realizing our Natives carried on the ethics of the Ancient Greeks into Modern Times, Bradley became a champion of Native Americans. He sponsored a bill to rightfully return the treated South Dakota lands to the Lakotas, and joined Clinton in protecting Utah lands from strip mining for our children. Like the Canadian Government, Bradley believes we should make amends for breaking almost every Native treaty, as well as Laws of Nature.

SKIERS & Other ATHLETES IN WASHINGTON

→ Because of their deeper bonding with Mother Nature, skiers and other athletes in Washington over the last 30 years, have been the nurturing visionaries, as well as champions of women and minorities. We thank you Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy,

Ford, Bush, and Clinton, Vice Presidents Humphrey, Mondale and Gore plus Senators Kennedy, Bayh, Chafee, Bradley & Campbell! Growing up with strong athletic women, Ted Kennedy even wrote an article in the '70's calling for "Full Equality for Women". He supported the Equal Rights Amendment, and reintroduced Title IX Equal Opportunity for Women in School Sports, when it was killed by the Supreme Court twice. This is Native American Philosophy! In this new era, copying the Indian way of speaking from the heart, we too can be more connected to our truth and our joyful compassionate energy--why Egyptians discarded the brain during mummification, preserving the soulful heart. Ethics are the basis of humane, nurturing, cooperative Civilizations. Our violence and suicide rates say we need to look at incorporating these vital elements of the past.

WHO WE ARE--A Global Healing *Russian Roots*

To find out who I am, I also listened and sometimes taped stories of my father Keen, and my elder relatives. My father and godfather, Lenny Korzun, held family reunions, that were full of illuminating insights about the why's of family dysfunctions. I made fascinating pilgrimages to family roots in the Old Country, including France, England (including Stonehenge), Norway, Russia and Poland. Since mom's Polish-Russian ancestors fled the Iron Curtain, I had snake nightmares as a child from some of the abuse brought here by our Russian People. While the peasants were earth-loving people, the struggling country trusted the Voice of Lenin and Stalin over their own Voice. Like Americans, the Russians, (as well as Chinese, Japanese & Germans, the Super Powers), were starved for nurturing both at home and by their leader. Therefore, as an alternative to the hierarchal Czar System, Russians were vulnerable to the seduction of Stalin's charisma and "Father Figure" marketing campaign. (The Ancient Chinese used it more benevolently.) According to the "History Channel", Stalin started off quite normal, then absolute power turned him into a tyrant that abused and genocided his people at whim. Russians were so busy trying to survive that they didn't notice they simply traded their ownership from the hierarchal Czar system to a Communist hierarchal club system, using cooperation and sharing as a false come on. Hitler used a similar formula on the Germans.

Part of my healing, in addition to finding out the truth about the abuse in my family from my violent alcoholic grandfather and country, was helping on detente as a commentator at the '79 Pre-Olympics in Moscow. I wanted to bridge an understanding between Soviet Olympic leaders and my mother's old boyfriend, incoming Russian Ambassador, Tom Watson and our Secretary of State Brezinsky. After the Russians asked me to write a report, I also wrote one for the Americans, that got me invited to a meeting at the White House. The coincidental result was Reagan's speech on "People to People Diplomacy"--my conclusion. My vehicle was having a Russian-Polish-American heart, and giving Brezhnev and Brezinsky rollerskates--using joyful technique! Watching the "History Channel", in '97, also realized that Rasputin, the powerful Siberian holy man-healer for the Czarina, had much in common with the miraculous healing ways of our 1st Peoples. Today, the Harvard Medical School is recommending people go to a modern Siberian healer in Boston. Alternative Healing, including doctors cooperating with Medicine men & women, has gone Mainstream, led

Restoring 1ST AMERICANS as "GUARDIANS of our LAND"

To speed up heeding Mother Earth's strong, clear warnings, this win-win solution came to mind as part of the healing process. It is mainly for the benefit of our beloved ones in denial or sleeping, since those who are doing their part for Mother Earth and each other will be fine: *The American People and enlightened leaders are going to make a bold mandate to restore Native Americans in positions as Guardians of our Lands.* While the Canadian Government apologized to their Native Peoples, along with a \$250 million healing fund for their abuses, Newt Gingrich said he is personally committing himself to reforming BIA and Health Services, this kind of job "esteem" will go a long way in healing our country, (in addition to a healing fund).

This could include Natives at all levels of our National and Local Park Lands and Forest Departments, to bring more wisdom to the protection of our forests, plains, rivers and oceans, that are dangerously sick. This would finally give recognition and appreciation to the brilliant 30,000 year track of our First Americans. Said a 24 year old Tellurider, Alex Brunette, who worked for the Oregon Dept of Forestry, "Indians actively managed the land as opposed to the common belief that this was just a wilderness. I am very concerned that our Forest Department is selling off our resources like a liquidation sale. There's a relationship between politicians, Timber Industry and the Forest Service, who are irresponsibly benefiting from the destruction of our Forests." These are the words of what Natives call our "7th Generation that decides the future of the planet."--kids born now to 25. Who better than these servants of the Great Spirit who have lived in accordance with Mother Earth's Laws? (Why Columbus thought he landed in an abundant "New Country".) Indigenous People also understand that no one owns the land, we are temporary custodians passing through.

PAID FOR JOBS THEY'VE BEEN DOING

Local Tribal Councils, who are the wisdom keepers, would identify their most qualified, cooperative representatives for these jobs. The Navajo who live in our valley say that these jobs would be a blessing in helping economically elevate their reservation towns. Many turned down having Casinos to keep their purity, in spite of being the second poorest reservation in America. In this way, our First Americans can get paid for the critical jobs they have already been doing all these years! Nationally, this can help heal hearts and be a powerful "esteem"="health" builder, according to U of Washington Research. Having also suffered from discrimination, I have a glimpse of how immensely they have suffered from our ignorant exploitation and separation from their Land and purpose here. As the Utes have exemplified in Utah with their down to earth moderate approach, Native Americans can also serve as a bridge between eco fanatics and the establishment,

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Since New Age has gone mainstream and most Americans believe in angels, we now understand that our First Americans are also best at nurturing the spiritual side of the land. After leading the hike with New Age leaders at Telluride's '97 Awareness Festival, Alden said, "I can see that we are now not the only ones taking responsibility for nurturing the spiritual side of Mother Earth." Yet all these years without *dropping the ball*, the Indigenous have been supporting and honoring the spirit guardians, including "angel elves", (known to watch over every blade of grass), and protect every

aspect of our lands, water, sky and planets. This is a skill Anglos like me are just beginning to get in touch with after being lost when the Inquisition genocided 9 million of our most enlightened (women, 15% men) for doing that work. In view of the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional hurt we caused and are still causing our First Americans, separating them from their higher purpose of Earth guardianship here, on top of shouldering our part of the responsibility, this is right thing to do. In adopting this winning synergistic approach, we can heal Mother Earth in a timely fashion for our children. The US prioritizing Earth, since many countries look up to us, will do wonders in a ripple effect around the world!

HOW TO BE A WISDOM KEEPER

The more we purify, the more the Wisdom of Creator as well as Native Voices and will be clear. My being a joyful servant of this unifying energy would not have been possible without joyful physical activity in Nature, eating living organic foods, being alcohol and drug free, doing my Native education, and thanks to the invitation of Lakotas and Utes to purify and pray with them in their transformational sweat lodges. Jesus showed us the importance of purifying, by fasting in the dessert in order to hear his Father/Creator. The goal of the Lakotas, reinforced by their Sundances that is spreading, is becoming alcohol free by 2,000. ('Book of Elders'). Simultaneously there is also a trend in Anglo Society to purify: A million folks in Boston this year attended the oldest and largest of the USA's alcohol-free alternative New Year's Eve celebrations. 1/3 Americans have switched to eating organic and replacing poisonous drugs with natural alternative medicine. (National Public Radio", Time and Life Magazines, 97)

HOW HAPPY ARE YOU?

The bottom line of happiness is not what we always thought. Thanks to my friend Walter Dunn, the wonderfully wise 75 yr. old head of Coca Cola Advertising shared a study done by "Bottom Line". On a scale of 1-10 of "Happiness", 10 being the highest, the top 3% of the wealthiest people in the world are about 5.84. The lowest economic group in the world is at about 5.35. What does that tell you? By sharing our abundance with eachother, we elevate our own happiness, recreating the paradisial flow of abundance around planet Earth.

CRAWLING FOR MOTHER EARTH

A slow crawl that is turning into a leap for agriculture, Mother Earth and North American health, is "Vermin" Composting (Latin for "worms"). City and town councils from Vancouver to San Diego and Colorado, are rediscovering that "red worms" particularly, can revive the nitrogen, phosphorus and other minerals and nutrients in fields like corn. They recycle sludge from waste treatment sites, recycle manure, (greatest cause of pollution to lakes), and even decontaminate heavy metals!!! Restaurants can even recycle compost on site with a "Can of Worms, built to facilitate worms eating in an upward direction. Telluride Valley leader Carolyn Mountel, who is consulting to the State of Colorado and many towns, says that in India, families have been using worms for composting and raising veggies for years. Anyone can get a "Pound of Worms" for about \$20., or a "Can of Worms" for \$149., that will survive 2nd Day Air. Note that pestacidizing and flooding fields kills worms.

First step toward honoring Native Americans at 2002 Olympics today

APRIL 7, 1998 TELLURIDE DAILY PLANET

A "pioneering step" toward honoring Native Americans at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City will be taken today at 3 p.m. on the Telluride Ski Area.

Native American dancers will perform in the Mountain Village Plaza, as they have done several times this ski season. The ceremony will be part of the opening of the USASA National Snowboarding Championships.

"For over a year, Telluride has been the leader in exchanging Native dancing, singing and drumming for free lift tickets, lessons and equipment as a way of bringing Telluriders and the evicted Utes, and Navajo together again to start healing historical wounds," said former Olympic skier Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee.

Spearheading the unity will be Alden Naranjo, a spiritual leader of the Southern Utes and Chaffee, who co-founded the Native Voices Foundation.

"With public support, we will be honoring our First Peoples, who have been the brilliant 'Guardians of these Lands,' for the last 30,000 years, as well as our model for Democracy," Chaffee said of today's ceremony.

After watching the fancy dancers, singers and drummers this season, John Jett, race director of the Telluride Ski & Golf Co., was inspired to ask Chaffee to open his Parade of Champions at this week's Snowboarding Games in Telluride.

Alden and Sundance leader, Terry Knight, will lead a prayer for the safety of the snowboarding competitors.

"Telski was one of the first ski areas to recognize that the recent growth of the industry is thanks to snowboarding," Chaffee said. "While snowboarding is banned at some ski areas, Telski owner Jim Wells made another bold move this season, opening Colorado's premier 'Air Garden,' which is a series of jumps and pipelines that give rad 'boarders a 'rush' while keeping them out of harm's way."

Chaffee said by combining snowboarding and Native American powwow dancers, which Time Magazine called "one of America's most enchanting draws," skiers and visitors can celebrate the area's diversity.

Featured at today's ceremony will be Pow wow champion dancers Tony Tailbirds of the Ute Mountain Utes, Navajo dancers Omaha Even and Bryon Grant and Lakota dancer Bruce LeClaire and their families.

"Telluride's a place that makes us Natives feel loved and appreciated," said Tailbirds, a three-time World Champion Pow wow Dancer.

"The guest of honor is Roland McCook, descendant of the great Peacemaker Chief Ouray and his wife, Chipeta, leaders of the Uncompahgre

Utes who lived in the Telluride Valley 130 years ago. McCook's fellow council member, Larry Blackhair, is running for a seat on the Organizing Committee of the 2002 Olympics. Recently, Blackhair helped inspire the residents of Steamboat Springs to erect a monument honoring their ancestral heritage.

"Larry is an excellent choice because of his track record," Chaffee said. "He's a can-do upbeat leader, and avid skier. He'll put together an unforgettable opening in Salt Lake City that will melt the hearts of the world together again as One Tribe."

Telluride's Native American ski program has been called a role model for American ski areas by Michael Berry, president of the Ski Area Operators of America.

"Indian leaders, including Colorado's Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Berry agree that Telluride's program should be copied nationally because it's one of the best shots for us all to walk, run and slide in beauty into the 21st century," Chaffee said.

"Therefore, let the 'Steps' begin."

Native Voices Foundation hopes to draw tourists with summer events

On Monday, April 6, Maggie Engleton, President of the Rotary Club, hosted a meeting between Telluride residents and Roland McCook, a leader of the Uncompaggre Utes who were herded by Buffalo Soldiers from this valley 130 years ago.

Suzi Chaffee, co-founder of Native Voices, said this was their first meeting ever. A descendant of Chief Ouray and Chipeta, McCook is now Vice Chairman of the Northern Utes in Fort Duchene, Utah. McCook spoke to the gathering of about 20 people, including Town Councilmember Kirk Brady, and answered their questions for about an hour. Chaffee reported that the audience was "mesmerized." Brady felt that reintroducing more Native Americans into our community would be a positive influence.

McCook said he was excited about this step toward getting to know the new people of Telluride, bringing his people back to visit their ancestral land, and exploring how we all could walk down a path together.

After learning how to "fly like an eagle" on skis here in January, thanks to the generosity of Telluride Ski & Golf Co. and Telluride Sports, and the hard work of Chaffee, the former golden gloves boxer said, "Now I understand how skiers like to get closer to Creator in these Shining Mountains." McCook (a name which was assigned to his ancestors) is also a civil engineer and studied architecture at Berkeley.

McCook, who consulted on the film "The Utes Must Go" (available at the Wilkinson Public Library), related some of the history of how the Utes were driven from this area. "The final straw was when Nathan Meeker threatened to kill over 30 of our horses," said McCook. Chaffee added,

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Byron Grant, a Navaho-Omaha from Montezuma Creek, Utah, is one of the 300 kids who "learned to fly like an eagle" on skis this year.

Courtesy photo.

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"It was part of a conspiracy between the government, press, miners and settlers. We now know that Colorado wanted to apply to the Union as an 'Indian free state.'"

McCook said he is encouraged by the rapport which has developed between the people of Steamboat and the Northern Utes, especially the White River Band, who live in that area. "We started three years ago with a small pow wow, that inspired the Town Council this March to allocate \$25,000 for a piece of land with a memorial sculpture of a Ute family leaving their beloved home." He explained how the Delta Pow Wow, founded by Alden Naranjo, co-chair of Native Voices, that he helps run has become an economic boom, selling out the whole town for a week in September.

McCook suggested that Telluride host an intertribal pow wow at the end of July to honor the work being done here to heal Mother Earth. He also supported Native Voices' idea of an "Uncompaggre Welcoming Home Day" this summer.

Native Voices is planning

many events for the future, but they and McCook emphasize that much volunteer help will be needed. They would like to see, a Native Heritage Day for children, including teaching of dances, Native American-led hikes ("There's something that 30,000 years of guardianship rubs off on you," said Chaffee), sweat lodges in Ophir, an Intercultural Camp to reinforce the traditions nearly destroyed by Europeans, and a "First Americans Day Parade".

Chaffee said her friend, Frank Snyder, former owner of Stratton Mountain, came to Telluride last month and was very impressed how the area had still kept its original, natural integrity. He bemoaned the fate of Stratton, which had been sold to a big corporation and lost its character. Chaffee emphasized that Telluride could keep its character by drawing tourists who embrace environmental and spiritual values. Chaffee said *Time* magazine recently called pow wow dancing one of America's most "enchanting" tourist draws.

Chaffee encouraged those who are "interested in seeing these projects fly with a real Native American presence here, to stimulate our hearts and minds, economy, adventure, ecology and survival" to attend a meeting May 1, at noon at the Eagles Conference Room.

With taxes due tomorrow, Chaffee reminded people that donations to Native Voices Foundation, which is applying for 501(c)(3) status, will be tax-deductible retroactively if approved. The group has borrowed \$1,800 to sponsor the Native American dances and other programs this winter. If you would like to contribute, the Foundation's address is Box 3965, Telluride, CO 81435. For more information, contact Suzi Chaffee at 728-1124.

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OUR role model
Ambassador! --
Just went 137 M.P.H.
at the World Champs
in France!
Money money money!
Zaws!
MOMMIES!



Photo courtesy Ross Anderson

By NEAL ROBERTS
Times-Journal Sports Editor

You want to feel the raw power of Mother Earth's core pulling your butt down to your doom? Gravity gone berserk. You want to feel the fear of the wind not rushing through your hair but actually trying to tear the skin from your face? Figured not.

But for one Native American, those feelings are a connection with the earth and all its wonders that is too compelling to ignore.

Ross Anderson is a Native American, yes. But Ross Anderson, who lives in Durango, is rapidly (pun fully intended) becoming one of the fastest PERSONS on earth. He loves the speed zone.

In a relatively short career as a speed skier, Anderson, who is half Cheyenne-Arapahoe and half Mescalero-Apache, has opened a lot of eyes with his ability, and a lot of consciousness with his attitudes and beliefs. Last year, Anderson set a personal-best run at 128.34 miles per hour. And he's gunning for the world record this year. He says that he's got the fire to reach the 150 mph record held by American Jeff Hamilton.

Right now, Anderson is in Europe, competing and getting faster every day.

But it's more than just his personal goal of 150 that makes Anderson's story worth telling. Having dealt with racial attitudes and social thoughtlessness all of his life, Anderson is skiing not just for personal satisfaction but to show the white and non-white worlds that a person is a person, capable of greatness and contribution regardless of skin color.

"I've fought all my life and eventually I got tired of it," said Anderson. "I realized that I could keep fighting and try to make changes. That's why I enjoy working with kids. When I get back from Europe, I'm going on a tour of reservations with a group of athletes. We're speaking to kids and trying to do the role model thing."

In a day of Dennis Rodman's, Albert Belles and quotes such as "I'm not a role model," Anderson fully embraces his image and its potential effect on the youths of America, especially the Native American children. In a strong, confident voice, one that hints of the uninhibited/teasing nature of a 24-year-old speed skier, Anderson said, "I'm there for me, but I'm also there for the people who can't be there — the blacks, the Mexicans, and the others, like the Native Americans. I hope to be a role model. Especially for the Native American kids on the reservations. I'm trying to expand their minds a little. I want to expand their dreams. I want them to see me and think, 'If he can do it, I can do it.'"

"With the alcoholism and poverty that's facing Native Americans, I want to do what I can to help. As far as being an athlete, that's what gives me strength; people support me and I support them. That's what gives an athlete his power."

In a sport dominantly colored lily-white like golf courses in Connecticut, Anderson, a self-described man of color, has thrown a curve ball at the home team — the U.S. Ski Team, that is — and they're more than psyched. At least now they are.

From Red Sleds to red hot

Here's the Reader's Digest version of the Anderson rise to the brink of fame.

The young Native American was born on an Air Force base near Alamogordo, N.M. At six weeks old, Anderson was adopted by white parents and raised in Durango, Colo. Like most young boys, Anderson was into things that created speed, chaos and contained an intimate possibility for injury.

"Here's a story," he said. "When I first learned to ride a bike, there was this big ravine with trees lining one side. People tried to teach me how to use the brakes on the bike, but I wouldn't let them. I want to learn it on my own. So I took the bike and started down. I kept going faster and faster, not knowing at all how to use the brakes. I fell all the way down into the ravine, but I wanted to learn it on my own. It's funny, but I've always been into speed."

The path was born.

Living in Durango put Anderson close to the smallish Rocky resort of Purgatory, where Anderson learned to ski and took to the race team. Anderson, oddly enough, raced the technical events — giant slalom and slalom — for the Purgatory Ski Team during his youth and teen years, graduating from Durango Senior High School. But the fringe kept calling through events like the Durango Snowdown Gelande Jumping, in which competitors don alpine gear (read: heels locked down) and launch huge, galactic air off ramps.

"I've raced all my life," said Anderson. "I started when I was about 3, then I got into gates. But eventually, I got bored."

He continued, "A lot of people look at the guys who are into speed skiing and think that they're all nuts. I thought it looked like fun. A lot of the sport has to do with fear, but I've done things that are scary since I was little. I've always liked

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Speed: Ross Anderson looks to break 140 mph this season

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to do things that other people wouldn't. My parents tried to control me, but at a certain point they just let me do what I wanted."

So then it was time for THE BIG SPEED. It was 1994 and gates just didn't do it for Anderson.

Anderson had a friend, Dale Womack, and that friend lured the Native American speed freak onto the steeps.

Anderson joined a C.J. Mueller training race at Ski Cooper.

"Dale said all I had to do was just come up and bring my insurance card," Anderson remembered. "I went to a pawn shop and showed up with 220 red sleds, the old Atomics, bought a speed suit and had straight poles."

Looking like a rented mall security officer at a decorated policeman's ball, Anderson sucked up his fears and transformed Ski Cooper into a doorway to another world.

"I went down there with a motorcycle helmet and couldn't see anything," he said, still able to chortle at the memory. "They thought I was just crazy. I was the only dark person there. But I closed my eyes and got into a tuck."

"After that, things have been going really well."

That tuck hurled Anderson down the course at 97 miles per hour, well above highway speed.

It also hurled him into a spot in the Professional Speed Skiing Team exhibition race at Tahoe-Donner in California.

"My first official race was at Tahoe-Donner, and that's when people really started to notice me."

Of course, it's hard to miss a dark person rocketing down pure white snow in a white speed suit with a huge helmet — one that bears a massive Native American symbol, a circular blue, red and white pendant with feathers streaming out and toward his back. (Anderson is also an imposing figure at 5-foot-8 and 200 pounds. Can you say football player in high school?)

"The coaches wanted to take a look at me and I guess they were pretty impressed," said Anderson. "I went 79 miles per hour back then; that was my first official speed."

Over the past two years, Ander-

son has added international racing to his resume, as well as an extra 50 miles per hour. It's been a learning process for Anderson, a rapid process, but one none the same.

"At Les Arcs I only went to one race," said Anderson. "I didn't have the finances for more and the event was cancelled after three practice days. It wasn't perfect, but I went up and hit 114 miles an hour. That was a quick jump right there, and I qualified for the World Championships."

One fourteen. One fourteen. Sounds insane.

Anderson tried to describe the feeling of intense speed, saying, "Just think of a Boeing 747. It has to go 120 to get off the ground. And that's thousands of pounds. We're 200 pounds and standing on the ground going that fast."

"But you're so focused that things are more slow motion than they really are. I don't hear a thing when I'm skiing. And, really, I don't want to hear a thing. You get tunnel vision."

Now, having gone from Les Arcs, France, to comps all over North America, and with an increased awareness of aerodynamics and fear control, Anderson has his sights set on the world record.

"I have a long-term goal of setting a new world record," said Anderson. "At this point, I'm taking a 12 mph jump every time I race. This year I hope to go 140. You have to find the right slope, which is basically more like a cliff, and you have to hit the wax and you have to have the confidence. You have to be able to hold that tuck longer than anyone else."

He continued, "This year I'm gunning for everyone. The first year is so exciting. The second year is still exciting, but you get to know the sport more. And then in the third year, where I am, I'm just concentrating on what I'm doing. I visualize myself going 140. Mentally I know I can do it. I'm not worried about the limelight. I got the fire going."

The future of our world

The fire that burns in Anderson on the course is only one of many driving forces in his life. He is intensely devoted to the culture, beliefs and heritage of the Native American peoples. He is also very

curious about other cultures and peoples. When the two meet, sometimes it's hard and sometimes it's wonderful. But Anderson wouldn't have it any other way. He is determined to teach, learn and live on a good path.



ROSS ANDERSON

Photo courtesy Ross Anderson

Adopted by white parents, Anderson soul searched early.

"That's been part of my advantage," he said, referring to his parents. "I'd thought for a while that I'd want to be white. It use to be that way. But things changed. I wondered what I was fighting for, I had to ask myself, 'Do I really want to be white or to accept who I am? You start to realize that you need to be true to yourself.'"

And since then, Anderson has learned as much as he could about his Native American heritage, bridging the world of the white and the dark colored.

A good part of his experience with other cultures and peoples came from a musical production and program called "Up with People." As a part of the production — he now serves as a PR man for "Up with People" — in 1992, Anderson lived with different host families around the Western United States and learned what he could from them.

"It wasn't just a stay in hotels and learn nothing experience," he said. "It was three Native American groups and representatives from about 22 different countries

divided into casts; and we sang and danced and learned about lighting, technical skills and also got to learn about the host family cultures ... what they're all about. Plus we learned about different cultures within our own casts. That [time with the production] really helped me with learning how to market myself, how to work hard and how to perform for people."

That year had a profound impact on Anderson.

"After that I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I then had a much bigger picture. I decided to pursue my dream."

Enter speed skiing

But it's not all been a bed of sweet roses for Anderson. He has seen hints of racial prejudice, if not just plain stereotyping. But that gives Anderson even more reason to continue his path.

"It's both," Anderson said when asked if some tension is racial or just proving ground time. "You do have to prove yourself. But the sport is dominated by whites. I'm going to these races and getting more coverage on TV than Jeff Hamilton. I'm standing next to him, who's the world record holder, and getting more attention because of my color."

Over time, though, because of his openness and tremendous skill, Anderson has won over the masses.

"I think that it's got a lot to do with curiosity. Most people look at me and go, 'He's nuts.' But after a while, they start to build up their confidence to come up to me and talk. They say something like they've always wanted to learn about Native Americans. I tell them that now's their chance."

And the Euros make Anderson smile.

"The French all want to have their picture taken with me," he said. "The Euros love Native Americans; they're very interested in us. They still think we live in teepees and shoot bows and arrows. It's kind of funny. Americans, though, kind of take us for granted. Our image is that we're all alcoholics and live on reservations."

That's when the joking ends for Anderson. It's that image and cycle of Native American life that he's dedicated to dispelling. And that's why the young generation is so im-

portant to Anderson. If he can through his own success, show young people of all races that anyone can embrace life and make a dream reality, then his life will have been a good one.

"The more I learn, the easier it comes to me," he said, acknowledging the impact that his girlfriend, Dedra Millich, a Southern Ute, has had on his cultural growth. "I've come to see the meaning of life with the earth, the sun and the moon."

Anderson takes that knowledge with him and it gives him strength.

"Before I race, I always pray to Mother Earth and ask forgiveness for skiing on her land. I ask if that's OK," he said. "It's just like asking a person to use their car or to go across their land. When you ask you show that you are polite instead of saying, 'I want this.' If you do that, then it will take care of you. It's like when I pick up a rock before a race and polish it, I'm just worshipping Mother Earth. I don't take life for granted, or skiing. There's a reason I'm up there and that's to hopefully unite a lot of different people."

Anderson's strong resolve to open others' minds to a better path has brought him to where he is and he doesn't just take, he gives back. To him, youths are the key to our future and it's to them that he addresses much of his presence.

"What's our future?" he asked. "It's not us. It's the kids who haven't been born. We need to start teaching the youths the right way, the wrong way."

He continued, "Kids always ask me who my role model is. They expect it be a basketball player or some other athlete. But I tell them that it's anyone who accomplishes their dream in life."

If those are the criteria, then Anderson is well on his way to not only 150 mph, but also a place among the truly successful people in our world. And he's doing it in style, with speed and flair.

"For me, it's not showing off," Anderson said. "It's proving that no matter what color you are, you can be as good as the person you're up against."

People of all ages can learn a lot from the fastest Native American on skis. And they'll probably learn a lot more when he's the fastest PERSON on skis.

Small steps are taken toward healing history

Beneath the shadow of the gondola, the so-called "healing of the earth" had begun. The pounding of drums and the twirling of bright, feathered costumes were appropriate for the setting of forested hills and snow-capped peaks. On hand were the dancers, singers and drummers of T'is Nazbas, the White Horse School and members of the Lakota Sioux heritage. But in the courtyard near the ski lifts at the Mountain Village, the scene had the strange, ironic aura of the spirit world merging with, as one of the performers put it, "the technology world."

The Mountain Village is a dream setting of multi-million dollar second homes, a fantasyland of castle condos. It is a place to ski and indulge yourself in a whirlpool with a glass of fine wine and forget about the worries of those who live in squalor at the lower elevations of the world. It's as slick and new as Telluride is rustic and old.

It's also the place where the healing of the earth has begun.

The dancers and singers on Sunday afternoon represented traditions going back to before the first pick ax struck the wilderness, but their inclusion within the confines of the majesty of the new lifestyle somehow made the whole package complete. Skiers resting at the base of the slope, after all, need some entertainment as they cool their heels. A team of Native American dancers certainly is more appropriate than a reggae band or a folksy mountain crooner. Unless, of course, the rastas or crooners can play songs that are native to the area going back 2,000 years.

Initially, the concept seems slightly bizarre. Bringing Native Americans from all over the southwest to ski for free is hardly sufficient recompense for several centuries of mistreatment. But if the ski runs and the supporting venues of the Mountain Village are intended to entertain and renew participants, then perhaps it has historical healing potential as well. This season the Native American Voices Ski Program hosted 150 members from various reservations around the Four Corners area to partake in the good life. The program, run by former ski champion Susie Chaffee, is a pleasant and painless way to introduce Native Americans into ski resort society.

Is the earth any more healed, as Chaffee is fond of saying?

Maybe you don't believe in the magic of the Navajo prayers spoken on a bright Sunday afternoon over an intercom in the Mountain Village courtyard. But in the good will and common sense of public rela-

tions, even a hard-boiled realist can see the benefit.

The program is good public relations for the Telluride Ski & Golf Company, which provides the lift

tickets to the program, approximately 300 over the two-season history of the Native American Ski Program. It's certainly a good public service for Paragon Sports, which has been handing out 25 pairs of skis and boots each weekend. And it's certainly good public relations for both Telluride and the Mountain Village, which is sending out a message to nearby reservations that the



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— John Grassby, Steamboat Springs attorney

area includes Native Americans in its joyful reveries of the ski season.

Re-inviting Native Americans back to their exiled homelands is an idea that's taking hold elsewhere in Colorado.

In Steamboat Springs, they are taking a different approach. Recently the elders of the Ute Indian Tribe of Fort Duchesne met with the Steamboat Springs Town Council to discuss raising a monument to the Ute history. In 1881 the Utes were driven from Yampa Valley to a reservation north of Roosevelt, Utah, after living in the area for at least two millennia before the white man's arrival. Now they are being invited back.

According to a resolution by the City of Steamboat Springs, the monument is a "modest first step" by a group of residents and Utes seeking an "eloquent memorial, symbolically noting their long-standing presence in the valley, their forced exodus, and now, their welcomed homecoming."

"The objective is to reconnect the Utes to the area and to the people of the area," said John Grassby, a Steamboat Springs attorney who was approached by the Utes to initiate the project by writing a letter to the town's leaders. The Utes have requested that the monument be placed at the confluence of the Yampa and the flow of the local hot springs, a place of historical and sacred significance to the tribe.

Grassby said that during the past 116 years of exile, the Utes have felt alienated from the place, but more importantly, the people of Steamboat Springs. "In the past, when they come to town they are made to feel unwelcome," Grassby said. "In times in the past they have felt acutely uncomfortable. But when a number of members of the Ute Tribal Council came over for that hearing, for the first time in 115 years they felt that damn, maybe things are changing a bit."

Maybe in Steamboat Springs, as well, a bit more healing of the earth has begun.

The local area isn't smiling.

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Indeed, they use the word as a catchall for anything which they can't quantify or qualify, but which seems to have staying power.

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New Age Going Pop

Summer Issue - 1994

It's here and it's hot.

The New Age trend, once scorned as flaky, is now mainstream, attracting adherents and amassing power. It's also alluring businesses that sense a growth market and substantial profits.

But most businesses — as well as flocks of new "converts" — misinterpret its purpose and are turning many aspects of the trend into a pop culture fad, according to an Institute study, "New Age, New Directions: Trends, Fads and Facts."

WHAT IT IS

New Age is a social movement — a collective process whose value system is based on an axiom that human beings have a purpose and responsibility in life to experience personal growth and respect for the universe. It's grounded in principles of diversity, and has a spiritual focus that transcends the tenets of organized religion.

arising from new and sometimes unexpected appreciations in their lives.

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Overeager marketers also display a shallow understanding of who New Agers are. New Agers are savvy, seasoned, well read and generally anti-Establishment — and they don't readily buy into Madison Avenue campaigns.

Such "New Age" products as Fruitopia, Crystal Pepsi, power yoga and bacteria-resistant performance wear may at best find a market among ankle-deep New Agers, but won't make a mark among New Agers steeped in the movement.

Contrary to marketing myth, wholehearted New Agers don't consider soft drinks containing some fruit concentrate to be "New Age beverages." Their alternative beverages of choice are contaminant-free water and freshly squeezed juice.

American Patriotism 2000

Powerful trend forces are producing a multiyear shift that will expand the concept of duty, honor and country to redefine patriotism.

The shift will become more apparent by the turn of the century as the meaning of American patriotism is broadened to incorporate beliefs and values of Native Americans, according to an Institute forecast.

These values will first mingle with existing flag wavings, and later coalesce into a new national ethic. By 2005 the ethic will comprehend a more fundamental sense of patriotism than just love and support of America in matters involving other countries.

The new sense will involve an

overarching love of homeland that includes a patriotic respect for the balance of nature and people's individual and national responsibilities to remember its benefits.

The trend — vivified in large part by the ancient wisdom trend brought on by status-quo dissatisfaction (see "Ancient Wisdom," Winter Issue, page 1 ff.) — is based on a growing societal understanding that American systems and institutions are failing to meet national needs.

While the trend toward new patriotic values won't lead to Revolutionary War, it will lead to revolutionary debate about the principles

Current Events Form Future Trends

It's go with the flow & make it so!

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Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee!

"The world knows Suzy by many names: Miss Olympics, 1st Lady of Skiing, the Snow Goddess, and by one of the greatest ad gimmicks, Suzy Chapstick! But it was not enough for this woman, to be beset by beauty, talent and wisdom, she is also a 'Maverick'. When it comes to the 'right to sport' & Earth's ecology, she is the essence of commitment, fearless and true to her spirit." -- cover story "Santa Barbara Magazine."

Suzy first got world headlines wearing the silver suit as America's top downhill at the '68 Grenoble Olympics. She went on to become a 3 X World Freestyle Champion & Triple Hall of Famer. Said Coke's Walter Dunn, "Her name is legion. Few athletes have developed such commercial legs"--leading popularity polls for 3 decades. In '96, proving that it is a new era for Women & Wisdom, this Babyboomer, was named Skiing Magazine's "Skier with the Most Sex Appeal" in history! --over Ivana, Redford and Killy. On "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, she was just featured as the guru of lip balm for generations. That commercial pioneered the popularity of "fun & fitness" (an idea given her *by* Euros) and women athletes, in America, and her "Fire & Ice" was the biggest world box office ski film.

The blond thoroughbred was born to an Olympic family in Rutland, Vermont. Studying ballet as a child, her fantasy was to dance down mountains. After Grenoble, she worked in the ghettos and found the "real Olympic high" was giving back. She then led the reform to make the Olympics "fair". At the same time, her experiments in ski films created the graceful ski ballet. Introducing "Freestyle" on the Carson Show, and raising \$1 million to start a Women's Division, mothered 3 Golds in Nagano! While skiing with President Ford, working on a Bill to give athletes representation, his ad man, who was impressed by Chaffee's bold idealism, had a dream-- "Suzy Chapstick!"

Being hailed in the "Top 10 influential women in America", (Quest Mag.) was a result of tasting the bitterness of discrimination at Denver University in '64. Realizing the far-reaching effects of sports on her joy, health, esteem and full potential, she started making waves. In '76, she led the Washington March for Title 1X-- Equal Opportunity for Women in School Sports, set up the first meeting at the White House to get it enforced, and raised the consciousness of Senate Health Leader Ted Kennedy to put it under his wing for 20 yrs. The result: Atlanta was called, "The Women's Olympics!" It saved taxpayers a trillion dollars in Welfare, since the Surgeon General found a link between fitness and lowered teen pregnancy, as well as health care.

Also a writer, TV host, lecturer and designer, in '95, Chaffee felt beckoned to a simpler life in exquisite Telluride, to share the joy of skiing as a teacher (with students like Van Damme & Jordan), and finish her book about the Ancients, "The Snow Goddess". While exchanging the "joy of skiing" for the "wisdom of the mountains" with a Sioux named Rollingbears, she fell in love with him and his culture. This inspired him sing the "4 Directions" song on the radio that snowless Christmas, saving Telluride! Realizing that Mother Earth listens, she co-founded Native Voices Foundation with Ute Medicine man, Alden Naranjo, and started joyful exchanges of *Skiing* for *Native Dancing*, "that is healing our valley and Mother Earth for our children!" His kids loved the program so much that a Navajo Elder gave her an eagle feather. "Telluride is a Role Model for American Ski Areas", says its President. Next: finding sponsors to bring it national! After Picabo's triumph, since even the Indians still kid Suzy, she introduced herself, "I'm a member of the 'Chapstick Tribe' that kicked butt for America in Nagano!"

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PUTTING IDEALISM TO WORK



YOUNG ENOUGH TO WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD —
OLD ENOUGH TO DO IT

CITY YEAR'S MISSION is to put Idealism to work by tapping the civic power of young people for an annual campaign of Idealism. The **GOALS** of the annual campaign of Idealism are to generate transformative community service, break down social barriers, inspire citizens to civic action, develop new leaders for the common good, and improve and promote the concept of voluntary national service. City Year's **VISION** is that one day the most commonly asked question of an eighteen year-old is "Where are you going to do your service year?"

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
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Dear President Clinton,

Hello, from the City of Chicago.

My name is Rebeca, I'm 21, and I'm of Puerto Rican descent. I want to thank you for your belief in me as a young person and the power of the Community service I do.

This year, June 2-5, 1,300 young people just like me, are going to gather in Ohio for a celebration of service. I would like to encourage you to come and celebrate with us.

I feel that I have made a difference in the communities of Chicago by my commitment of service. On Saturday I lead a team of 6th-8th grader to do service in their communities. We clean up vacant lots, work with the elderly & much more! During the week I tutor and mentor Elementary school kids in an after school program. I love what I do because I know I'm impacting and serve as an example to the next generation of leaders. I learn much from them!

Thank you so much for supporting City Year and Americorps! Try to come to our convention so you can see first hand diverse young people transform their community through service!

Thanks!

Rebeca Mueoz

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
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Dear President Clinton,

4/17/98

I am writing you to "share the joy," a term used frequently at City Year. I am writing to tell you that this year of community service with a diverse group of young people has changed my life. It has altered who I am and allowed me to work together with people of different backgrounds to transform the environment of this country.



In the past eight months with Americorps, I have seen things too amazing to capture into words. I have worked full-time in a supportive living system for people with AIDS. I have seen people die. I have watched people live. I have learned how to live Mr. President. I hope that you are the person who is reading these next words. I hope that you see them with your own eyes and internalize them and realize what tremendous impact your decisions have on the lives of young people in America.

Thank you. Thank you Mr. President for believing in me. Thank you for saying yes. Thank you for listening. Thank you for having the courage to stand up for who I am and the vision to see that I need you.

Because of your initiatives to fund Americorps, I have been able to serve hundreds of persons with AIDS at food pantries throughout Chicago. Because of it, I have been able to enhance the quality of life of numerous human beings, provide hours of companionship to infected children and adults, and engage fellow citizens in the rising movement of volunteerism.

Know Mr. President, that because you have done so, there is a corps of sixty individuals in Chicago alone who will serve the community of humanity for life. This year is a lifestyle that will be maintained by us, one which will never die.

The most ironic part of all, is that you did not instill me with compassion and love. It is not City Year or Americorps which taught me passion or kindness or the ethics of hard work either. Americorps simply tapped into my strengths, harnessed them to the strengths of others, and created an action tank for civic change.

In June of this year, City Year will rejoice in the tremendous successes of our year. We will celebrate the combined impact we have had on this country. Please come, Mr. Clinton, and witness what you enable. Please join us to recognize the incomparable power of young idealists.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 1998

Dear President Clinton and Hillary Clinton,

Please come to CXYZGY! It would make me so proud to see the President showing his support for my City Year. Also, it would make me equally proud to ~~even~~ see a successful and amazing fellow Wellesley alumna on the stage next to him! If at all possible, we would all appreciate it if you could fit a stop in Cleveland onto your hectic schedule. After months of reading about your race dialogues in the newspapers, I would welcome the opportunity to participate in one of my own with you and the rest of the CY corps. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for all of the good work you are doing for this country (I'd vote for you for a 3rd term if I could!)

Sincerely,
Lisa Sargent

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convention "CYZYG" is going to be held in Cleveland, Ohio at John Carroll University, From June 2-5, over 1300 members of the City Year Community, including 900 diverse City Year Americorps members will unite to engage in service, expand their learning through inclusive workshops, and rally for idealism!

Thank you very much for your belief in us and in the generation of kids we serve. I would love for you to come to CYZYG and view first-hand the power of young people.

Your support has been and is essential to City Year and especially to me. I see you as a primary champion of the evergrowing NATIONAL SERVICE MOVEMENT. Please continue to inspire the thousands of young people who have also committed themselves to service.

Sincerely,

Kate Lipman

4/13/98

Dear President Clinton,

Greetings from the Umana/Barnes Middle School in East Boston. My name is Kate Lipman and I am a tutor and a mentor in a 6th grade classroom. Everyday I work with over 150 youths just starting to learn about the world, each other, and themselves. I am proud and grateful for the opportunity to teach, guide, and learn from these great kids. Thanks to City Year, I have had this opportunity to touch the lives of many adolescents. I believe very strongly in the power and greatness of young people. It warms me to know the President shares in this belief. We would be honored to have you as our guest at our Annual Convention of Idealism. City Year's

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Dear President Clinton

Hello, my name is Andrew J. Jackson II. I am 18 years old and I reside in Philadelphia, PA. I'd just like to say you're doing a fine job as president of the United States. You're a guy who all Americans can relate to. I am a Corp member at City Year Philadelphia, and as you know, City Year is about to have its annual convention CZYGY, which will be held June 25-5 in Cleveland, Ohio. In Philadelphia, I work in an elementary school in North Philadelphia. I mentor and tutor 4th graders Monday thru Thursday, and I receive ^{Training} ~~training~~ on Friday. I make a difference everyday because I live in the neighborhood in which I tutor in. I am a positive, strong, young black man who believes in helping make a better Tomorrow for all people. Your presence will be greatly appreciated and I'm sure you will continue to inspire people all over country to make a difference. So, if you can find the time to make it there out of your very busy and strenuous schedule, please come to CZYGY to see first hand the great service that City Year is doing all over the country. Hope to see you there! God bless you and your family

Sincerely
Andrew J. Jackson II

4-12-98

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DEAR PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON,

MY NAME IS NICHOLE L. OWENS. I AM A 19 YEAR OLD NATIVE OF WEST PHILADELPHIA, PA. I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME, BUT I MET YOU WHEN YOU MADE A VISIT TO MY CHURCH - MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA. I SIMPLY WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I TRULY ADMIRE YOU FOR YOU ARE A VERY HUMBLE AND DOWN TO EARTH BEING. I LOVE YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PEOPLE AND TO THIS WORLD. YOU HAVE SET A FINE EXAMPLE TO OUR NATION, AND MYSELF!

I AM WRITING TO YOU IN REGARDS TO CITY YEAR PHILADELPHIA - AND CYGYZY, CITY YEAR'S ANNUAL CONVENTION OF "IDEALISM". THIS WILL BE MY FIRST YEAR ATTENDING THIS CONVENTION; FOR I AM A FIRST YEAR (FOUNDING) CORPS MEMBER. BUT... I AM ASKING THAT YOU ATTEND THIS EXCITING EVENT, FOR I BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD BE AN INSPIRATION, AS WELL AS A JOY TO HAVE. THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 2-5, 1998 IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU IN OUR MIDST AT THIS YEAR'S CYZYGY. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

P.S. HOW WAS BIG GEORGES
SOUL FOOD IN WEST PHILLY -
GOOD HUN!!!

SINCERLY,
Nichole Owens

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Dear President William Clinton,

First, I would like to thank-you for all the support that you have given towards higher education. Your determination to ensure that children in the United States gets a quality education gave me the opportunity to go to College. I graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland last year. You delivered the commencement speech, in which you highlighted education and a future in national service. Your motivation gave me the motivation to join City Year. I am apart of the founding Corps in Philadelphia.

For the past 7 months, I have been working in a neighborhood elementary school as a tutor and mentor. I work in the kindergarden classroom, giving one on one attention to the students that fall behind in class. My passion for children started long before City Year, but they gave me the opportunity to give 10 months of my love and affection to theese children. Everyday as I walk into the class, the smiles, the hugs, and the affection, the children show me lets me know I am making a difference.

I also, recently in the last month, planned and ran a spring camp, for spring break, for over 200 kindergarden thru fifth graders. City Year gave me the opportunity to use my leadership skills. With all this said, I invite YOU Mr. Clinton in celebrating our year of service at our annual convention of Idealism. This convention is called CYZYG and it will take place JUNE 5th-10th in Cleveland, Ohio. I hope to see you there in the sea of timberland uniforms, giving us the power to keep giving in the guest of a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,
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With respect for all you've given to the national service movement, I would like to invite you to speak at City Year's annual conference of service. All 10 City Year sites are coming together to celebrate and recognize the importance of the work accomplished and that yet to be done. It would be an honor if you could join us. Thank you for your time and commitment. Please don't let the legacy end.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Unit

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting Americorps and all National Service. As a result of your campaign for service, I have experienced the ripples of your support. If it hadn't been for this opportunity to serve my community, there would be over 60 4th graders that missed my tutoring them, 90 students not receiving Physical Education and 450 children would have sat in front of the TV or hung out on the streets instead of coming to our Winter and Spring Camps on vacation weeks.

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Dear President Clinton,

4-16-98

Hello from San Antonio! I would like to take a few minutes to thank you for your belief in young people and dedication to national service. I, myself, made national service a part of my life. I heard about AmeriCorps before you even signed the bill and I was a member for two years while at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. It was obvious to me that City Year was the perfect way to integrate service and my degree in elementary education. Now I make a difference every day as a tutor and mentor to children.

I have also heard you speak at Iowa State, met Mrs. Clinton when she visited Youth + Shelter Services in downtown Ames, and heard Mrs. Gore speak in support of a local congressman. Many, many times I have been inspired with your insightful words and challenges to us as citizens. I am so impressed with your leadership and courage to tackle difficult issues. One being the race initiative. As a strong supporter of City Year, you know we lead by example as a group of young people ~~who~~ from diverse backgrounds who come together to perform powerful transformative service while breaking down social barriers.

From June 2-5, all of City Year from San Jose to Providence, will be gathered in Cleveland, OH for our annual convention of idealism. This year's convention promises to be the best yet and our mark on Cleveland a legacy. I would be honored if you would join us and once again support City Year and the national service movement. I will look forward to your visit and inspiring words!

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Kendra Ganzer

City Year San Antonio