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March 4, 1998

Information Memo

From: James Forman

Subject: Legal brief submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by James Forman, the Appellant, v. Defendants, Kenneth Starr, Independent U.S. Counsel, United States Attorney General, Janet Reno, and United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, is a defendant because she is responsible for the actions of the Independent Counsel or the boss of Kenneth Starr.

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for your support throughout the years. It has certainly been very helpful in the campaign to end Apartheid in South Africa and segregation throughout the United States. Enclosed please find a brief that I have submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, appealing the dismissal of my complaint against Kenneth W. Starr and my request for a Temporary Restraining Order.

Specifically, I am asking the Court of Appeals to prohibit Kenneth Starr or anyone from the office of the Independent Counsel from using in any court hearing or Grand Jury proceedings transcriptions or recordings made by Linda S. Tripp of any telephone conversation with Monica Lewinsky that were tapped without the consent of Monica Lewinsky. My brief has many citations to substantiate my request. In it I am not requesting any monetary damages or the prosecution of anyone.

As a United States Citizen, my claim is that an injury to one U.S. citizen is an injury to all U.S. citizens. For any court to permit the use of wiretapped information contrary to the guidelines for such action by Federal Courts is harmful and injurious to me and all the other U.S. citizens, for the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, the laws of the U.S. Congress and Presidential Executive Orders are binding on all U.S. citizens.

Please feel free to share this brief and any of the enclosed information with whomever you would like. Thanks again for all of your kindness and future assistance to help make the world a better place in which to live for everyone. Your continued support is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

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For Immediate Release: Contact, James Forman Tel: 202-737-2133 Fax: 202-234-8422
From: The Unemployment and Poverty
Action Committee, UPAC /P O Box 21097
Washington DC, 20009

Civil Rights activist James Forman appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to block Kenneth W. Starr from using any transcripts of telephone conversations between Linda V. Tripp and Monica S. Lewinsky in any hearing, Grand Jury or otherwise, or in any court of law that was obtained by Linda V. Tripp without the agreement of Monica S. Lewinsky.

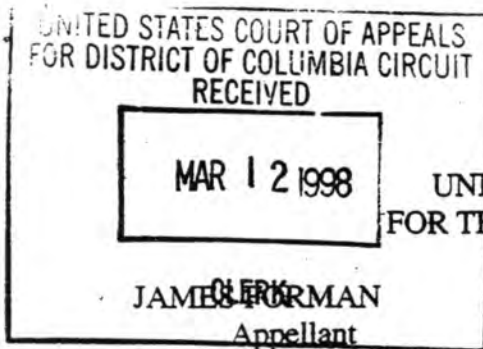
Washington, D.C....February 20, 1998 - On February 19, 1998 Civil Rights activist, James Forman, filed a Motion of Summary Reversal of the decision of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia that was issued on February 4, 1998 by Thomas F. Hogan, U. S. District Judge. On February 3, 1998 Forman filed a Complaint against Kenneth W. Starr, the U.S. Independent Counsel and a request for a Temporary Restraining Order. The next day Judge Hogan dismissed Forman's case and denied his request for a Temporary Restraining Order.

In his Motion For Summary Reversal of Judge Hogan's decision Forman cites the 1967 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the William Katz, Plaintiff, case against the U. S. government that declared wiretapping and electronic recording without the consent of the parties involved was a violation of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In other words to record a person's conversation without their knowledge and to use that recording in a Court of Law violated Article IV to the U.S. Constitution. That Article states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...."

Forman presented to the U.S. Court of Appeals copies of the Katz v. U.S. decision as well as other citations and legal commentaries to sustain his request to the U. S. Court of Appeals For the District of Columbia for a summary reversal of the District Court decision in James Forman, Plaintiff v. Kenneth W. Starr, Defendant.

James Forman holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University located in Chicago, Illinois, a Master of Professional Studies degree in African and Afro-American Affairs from Cornell University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Union Institute, formerly the Union for Experimental Colleges and University. The Union Institute is accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association.

Forman is also a founding member of Howard University's chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists. Prior to working full time for the cause of Civil Rights, from September, 1957 to June, 1958 he was a Teaching Assistant in the Government Department of Boston University and a student in Boston University's African Studies Program. He is the author of seven books, including The Making of Black Revolutionaries. The Univ of Washington Press has just published with pictures a twenty-fifth anniversary edition of this book that has an introduction by Julian Bond. End



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

98-5029

V.

98-270

Defendants

KENNETH W. STARR, U.S. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL
U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, JANET RENO
U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WILLMA A. LEWIS

Supplemental Information
Of Appellant's Response, Dated
March 7, 1998 to "Appellee's
Opposition to Appellant's Motion
For Summary Reversal and
Motion for Summary Affirmance."

The enclosed press release from the office of the State's Attorney of Howard County, Maryland, Marna McLennon, dated January 26, 1998 is submitted as further evidence as to why the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit should grant the Appellant's Motion for Summary Reversal.

Please note in paragraph two the statement of Marna McLendon that: "...The relevant tape recordings are currently in the possession of Kenneth Star...."

The Appellant thanks the Appeals Court for it's consideration of his Motion for Summary Reversal.

SIGNED: James Forman, March 12, 1998

James Forman, March 12, 1998



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

Marna McLendon
State's Attorney

Les Gross
Deputy State's Attorney

TO: Members of the Press

PRESS RELEASE

January 26, 1998

I believe that it would be premature and inappropriate for this office to pursue criminal charges against Ms. Tripp at this time. To begin our own inquiry during the pendency of the federal probe would needlessly interfere with that action, particularly when there is no exigent need for us to investigate at this time. It is therefore the considered intention of this Office to defer to the ongoing investigation being conducted by the Office of Independent Counsel.

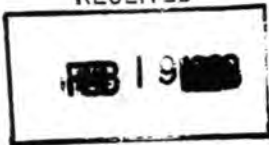
There are several impediments to conducting a local investigation at this time: The relevant tape recordings are currently in the possession of Kenneth Starr. Additionally, Ms. Tripp would have to have known that taping these conversations was illegal for those actions to constitute a criminal act under present Maryland law.

Because of the seriousness of this matter, I have consulted with Maryland State Special Prosecutor Steve Montanarelli as well as Maryland Attorney General's Office. Following these discussions, I believe what is outlined above is the most prudent course of action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marna McLendon".

Marna McLendon
State's Attorney

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
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United States Court of **APPEALS**
For The District of Columbia Circuit

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James Forman

Appellant

V.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY REVERSAL

Kenneth W Starr, U.S. Independent Counsel

U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno

U.S. Attorney for the District of
Columbia

Defendants

Introduction

Following is an appeal by James Forman from the decision of Judge Thomas F. Hogan in case number 1: 98-270 that sets forth a complaint against Kenneth W. Starr, a U.S. Independent Counsel, and a request for a Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The Order of the Court signed by Thomas F. Hogan, the United States District Judge, stated: "For the reasons stated in the Court's Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby Ordered that plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order is denied; it is further Ordered that this case is dismissed. This order was signed February 4, 1998.

After a presentation of the Appellant's Complaint and his request for a Temporary Restraining Order, the Appellant will present to the U.S. Court of Appeals For the District of Columbia, the Memorandum Opinion of United States District Judge, Thomas F. Hogan. This Memorandum Opinion is only three pages, and the Order cited above is only one page.

The Appellant will then attempt to set forth the basis of his appeal and the reasons for his on-going request for a Temporary Restraining Order by the United States Court of Appeals For the District of Columbia Circuit that would prohibit Kenneth W. Starr, a United States Independent Counsel, from introducing in any hearing or court of law wire-tapped conversations between Linda F. Tripp and Monica S. Lewinsky that were obtained by Linda F. Tripp without

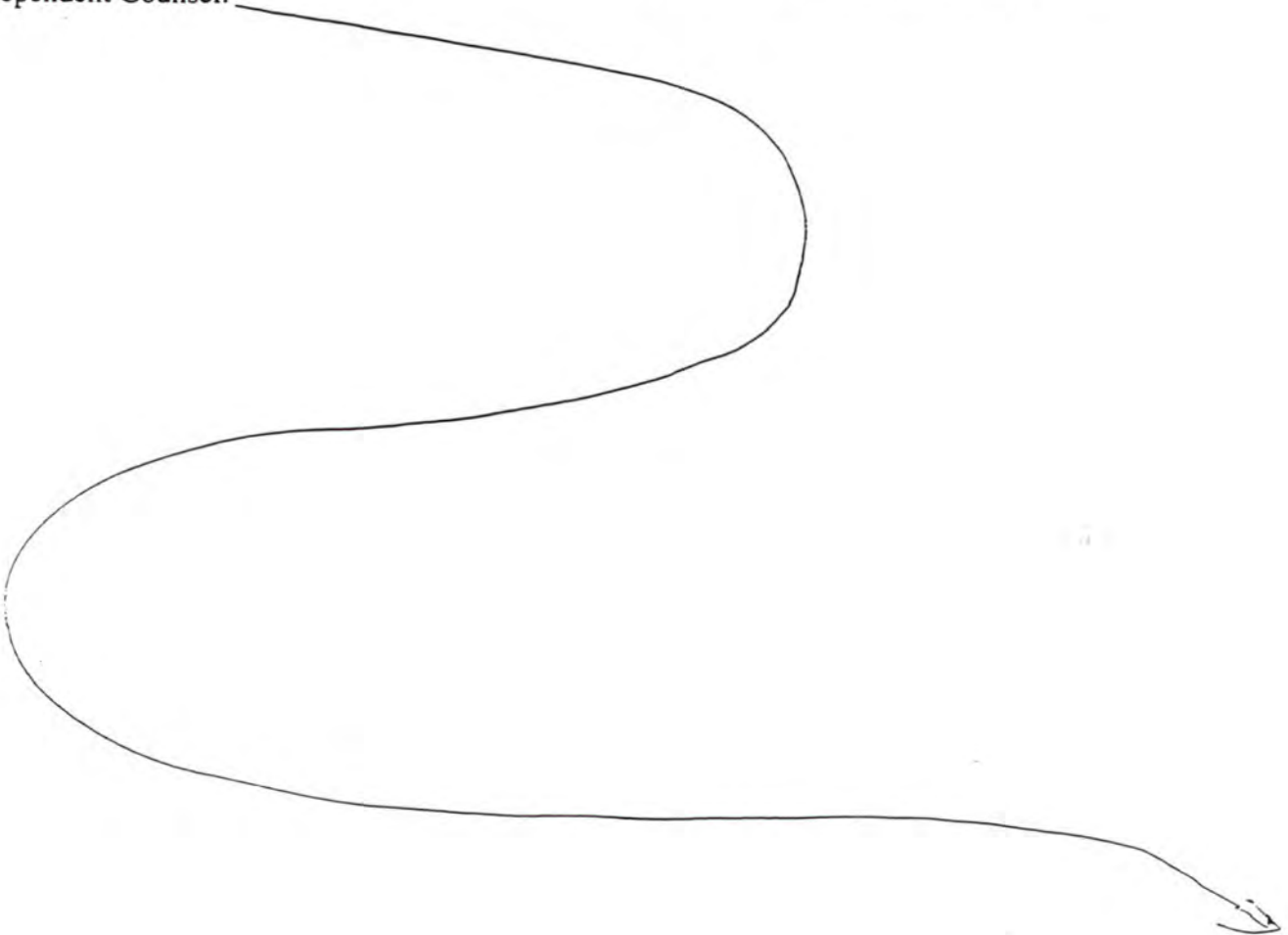
the approval of Monica S. Lewinsky.

The Appellant calls the Attention of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to his position that he is not seeking on his behalf or that of anyone else any monetary damages. Nor is he requesting the prosecution of anyone for the violation of any State or Federal law or laws in his Complaint or request for a Temporary Restraining Order.

The Appellant, furthermore, calls the attention of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to the very courteous and considerate cooperation he has received from all those in the United States District Court of the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals For the District of Columbia Circuit. This excellent cooperation has enhanced the Appellant's ability to file his Complaint and his request for a Temporary Restraining Order that would prohibit Kenneth W. Starr from introducing in any hearing or court of law any material obtained from the wiretapping of any telephone conversations between Linda R. Tripp and Monica S. Lewinsky where Linda R. Tripp tapped the telephone conversations without the consent of Monica S. Lewinsky. If Kenneth W. Starr has introduced thus far any such material, as the court will see, the Appellant requests the dismissal of whatever body of law in which this may have taken place.

Since Kenneth W. Starr, and Independent Counsel, is an employee of the Government of the United States of America, The United States Attorney General, Janet Reno, and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Mrs. Wilma Lewis are Defendants in this case.

The Complaint of James Forman, the plaintiff, versus Kenneth W. Starr, a United States Independent Counsel:



United States Court of Appeals
For the District of Columbi

James Forman
1650 Harvard St. NW
Washington, DC 20009
202-332-2671

V

Kenneth W. Starr
U.S. Independent Counsel
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 490
Washington, DC 20004

Complaint

Whereas Linda R. Tripp, a citizen of Maryland and an employee of the U.S. Defense Department, is reported by various newspapers, radio and television programs , nationally and internationally, to have from one to twenty pages of transcribed conversations between herself and Monica S. Lewinsky, a former employee of the U.S. Defense Department and a White House intern;

Whereas Linda R. Tripp is reported by various sources cited in paragraph one of this Complaint to have obtained these transcribed pages by tapping her conversations via a telephone system without the knowledge or consent of Monica S. Lewinsky;

And, whereas the sovereign State of Maryland and the U.S. Federal Government prohibit the use of any data or transcript of information against a person obtained via electronic or telephonic means without the permission of said person;

Therefore, the plaintiff, James Forman, U.S. citizen, respectfully request the court to issue a Temporary Restraining Order or injunction against the Defendant, Kenneth W. Starr, and the office and members of the Independent Counsel from utilizing in any form any data or information obtained from Linda R. Tripp via telephonic or electronic communication from Monica S. Lewinsky for which she had not given her approval.

The plaintiff, furthermore, requests the court to verify if any of the data or information described in the above paragraphs has been presented to one or more Grand Juries. If the court finds that some or all of the information described in this complaint has already been introduced to one or more Grand Juries, then the Plaintiff, James Forman, U.S. Citizen, respectfully, request the court to halt or set aside or immediately dismiss such Grand Juries.

Signed: James Forman
Date: February 3, 1998

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

James Forman

v

Kenneth W. Starr
U.S. Independent Counsel

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER

CASE NUMBER:	1:98CV00270
JUDGE:	Thomas F. Hogan
DECK TYPE:	TRO/Preliminary Injunction
DATE STAMP:	02/03/98

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Why is the Plaintiff filing this motion for a Temporary Restraining Order?

The Plaintiff, James Forman, a former Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in the Adams-Morgan area of Washington, DC, filed a complaint on February 3, 1998 against Kenneth W. Starr, a U.S. Independent Counsel. In Section IV, Cause of Action, the Plaintiff cited Title 18 USCS, Sections 2150 et. seq, especially Section 2158(9), and called the attention of the court to the 1977 Maryland Wire Tapping and Electronic Surveillance Act of May 26, 1977 Ch. 692, 1977 MD Laws 2798.

Section 2158(9) of Title 18 USCS

This section states that "The contents of any intercepted wire or oral communication or evidence derived therefrom shall not be received in evidence or otherwise disclosed in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding in a Federal or State court unless each party, not less than ten days before the trial, hearing, or other proceeding, has been furnished with a copy of the court order, an accompanying application, under which the interception was authorized or approved. This ten day period may be waived by the judge if he finds that it was not possible to furnish the party with the above information ten days before the trial, hearing, or other proceeding and that the party will not be prejudiced by the delay in receiving such information."

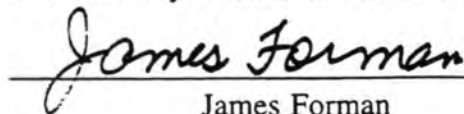
The Plaintiff wishes to halt, consequently, if it exists, and to block in the future, any use of data by the Independent Counsel obtained by Linda R. Tripp, a citizen of the sovereign state of Maryland and an employee of the Pentagon, a section of the U.S. Defense Department, from Monica S. Lewinsky by recording telephone conversations with Monica S. Lewinsky without her permission.

The Plaintiff holds that such action by agencies or agents of the U.S. Government would be a violation of Section 2158(9) of Title 18 of USCS and requires a Temporary Restraining Order or Injunction by the Court to halt now or to stop in the future. If this is not done, agents or agencies and agencies will themselves be violating provisions of the U.S. Code of Law.

A copy of the Plaintiff's Civil Cover Sheet and Complaint is included in this Plaintiff's Motion for a temporary Restraining Order. Efforts have been made to alert the following people to an expected courtesy copy of a summons and to a summons itself:

U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno
U.S. Independent Counsel, Kenneth W. Starr
U.S. Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Signed:


James Forman

The Plaintiff

Date:

February 3, 1998

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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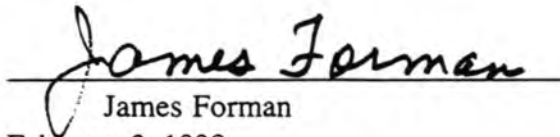
Kenneth W. Starr
U.S. Independent Counsel

Local Rule 205

On February 3, 1998 between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 am, I personally delivered courtesy copies of the Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order paper work and the Complaint to the offices of:

- (1) U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno
- (2) U.S. Independent Counsel, Kenneth W. Starr
- (3) U.S. Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Signed:

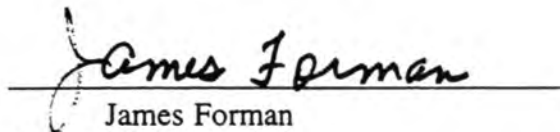

James Forman

Date:

February 3, 1998

NOTE: I went to the offices of U.S. Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr and attempted to leave a courtesy copy. A woman from his office came downstairs to the booth on the 1st floor and REFUSED to accept the courtesy copy.

Signed:


James Forman

Date:

February 3, 1998
12:40 pm

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES FORMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH W. STARR,

Defendant.

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) Civ. No. 98-270 (TFH)

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiff in this case has filed a Complaint against defendant, in his capacity as Independent Counsel. Plaintiff has also filed a motion for a temporary restraining order. Because plaintiff is proceeding pro se, without the benefit of trained counsel, the Court is mindful of its obligation to liberally construe pleadings and to be tolerant of errors. Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520-21 (1972). Even granting plaintiff the benefit of this liberal construction, however, the Court finds that plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted. For this reason, the Court must dismiss plaintiff's Complaint, and must deny plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order.

Dismissal is appropriate "only if 'it is clear that no relief could be granted under any set of facts that could be proven consistent with the allegations.'" Conley v. Gibson, 355 U.S. 41, 45-46 (1957); Martin v. Ezeagu, 816 F.Supp. 20, 23 (D.D.C. 1993). In evaluating plaintiff's Complaint, the Court has construed the allegations liberally, and has given plaintiff "the benefit of all inferences that can be derived from the facts alleged." Schuler v. United States, 617 F.2d 605, 608 (D.C. Cir. 1979). However, even granting such latitude to the Complaint, plaintiff fails to

state a claim upon which relief could be granted.

Plaintiff alleges that Linda Tripp, an employee of the Department of Defense, may have recorded conversations that he had with Monica Lewinsky, a former Defense employee. Plaintiff does not allege that such recordings actually exist, but argues that, if they do exist, they run afoul of federal and state prohibitions against wiretapping. As such, plaintiff asks the Court to bar defendant from using any information gleaned from such recordings as do exist. Plaintiff asks the Court to prohibit use of this information in any forum, including in grand jury proceedings.

Plaintiff most likely lacks standing to bring this claim, because he does not allege that he is injured-in-fact— he does not allege that he himself is injured at all— or that a favorable decision from this Court would redress his injury. Furthermore, plaintiff does not even allege that these recordings actually exist, thus rendering the redress of injuries even more speculative.

Even if plaintiff does have standing to bring the claim, he fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Plaintiff's primary argument is that Tripp's recordings are prohibited by a federal criminal statute, 18 U.S.C. §258. That section does not exist, but, liberally construing plaintiff's pleadings, the Court surmises that he meant to cite §2518 of the same title. That section prohibits the use of communications intercepted without consent, unless certain procedures are followed. However, the statute deals only with the use of such communications in a judicial proceeding; plaintiff does not actually allege that any such use is contemplated. Thus, his claim is probably not ripe.

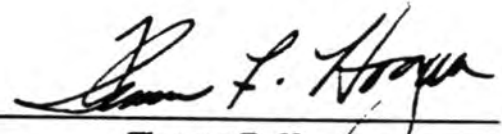
Furthermore, and most importantly, plaintiff does not have a cause of action under the

statute. In general, only the United States Attorney can bring suit for criminal violations of Title 18. Section 2520 does provide a civil cause of action for damages, but only for persons whose communications are used in violation of the preceding sections. Plaintiff is not the United States Attorney, and he does not allege that his own communications are in danger of use. Therefore, plaintiff cannot show that he has a cause of action under this statute or under any other;¹ for this reason, plaintiff fails to state a claim, and the Court must dismiss his Complaint.

Because plaintiff fails to state a claim in his Complaint, he has no likelihood of success on the merits of the claim. Thus, the Court must also deny his motion for a temporary restraining order. See Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Comm'n v. Holiday Tours, Inc., 559 F.2d 841, 842-43 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

An order will accompany this opinion.

February 3, 1998


Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge

¹ The Court has carefully examined plaintiff's Complaint to see if it might be construed to state a claim under another federal statute, such as FOIA. However, the Court finds that no construction can help plaintiff state a civil claim.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JAMES FORMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH W. STARR,

Defendant.

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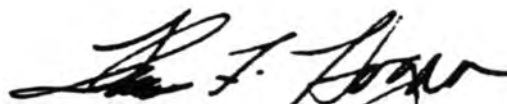
ORDER

NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

For the reasons stated in the Court's Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby
ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order is **DENIED**; it is
further

ORDERED that this case is **DISMISSED**.

February 4th, 1998



Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge

United States Court of Appeals
For The District of Columbia Circuit

98-50-29

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Response of the Appellant to the
Memorandum Opinion and Order
of Thomas F. Hogan, United States
District Judge of the United States
District Court For the District of
Columbia

First, I want to thank Judge Hogan for stating in paragraph one of his Memorandum Opinion his understanding of the Court's obligation to liberally construe the pleadings and "to be tolerant of errors" because the Plaintiff is proceeding pro se without the "benefit of trained counsel...."(Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520-21 (1972). On page two of the Court's opinion the Court correctly states: Plaintiff's primary argument is that Tripp's recordings are prohibited by a federal criminal statute, 18 U.S.C. (Section 258). That section does not exist, but, liberally construing plaintiff's pleadings, the Court surmises that he meant to cite (Section 2518) of the same title. That section prohibits the use of communications intercepted without consent, unless certain procedures are followed.... "

Without a doubt the Court is correct to point out the omission of the (1) in reference to that section. I thank the Court very much for that.

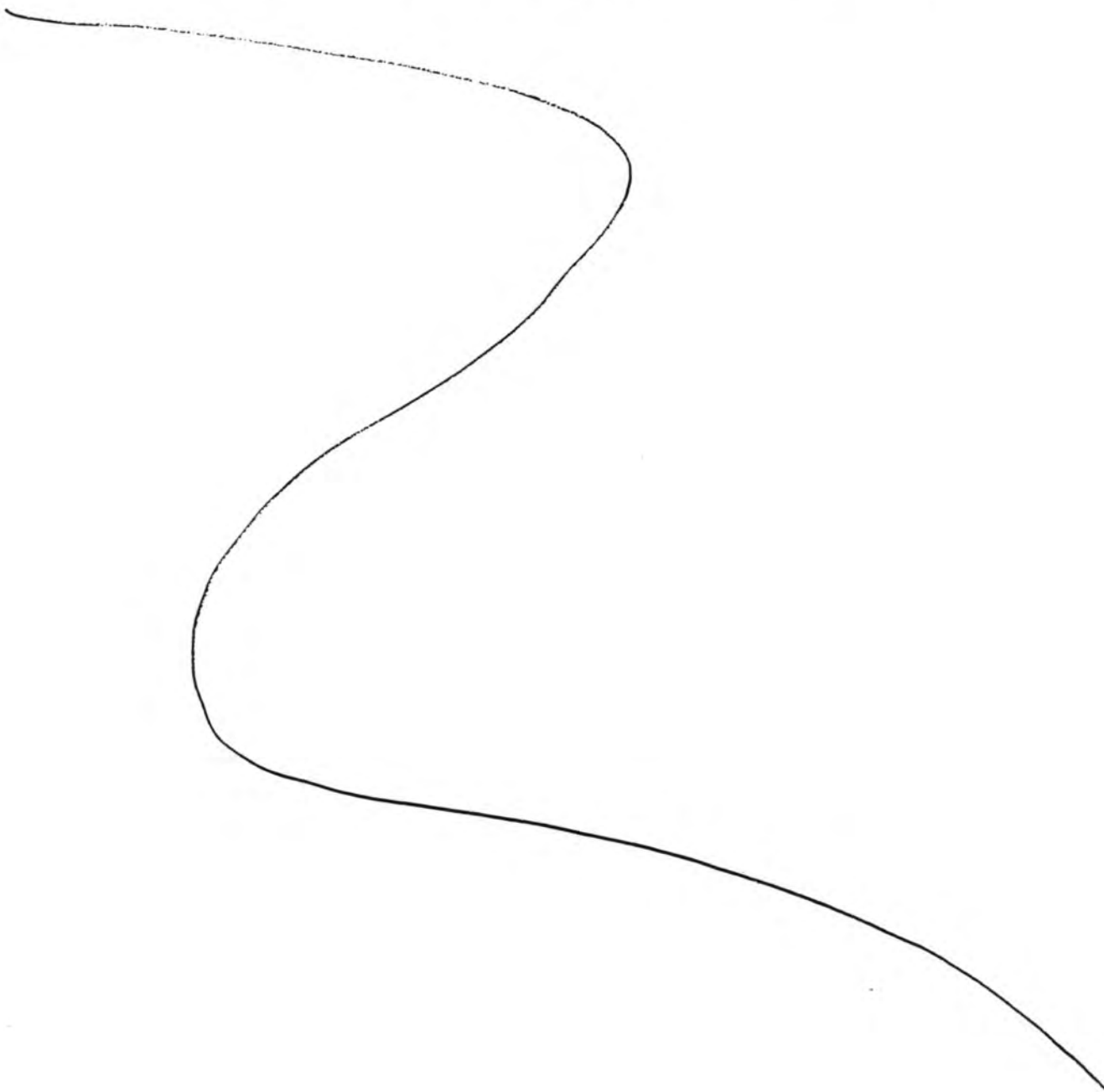
Returning to the first paragraph of the Court's Memorandum Opinion, the Court states that "Even granting plaintiff the benefit of this liberal construction, however, the Court finds that plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted. For this reason the Court must dismiss plaintiff's Complaint, and must deny plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order."

An injury to one U.S. citizen is
an injury to all U.S. citizens for
the decisions of the U.S. Supreme
Court are binding on all U.S.
Citizens as well as all U.S. Federal Laws and
Presidential Executive Orders.

The plaintiff attempted to clearly state that recording a person's telephone conversation and using that taped recording in a Grand Jury hearing or Judicial Hearing of any type or Court of Law without the permission of the person whose conversation was recorded was a violation of not only Federal Laws but a violation of the laws of the Sovereign State of Maryland.

Consequently, the plaintiff stated quite clearly he was filing his Complaint as a citizen of the United States of America and was urging the Court to uphold the laws of the United States of America and the Sovereign State of Maryland with respect to what wire-tapped material may be presented in any hearing, Grand Jury or otherwise, or Court of Law.

Unfortunately, the Court not only refused to grant the Temporary Restraining Order against the use of such material but also dismissed the case of the plaintiff without honoring the summons that had been served on the Independent Counsel, Kenneth W. Starr, the Attorney General of the United States, Janet Reno, and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Mrs. Wilma Lewis. As required by the rules of the United States District Court of Columbia, prior to the official summons, the plaintiff had personally delivered courtesy copies of the complaint to the offices of the U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, and the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Mrs. Wilma Lewis. The courtesy copy for the Independent Counsel was refused. In the present document under Local Rule 25 there is further explanation of this point.



The plaintiff claims that it is a violation of the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the various United States Public Laws and Court decisions that prohibit the introduction into any hearing or trial information that has been obtained against the will or consent of one party by another person. In other words during a telephone conversation between X and Y, if either X or Y records the conversation without the knowledge of the other person, then neither X or Y may introduce the transcripts of that conversation or the recording itself into any hearing or trial without the consent of the other person.

In this particular complaint the Plaintiff is saying that Linda R. Tripp's recording of any telephone conversation or the recording of other conversations without the knowledge of Monica S. Lewinsky is a violation of the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and other laws and U.S. Court decisions. The remedy he is asking is for an immediate Temporary Restraining Order that would prohibit the Independent Counselor, Kenneth W. Starr from introducing any telephonic or tape recordings to a Grand Jury or any Court of Law that Linda R. Tripp may have of conversations between herself and Monica S. Lewinsky

The plaintiff asserts that he is quite definitely injured by the reality that one U.S. citizen has taped telephone conversations with another U.S. citizen without the knowledge of the other person and a United States Independent Counselor may use those taped conversations in a Grand Jury hearing or other judicial outlets.

Some Facts about the Plaintiff

The plaintiff is a U.S. citizen born in Chicago, Illinois on October 4, 1928. He graduated from Chicago's Betsy Ross Elementary school in the winter of 1943 during which time the U.S. and the Allied Forces were fighting a world war against Adolph Hitler and other Nazis and Fascists. The plaintiff was quite conscious of this war.

The plaintiff is also a graduate of Chicago's Englewood High School where he was voted by his classmates as the Englewood High School Honor Student for the mid-year Chicago Tribune Roll of Honor students from Chicago's High School.

After serving four years in the United States Air Force from September 24, 1947 until September 23, 1951, as a Disabled American Veteran, the plaintiff graduated from Roosevelt University with a degree in Public Administration in the winter of 1957. At Roosevelt University, the plaintiff was elected as the President of the Roosevelt University Student Government for a one year term in the fall of 1955. He was also the Chair of the Roosevelt University delegation to the 1956 meeting of the National Student Association which voted for the United States Government to have a Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department, a Civil Rights Commission, and a few other very progressive measures.

As a Teaching Assistant in the Government Department of Boston University and a student in its African Studies Program from September, 1957-June, 1958, the plaintiff was a candidate for a Master of Arts degree from Boston University. He discontinued his Graduate studies at Boston University to work full time on the cause of Civil Rights. He is still working on this cause.

on the cause of Civil Rights in the U.S., a cause on which he is still working.

In 1980 the Plaintiff received a Master of Professional Studies degree in African and Afro-American Studies from Cornell University. He also holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Union Institute with a speciality in political history. Formerly the Union of Experimental Colleges and University, the Union Institute is accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association.

Citizen James Forman currently resides in the District of Columbia and was the first person in the United States to file as a candidate for U.S. Senator from the District of Columbia. His urgent appeal to the United States Court of Appeals For the District of Columbia Circuit for a ruling to uphold the Fourth Amendment of the United States and to restrain the Independent Counsel, Kenneth W. Starr, from using taped conversations between Linda R. Tripp and Monica S. Lewinsky which Monica S. Lewinsky has not approved is based on the following citations:

First, Article IV of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things be seized.”

The following citations are quoted as written in Footnote 45 in Richard P Gilbert’s article: A Diagnosis, Dissection, and Prognosis of Maryland’s New Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Law. This article appeared in the Baltimore Law Review No. 183, 1979

45. The federal act is an excellent model having withstood constitutional attack at home, *Siegel v. State*, *supra* (on the basis of the fourth amendment), and abroad, *United States v. Feldman*, 535 F.2d 1175 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 429 U.S. 940 (1976) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Turner*, 528 F.2d 143 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 423 U.S. 996 (1975), *cert. denied*, 429 U.S. 837 (1976) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Doolittle*, 507 F.2d 1368 (5th Cir.), *aff’d*, 518 F.2d 500 (5th Cir.), *cert. dismissed*, 423 U.S. 1008 (1975), *cert. denied*, 430 U.S. 905 (1977), (first, fourth, fifth and sixth amendments); *United States v. Sklaroff*, 506 F.2d 837 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 423 U.S. 874 (1975) (first, fourth and fifth amendments); *United States v. Martinez*, 498 F.2d 464 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 419 U.S. 1056 (1974) (first, fourth and fifth amendments); *United States v. James*, 494 F.2d 1007 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 419 U.S. 1020 (1974) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Tortorello*, 480 F.2d 764 (2d Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 414 U.S. 866 (1973) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Cafero*, 473 F.2d 489 (3d Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 417 U.S. 918 (1974) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Cox*, 462 F.2d 1293 (8th Cir. 1972), *cert. denied sub nom. Lewis v. United States*, 417 U.S. 918 (1974), *reh. denied*, 419 U.S. 885 (1974) (first, fourth, fifth and sixth amendments); *United States v. Carubia*, 377 F. Supp. 1099 (E.D.N.Y. 1974) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Curreri*, 363 F. Supp. 430 (D. Md. 1973), *supplemented*, 368 F. Supp. 757 (D. Md. 1973) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Best*, 363 F. Supp. 11 (S.D. Ga. 1973) (first, fourth and fifth amendments); *United States v. Schebergen*, 353 F. Supp. 932 (E.D. Mich. 1973); *United States v. Kohne*, 347 F. Supp. 1178 (W.D. Pa. 1972); *United States v. Cantor*, 328 F. Supp. 561 (E.D. Pa. 1971), *aff’d*, 470 F.2d 890 (3d Cir. 1972) (fourth amendment); *United States v. Escandar*, 319 F. Supp. 295 (S.D. Fla. 1970) (first, fourth and fifth amendments); *Dudley v. State*, 228 Ga. 551, 186 S.E.2d 875 (1972) (first, fourth and fifth amendments).

That article states under III. Diagnosis, Dissection, and Prognostication on page 191 that:

“ An examination of the Maryland act regulating electronic interception of oral or wire communications discloses many similarities to the federal statute. Indeed, it is unmistakable that the federal law served as the guiding light for the Maryland Act .” (See Footnote 45)

Respectfully, the plaintiff calls the attention of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to additional citations and information about wiretapping and electronic surveillance in the Baltimore Law Review of 1978. Under the caption of legislation there is an article entitled: "The 1977 Maryland Wiretapping And Electronic Surveillance Act." In section II Historical Background, following are some comments on "Federal History in a Nutshell." Hopefully, the Court will find this data of some value in its consideration of the Plaintiff's appeal:

"During the first half of this century, the Supreme Court did not regard wiretapping as a search and seizure within the context of the fourth amendment, since wiretapping could be conducted without physical invasion of person or property. (*Olmstead v. United States*, 277 U.S. 438 , 1928.) In handing down its landmark decision in *Katz v. United States*, (389 U.S. 347, 1967), the Court not only rejected the physical invasion theory, but laid the groundwork for enactment the following year of a comprehensive federal wiretapping statute, Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. The *Katz* Court refused to "retroactively validate" (389 U.S. at 356) an unauthorized wiretap even though the investigating agents had carefully circumscribed their search...."

"In *Berger v. New York*, the Court set exacting guidelines for constitutional wiretapping and electronic surveillance, many of which were adopted by Title III. (In footnote number nine in this paragraph electronic surveillance, "as distinguished from wiretapping, is not restricted to interception of telephone conversations; rather, it includes any interception of oral communications through means of an electronic device.

" In *Berger v. New York*, (388 U.S. 41, 1967), moreover, some of the guidelines set by the court for wiretapping and electronic surveillance were: (1) a neutral magistrate; (2) a warrant stating with particularity the specific crime which had been or was being committed and the type of conversation sought; (3) an authorization period of less than two months; (4) a showing of probable cause for extensions of the authorization period; (5) a termination date for interception set for the date on which the conversation sought is obtained (6) a giving of notice to the subject of the wiretap or a showing of exigent circumstances justifying the failure to give notice; and (7) a return of the warrant and all seized materials to the issuing magistrate."

After the above historical background on the Federal History in a Nutshell, this article on the 1977 Maryland Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Act then proceeds to discuss (wiretapping and electronic surveillance) in Early Maryland History . Further analysis of this article is beyond the scope of the Appellant's request to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of James Forman, the Appellant v. Kenneth W. Starr, the Defendant.

For emphasis, however, the Appellant does call the attention of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to the United States Supreme Court Decision of *Katz v. United States* (389 U.S. 347, 1967) which is highlighted in the present analyzed article in the Baltimore Law Review.

On the question of tape recordings

In the Court's Memorandum Opinion paragraphs three, four, and five speak to the Plaintiff's position on the tapes that had been reported in the possession of Linda Tripp by various news sources. The Plaintiff did not assert, nor did the Court say this, that Linda Tripp had these tapes, for the Plaintiff at that time did not have any concrete proof that Linda Tripp definitely and without question had tapes that she had made from telephone conversations with Monica S. Lewinsky or tapes that were made of any or parts of those conversations without the knowledge of Monica S. Lewinsky.

The Court did say, however, that the "Plaintiff alleges that Linda Tripp, an employee of the Department of Defense, may have recorded conversation that he (should be that she) had with Monica Lewinsky, a former Defense employee. Plaintiff does not allege that such recordings actually exist, but argues that, if they do exist, they run afoul of federal and state prohibitions against wiretapping....Plaintiff asks the Court to prohibit use of this information in any forum, including grand jury proceedings.

"Plaintiff most likely lacks standing to bring this claim, because he does not allege that he is injured-in-fact--he does not allege that he himself is injured at all--or that a favorable decision from this Court would redress his injury. Furthermore, plaintiff does not even allege that these recordings actually exist, thus rendering the redress of injuries more speculative."

Earlier in this appeal to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the Plaintiff has concretely expressed how he is injured and how a Temporary Restraining Order or injunction against using tapes in any hearing or trial by the Independent Counsel or his office that violate various Supreme Court decisions and Public Laws of the United States of America would redress those injuries.

But the District Court without a hearing dismissed the Plaintiff's case, making it impossible for the Plaintiff to ask the Defendant if he had any tapes or transcripts of conversations between Linda R. Tripp and Monica S. Lewinsky and did he plan to use those in any court hearing or Grand Jury proceedings.

Since the Court's Memorandum Opinion filed on February 4, 1998, the Plaintiff has read excerpts from an alleged transcribed portion of those tapes that appeared on page thirty-five in the February 2, 1998 edition of Newsweek magazine. The Plaintiff respectfully now presents to this Court of Appeals a copy of that alleged transcription as Exhibit Number One.

American Jurisprudence and Wiretapping

In the second edition of Volume 74 of American Jurisprudence, A Modern Comprehensive Text Statement of American Law, published in 1974 by the Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company (Rochester, New York) and Bancroft-Whitney Company (San Francisco, CA), there is a discussion in XIII from pages 527 to 542 about the Interception and Divulgence of Communications: Wiretapping. There are many citations in this section. At this point the Plaintiff calls the attention of the Court of Appeals For The District of Columbia Circuit to the opening lines in Section 209 of this discussion without referring to all of the many citations or proof for the statements:

“Under acts of Congress and state legislation, it is unlawful to intercept, reveal the existence of, and disclose or divulge the contents of, wire or oral communications, unless the interceptor has previously obtained an order of a court permitting a wiretap or other interception of the communication, or one party has consented to the interception. A violation of such statutes is a criminal offense, the communication may not be received in evidence, and a civil action for damages may lie....”

The second paragraph in section 209 describes the Constitutional authority for restrictions on wire tapping: “The principal basis for striking down state statutes allowing, or for restricting the permissible scope of, wiretaps and electronic eavesdropping on conversations, is the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United StatesA wiretap or a conversation over a telephone, or an electronic listening device which enables others to overhear oral statements which the speaker intends to be private, constitutes a “search and seizure” of a “thing” under the Amendment.

Footnote three: *Katz v United States*, 389 US 347, 19 L Ed 2d 576, 88 S Ct 507; *People v. Green*, 63 Misc 2d 435, 312 NYS2d 290

“The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States governs not only the seizure of tangible property, but extends as well to the overhearing or recoding of oral statements which may be overheard without any technical trespass as defined by a local property law. The Fourth Amendment protects people, and not simply areas, against unreasonable searches and seizures.” *Katz v United States*, 389 US 347, 19 L Ed 2d 576, 88 S Ct 507.

Summation and Conclusion

The Appellant wishes to thank in advance the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for its consideration of Appellant's appeal of the District Court's denial of Plaintiff's Complaint and request for a Temporary Restraining Order. The Appellant also regrets the dismissal of his case by the District Court without a hearing.

In this appeal the Appellant has tried to cite instances or cases that have already been decided by the United States Supreme Court, especially *Charles Katz, Petitioner v. United States* (cited as 389 U.S. 347, 88 S. Ct. 507). Along with a few others, a copy of that case is respectfully submitted in this brief for the consideration of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Civil Action No.

98-270 (TFH)

JAMES FORMAN

Plaintiff

vs.

KENNETH W STARR

Defendant

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of FEBRUARY, 1998, that

JAMES FORMAN

hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from

the judgment of this Court entered on the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1998

favor of KENNETH W. STARR

against said JAMES FORMAN

I AM APPEALING TO
DENIAL AND CASE DISMISSAL

James Forman
Attorney or Pro Se Litigant

(Pursuant to Rule 4(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure a notice of appeal in a civil action must be filed within 30 days after the date of entry of judgment or 60 days if the United States or officer or agency is a party)

CLERK

Please mail copies of the above Notice of Appeal to the following at the addresses indicated:

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WASHINGTON, DC 20530
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United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 98-5029

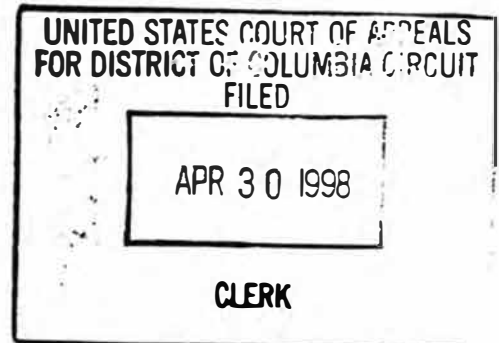
September Term, 1997

98cv00270

James Forman,
Appellant

v.

Kenneth W. Starr, U.S. Independent Counsel,
Appellee



BEFORE: Wald, Silberman, and Tatel, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the motion for summary reversal, the opposition thereto, and the motion for summary affirmance, the response thereto and supplement to the response, it is

ORDERED that the motion for summary reversal be denied. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion for summary affirmance be granted, substantially for the reasons stated in the district court's order filed February 3, 1998. The merits of the parties' positions are so clear as to warrant summary action. See Taxpayers Watchdog, Inc. v. Stanley, 819 F.2d 294, 297 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (per curiam); Walker v. Washington, 627 F.2d 541, 545 (D.C. Cir.) (per curiam), cert. denied, 449 U.S. 994 (1980).

The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after disposition of any timely petition for rehearing. See D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

Per Curiam

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Yes _____
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President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton,

I can understand your outrage over the nuclear explosion of India, but may I quote from the Bhagavad Gita, India's Robert Oppenheimer quoted when the first atomic bomb Time, destroyer of the people."

C.

For nearly four decades I have lived in America to which I came as a Fulbright scholar in 1959. I have tried to bring together peoples of the world, as witnessed by translations of my books into more than sixteen languages. The latest is from the People's Republic of China, which has published my book *Gandhi the Man* in Chinese.

According to our publishers in India, my commentary entitled *The Bhagavad Gita for Daily Living* is a bestseller. These volumes were written as a commentary on the Gita to bring the U.S. and the Soviet Union closer together instead of plunging the world in a nuclear holocaust. I do hope these three volumes will influence the thoughts of leading politicians in India.

I am aware of the immense power you wield and would ask you to exercise it not to hurt poor countries but to bring them together.

Yours respectfully,



Eknath Easwaran

P.S. I am sending under separate cover an article written for the BLUE MOUNTAIN JOURNAL and hope you will find time to consider it.



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May 14, 1998

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. I think of you often and look forward to our next visit together.

Our 1998 American Taekwondo Association World Championships are taking place June 9-14, 1998. It would be a great honor if you could send a letter of greeting to be placed in our program book. We would love to have you make a welcoming speech in person, but at such short notice, I am sure your schedule is full. However, if you happen to be in Little Rock, we would be honored by your presence. Enclosed is a sample letter you may wish to print onto your letterhead.

Please contact me if I can be of service to you. Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

5-20-98

Grand Master H. U. Lee
President and Founder
American Taekwondo Association

To Burkhardt for reply?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Should we do it?

June 13, 1998

Grand Master Haeng Ung Lee
President and Founder
American Taekwondo Association
6210 Baseline Road
Little Rock, AR 72209

Dear Grand Master Lee:

I am so proud of you and the ATA for your hard work and success in improving the lives of so many people through Songahm Taekwondo. Bringing Taekwondo to the United States from its Motherland of Korea was a huge benefit for those of us who have had the chance to make it a part of our lives.

Taekwondo challenges the human spirit. It demands long hours of disciplined practice and draws upon previously untapped resources of energy and talent. When your training is finally put to the test, you push the limits of your potential. Though martial arts training is never complete, the journey to mastery leaves participants enriched physically, mentally and spiritually.

Your strength and inner spirit are goals that others can aim to achieve. You are truly a resource to the United States and Korea together. Both countries have benefitted by your presence and your success.

Please relay my greetings to the participants and spectators gather in Little Rock for the 1998 American Taekwondo Association World Championships. It is with great pleasure that I wish you all best wishes for a fun and successful tournament.

Sincerely,

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States

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PAUL NEWMAN

May 7, 1998

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Enclosed is a letter that I sent to the USDA, and I wanted very much to call it directly to your attention. There's something definitely amiss here.

Joanne joins me in sending best personal wishes,

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PN/do
Enclosure

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Send to Benskyrdt?

Yes ☒
No ☐

C.

PAUL NEWMAN

April 30, 1998

Ms. Eileen Stommes
Deputy Administrator
USDA-AM-TM-NOP, Room 4007
Ag Stop 0275, P.O. Box 96456
Washington, DC 20090-6456

Dear Ms. Stommes:

I wish to submit comment on the proposed rule for the National Organic Standards docket # TMD-94-00-2.

Several years ago my daughter, Nell, started the organic arm of Newman's Own. The company flourishes, holds to the highest standards, and gives its after tax profits to charity.

The Organic Farming movement was founded with the concept that consumers in America ought to be given the opportunity to put food on the table that was not contaminated by synthetic, artificial, and, in many cases, dangerous chemicals, and that they had a fundamental right to know how their food was grown.

In 1989 the organic industry came to the USDA and proposed that, instead of each state having their own organic standards, the government create a national organic standard. It is not often that an industry asks to be regulated. Well, the regulations came out and, unfortunately, like many government efforts, were soiled and mutilated in intent by special interest groups.

The USDA basically rejected five years of detailed input from the National Organic Standards Board and rewrote the law, it appears, to aid and comfort heads of bio-technology, pesticide manufacturers, the dairy, cattle, and poultry industry. The USDA having repudiated farmers and consumers, by making recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on approved and prohibited substances. Contrary to the NOSB recommendation, USDA has raised the question whether synthetic substances, sewage sludge, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides be allowed in organic production systems. These questions, which never should have been proposed in the first place, hide the numerous

Ms. Eileen Stommes

April 30, 1998

Page Two

defects in the proposed rule itself. For example, adopting unwarranted criteria to accept what they define as "incidental additives," allowing illegal substances, which were never recommended by the NOSB to the Secretary of Agriculture, but were actually opposed officially.

It is heartbreaking to see the idealism of the organic movement subverted, especially when they placed their faith in a government they trusted. Organic Farming, to me, always represented idealism, purity, and high standards not often found in the market place. It is especially disheartening to see this movement fall victim to special interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul H. Anderson", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

PN/do

cc: President William J. Clinton
Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.

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Dear Nancy,

Paul asked if I could get this to the President.

I hope we can get together **soon!!**

Your Fan,

Liz
Thank you!!

p.s. Did Rebecca get her flowers?

...readiness day, but
day's calamity could run even
president of the Maryland Jockey Club
Baltimore track, said Monday that the
the damage might not be determined
"The worst fallout is something we can't re-

DAN BURKHARDT

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fect game at Yankee
chunk of concrete."

— David Letterman, in his monologue opening his TV
show Monday night, talking about the perfect game guest
David Wells pitched Sunday for the New York Yankees
against the Minnesota Twins.

Written by Oscar Dixon with staff and wire reports

SPORTS PEOPLE

Flanigan promotes literacy



Jim Flanigan

Jim Flanigan travels around the country running down
NFL quarterbacks for a living, but
this week he's on the road to raise
awareness of child literacy. The Chi-
cago Bears defensive end is in the
middle of a six-state literacy cam-
paign, the Great American Book
Drive, that started Monday in Chica-
go and ends Friday in Washington,
D.C. "It's going well," Flanigan said
after stops at elementary schools in
Chicago and South Bend, Ind. "Ev-
erybody has to be able to read to be
successful." Through his nonprofit
organization, the James Flanigan
Foundation, and with the help of United Parcel Service,
Flanigan shipped more than 4,000 books to elementary
schools a month ago for students to write reports on. At
each stop, Flanigan picks up the reports and takes them to
the next stop on the trip for other students to read. Flanigan
said he conducts book readings and exchanges at the
schools, and students are given prizes provided by the
drive's sponsors (UPS, Ford Motor Co., and Literacy
Volunteers of America). But there is very little sports talk.
Flanigan, 26, a bachelor and Notre Dame graduate, was the
valedictorian of his high school class. His mother, Susan, a
retired English teacher, said her son's interest in reading
started when he was young. "We always enjoyed reading
and this is a terrific way for him to share his interests. When
he was younger, we always had projects like this."

By Oscar Dixon

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

5-20-98

I should do a little
more about (travel) when
to him —



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

May 19, 1998

William Jefferson Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing you again regarding your trip to Africa. It was rich in symbolism and substance. You defined a new framework and a new philosophy. And, you promised new relationships and more resources to assist Africa's political, social, and economic development. Unfortunately, there are forces at work, I believe, that are quickly deflating the euphoria and dimming the hope that you created, Mr. President, and this is a source of great concern to me.

Last week, I met with the Chairman of the House Appropriations/Foreign Operations Subcommittee. Despite our large budget surplus, Mr. Callahan expects to cut foreign assistance appropriations next year. Not only does he doubt there will be funding available to meet the promises you made during the trip to increase overall funding to Africa, he even thought the small \$14 million FY 1999 request for the African Development Foundation would be reduced! Unfortunately, since the trip, there does not seem to have been sufficient follow-up consultations with the Congress or strong advocacy for your new initiatives by concerned agencies, nor do I see any plans underway for funding assistance to Africa at the higher level you announced.

It is critical, Mr. President, that we maintain the optimism and momentum of your historic trip. We need to reassure people, as you assured Mr. Mandela, that we will not sacrifice aid for trade. We need a clear commitment of additional financial resources and a strong commitment of political will to advocate for your new initiatives and increased funding. I am concerned that we ensure your credibility, here and abroad. After years of neglecting Africa, we finally got it right -- we know we have clear national interests and national values that require us to be engaged with this magnificent continent and her wonderful people. We must not lose this opportunity to take concrete actions and *do* what is right.

As always, Mr. President, you can count on my assistance and support in advancing your goals.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Green
Chairman of the Board

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MORTON REINSTEIN
Certified Public Accountant
4311 KENNEDY BLVD., NORTH BERGEN, N.J. 07047
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FAX: (201) 865-0222

MEMORANDUM

May 7 '98

Dear Mr. Heinrich,

Hopefully You are able To
Pass this letter on To the President.

IT was suggested by Mr. Denise
Rick of New York To forward
this letter To Your attention.

Any thing You are able
To do will be most Sincerely
Appreciated. If You possibly
have the time To read the
Enclosed, You will understand
the urgency of the situation.

5/21/98

Thank You
Mort Reinstein

Phil -
To Whom do
we send this?

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... FOR A BETTER TOMORROW...

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FAX. : (201) 866 - 1032

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May 4, 1998
Certified #Z-325-102-729

United States Department of Education
Default Management Division
Portals Building, Room 6300
600 Independence Avenue S. W.
Washington, DC 20202-5353

**ATTN: Suzanne M. Duval, Director
Default Management Division**

**RE: New Horizons Institute of Cosmetology, Inc.
AKA New Horizons Beauty School
OPE - ID # 022237**

Dear Ms. Duval:

In response to your letter of March 4, 1998 I respectfully offer the following comments.

On page 2 of your March 4th letter you note the Department's steps taken to ensure equal treatment citing that Sallie Mae has multi lingual representatives on their staff to assist in the collection of guaranteed students loans from students that speak languages other than English.

In the very next paragraph you go on to say "As indicated above the Department has investigated the practices and examined the default rates and is consequently convinced that students are being served well in their native language.

Ms. Duval, I respectfully inquire as to when Sallie Mae began the practice of employing these multi lingual representatives? As prior correspondence will verify I first introduced the question of the proper servicing of Limited English Proficient (L.E.P.) students in our servicing error appeal for cohort year 1992. Ms. Gervasio of NJOSA, forwarded that appeal to Ms. Tara Porter soliciting her guidance as to the unique issue. When our cohort year 1992 servicing appeal was finally responded to, no mention was included therein as to the issue of the language barrier and its effect as to our Hispanic borrowers. The same issue was raised in our cohort year 1993 appeal, and subsequently again not addressed, that is until the Department's letter of December 24, 1997, at which time the issue was tabled noting "The issue is being separately considered by the Department."

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- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

As a result of the above action taken, or in this case, apparently not taken, how can the Department terminate New Horizons from participating in the loan program effective September 1997 when an issue of this magnitude was still awaiting the Department's decision. That decision was finally issued in your letter of March 4, 1998. I reiterate that I introduced this issue in our 1992 appeal and it was never finally, officially addressed until March 4, 1998. At the meeting of October 23, 1997, conducted in Congressman Menendez' office, attended by Jim Gette, Esq., of the Department, and Mr. John Oberg of Legislative Affairs, among others, I clearly recall Mr. Oberg's comment as to the importance of the language issue and the fact that it must be immediately resolved, again, this issue, introduced in cohort year 1992 was not officially addressed until March 4, 1998.

As it pertains to your comments in that March 4th letter it clearly appears that the Department based its opinions solely on logic. I base this conclusion on your use of the word "Consequently," which Webster's dictionary defines as, "A result; by logical inference; therefore." I have always been of the opinion that when fact is available, and such fact serves to contradict a logical conclusion, fact must in all cases prevail. As a result I respectfully disagree with your logical conclusion upon which you have appeared to have relied, thereby simply dismissing a most important issue that has waited years as to be resolved.

Congressman Menendez personally provided Secretary Riley with three Sallie Mae servicing records which served to clearly indicate, by Sallie Mae's own admission, that Sallie Mae callers were unable to speak with the Hispanic borrowers since the student called could not speak English. I believe this to be fact and as such the data to be relied upon, rather than simply that Sallie Mae has employed bilingual representatives therefore all Hispanic borrowers are being served well in their native language, but the fact is that all Hispanic students were not being served well in their native language. This fact is clearly established within the three Sallie Mae documents presented to the Secretary.

I refer you to the recent Advanced Career Training Federal Court decision that states, "The Secretary cannot consider loan servicing to have been performed if the loan servicing is done in a way which completely negates its function in preventing default" (Lexis 12776 AT 47 - 48), therefore if the servicer cannot communicate with the student then the very function of servicing, to prevent defaults, is negated and affected borrowers, including defaulted borrowers in the Schools FY 1993 cohort default rate must be removed.

In New Horizon's case the Secretary was provided with factual evidence that at least 3 Limited English Proficiency students were not serviced in a correct manner.

Our cohort year 1993 CDR has recently been corrected to 25.3% (46/185). The removal of only one of the L.E.P. students who did not receive proper servicing would serve to lower the 1993 CDR to below 25%.

The issue of Gladys Coloma, SSN: (b)(6) and the Department's decision as to her defaulting in cohort year 1993, rather than 1994 as we originally contended still serves to strike me as erroneous, especially because of a letter written by Assistant Secretary, David A. Longanecker, dated May 14, 1997, and forwarded to the Honorable Richard Neal stating that, "A borrower has no obligation to stay in touch with a school after leaving the school and is not required to inform the school of status or other changes. In contrast, the guaranty agency and the lender are responsible for tracking a loan and the borrower is under a legal obligation to inform the lender of changes in

address or status. More over, the lender and the agency are involved in regular collection efforts of the loan and are more likely to learn of changes in borrower "status." This statement by Assistant Secretary Longanecker appears to contradict your interpretation as presented in your December 24th letter. On page 2 it is specifically noted that the student never notified the lender or the guarantee agency of her status and because of such, the Department deemed her as defaulting in cohort year 1993 rather than rightfully in cohort year 1994. It has been established that the student began attending a school of higher learning within the grace period, yet because she failed to notify anyone of her plans, New Horizons is punished. The Secretary clearly states the responsibility for tracking is that of the lender and that of the guarantee agency. Specifically the letter states, "A borrower has no obligation to stay in touch with a school after leaving and is not required to inform the school of status or other changes." That being the Secretary's position how do you justify punishing New Horizons since the onus is clearly stated to be the responsibility of the lender, the guarantee agency, and the student.

Parenthetically, when New Horizons subsequently became aware of Ms. Coloma's beginning classes at Hudson County Community College, the school immediately notified the guarantee agency and communicated the information to the lender. NJOSA accepted our position and subsequently published our rate at under 25%.

Ms. Duval, based upon Secretary Longanecker's statement, how, in all good conscious can New Horizons be deemed responsible for the students actions or lack of same?

I also wish to know how Ms. Coloma was able to subsequently receive a Pell grant while she was in attendance at Hudson County Community College if she was truly in default?

For the record I call attention to the indiscriminate use by the lenders of day Specific as opposed to month specific. We have instances of students with similar, if not same, LDA's in cohort year 1993, yet some are determined as defaulting by use of month specific, others by use of day specific. This arbitrary use of method served to place at least 2 students as defaulting in CDR 1993 rather than in CDR 1994.

Congress clearly intended the method to be used to be day specific. When I questioned NJOSA as to the arbitrary method used, I received a response advising me that although day specific is the method prescribed, it is impracticable to use since the networking systems are not completely linked as yet. That letter was previously forwarded to the Department. I can only deduce that because the established method was impracticable in some cases, New Horizons is charged with two additional defaults. Recalling that we are one default over the threshold it appears the continued existence of New Horizons is being jeopardized by a computer deficiency.

New Horizons timely submitted a mitigating circumstances appeal in 1994. Our independent Certified Public Accountant timely submitted an attestation which served to verify our percentages, which complied with the necessary mandates. Subsequently our appeal was denied since the Department's callers were unable to locate shops and or students. Again the language barrier is cited as having something to do with the Department's ultimate findings. To have the attestation done was expensive. On October 23, 1997 when I attended the meeting in Congressman Menendez' office I had the opportunity to ask Mr. Gette why if the required attestation substantiated our percentiles were we rejected. He replied, believe it or not, that the Department does not place any

credence on a CPA's attestation rather, because it is known to be expensive it is only required as a device to discourage schools from availing themselves of the opportunity to file such an appeal, substantially decreasing the number of applications that would be filed. I find this to be the height of unfairness and unjust treatment.

Approximately 5 months prior to the October 23rd meeting we solicited the Department's mitigating circumstances work sheets. Finally, on October 23rd the day of the meeting, Mr. Gette provided them to me. Thus we were prevented from analyzing same prior to meeting with the Department representatives.

Again, I consider this to be highly unfair and unjust.

As it pertains to James Flood, SSN: (b)(6) your letter establishes that the data we relied upon, October 7, 1992, was correct, at the time. The Guaranty Agency subsequently revised that data to be August 25, 1992. Therefore the information we based our appeal on was flawed because NJOSA had not upgraded the system and subsequently failed to inform us of the alleged correction.

Ms. Duval, I could go on and on as to my feelings as to the treatment given to New Horizons, such as the undated PCA.s and Mr. Gette not providing us with the necessary material for months after we requested same, and our doubts as to Ms. Aida Jaquez, SSN: (b)(6) receiving a PCA letter in sufficient time to react properly. Ms. Jaquez is also a L.E.P. student.

The Department and the Congress have both received petitions and letters from such groups as the entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation in which they note the Department's admission that errors were made by NLSD but it was immaterial and irrelevant that the incorrect data is being used. Ms. Duval, as we find ourselves 4/10 of 1 point over the threshold, the difference of one defaulter, I have a difficult time digesting the use of the word immaterial. Letters from United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and the entire Hispanic Congressional Caucus all attest, to what they call the discriminatory practices falling upon our Hispanic population. I must admit that I concur with that allegation since it is the Hispanic student that suffer from the Department's failure to recognize that proper servicing is not, nor was it ever, satisfactorily provided to these students of Hispanic background.

Cohort year 1993 was unique in that it was the first time the pre-publication appeal was required. Our financial director, Ms. Mercedes Guzman erred by omitting listing 4 students who were clearly in repayment for cohort year 1993. Again the language barrier. To the best of my knowledge no multilingual instructions were provided as to the new requirement. Subsequently I realized the error made and NJOSA was immediately notified. NJOSA agreed that these four individuals did factually belong as repayments for cohort year 1993, but, again the DOE refused to consider them since they were not properly listed in the new pre publication required submission. Therefore fact was set aside, and again technicality prevailed, again to our detriment.

Cohort year 1993 was unique in another way. Due to errors made by The National Student Loan Data System the official default rates previously mailed to all schools had to be recalled. Subsequently a second recall became necessary due to errors again made by the NSLDS. Before the first recall, we had notified NJOSA of the omission of 4 students that should have been listed as entering repayment. Yet the Department rejected them since they were not listed in the Pre-publication Appeal. As late as December 24, 1997 the Department notified us of an error they made

due to a mix up with names and social security numbers. this correction was to our benefit. However, the point being made is the appearance of a double standard. We omitted the entry of 4 students on the newly required Pre-publication appeal and even though we notified the guarantee agency of the correction prior to the issuance of the recalls our correction was rejected, therefore it would appear that the Department can err and enjoy the privilege of correcting their errors. I profess that due to the recalls the period was reopened and our 4 students should have been entered as repayments. Recognizing this early correction and accepting same based on the facts would have served to lower our rate to under the 25% threshold. I believe this to be a double standard. Even the Internal Revenue Service which has been admonished only recently allows a taxpayer to present new evidence upon the receipt of a change in taxes made by the Service. Same government, yet different standards?

In 1994 New Horizons retained a default management agency, at its own expense. That agency employs Spanish speaking representatives. The result speaks for itself. Our official cohort year 1995 rate is published as being 13.3%, far below the threshold necessary.

I take the position that because the Department authorized a reconsideration of our cohort year 1993 default rate, the issue of our 1993 rate remained open. Since our official 1995 default rate was published well before your official response to our 1993 reconsideration our three consecutive years of determination would be 1993, 1994, and 1995. That being the case our last three years would not each exceed 25%.

I am aware that the Secretary has the power to use his discretion as to termination of schools participating in the title IV program. In this light I respectfully and confidentially offer what I hope will only be construed to be mitigating circumstances.

Marion Reinstein, my wife, has been the president of New Horizons since its inception. In 1966, when our first child was born, Marion was diagnosed as having malignant melanoma. Subsequently she went through several surgical procedures and many treatments. In 1992 she again had to face surgery, this time for the removal of a kidney. Marion was scheduled to attend the meeting in Congressman Menendez' office on October 23, 1997, but she was precluded from attending since she had to have a growth removed from a cranial area. Lastly, and hopefully finally, she had to have a tumor removed from her thyroid which the biopsy indicated to contain suspicious cells. She presently takes daily medication for that condition, as well as regular examinations.

The reason I bring this to your attention is to explain that due to her condition which obviously limited her in 1993 and 1994, she was unable to attend to her responsibilities at New Horizons as she normally did. At times she was severely limited.

New Horizons is unique as being authorized by the State of New Jersey to provide training in English or Spanish. Our State Licensing body administers the examination for our Spanish registered students in their native language.

All of our printed material such as, texts, manuals, contracts, and all written contacts with our Hispanic students is provided in their native language including but not limited to warning letters as to repayment tardiness, and explanation of all pertinent information necessary to provide them with a full awareness of their loan and other obligations. We give bilingual monthly assemblies stressing their loan obligations. In fact, we were commended by members of the Department's New

York Regional Default Management Office upon conclusion of their attendance at one of our monthly assemblies.

Our tuition is the lowest in our State and less than half of that charged by neighboring schools. Our services to our community, especially our senior citizens is widely known. Congressman Menendez, in whose district we are located, has visited our school several times and I feel sure, that if asked, he will vouch as to the integrity of New Horizons.

Recently Congressman Menendez forwarded to me a copy of a letter he received from Assistant Secretary Longanecker, dated March 26, 1998. In that letter the Secretary indicates that the three Sallie Mae servicing records were received by the Department. He goes on to say that documentation supplied by the guaranty agency demonstrates that effective communication did take place. Respectfully I must take exception to that statement since the documents I provided clearly noted, in all three cases that effective communication did not take place as evidenced by entries clearly stating that the student called could not speak English or the student called spoke a foreign language. Again I note the recent decision of the Advanced Career Training Court Case. In our case there was no way that communication could be made effectively, therefore the efforts were fruitless. The Department has these documents. The Secretary then goes on to address mitigating circumstances and states, "If the Department is unable to confirm employment due to a language barrier between Department representatives and employees the school is given the benefit of any doubt and the borrower will be considered as a successfully employed former student."

When we received the Department's response to our mitigating circumstances appeal we immediately solicited and found shop owners each of whom provided affidavits establishing the correctness of the employment dates. These documents were provided to the Department on November 7, 1997, verifying data we had originally submitted. I am not aware of receiving any benefits of any doubt.

Mention is made of the bilingual personnel Sallie Mae has on staff, however, neither that letter, or your letter of March 4, 1998, mention when these employees were retained. Our appeal is for cohort year 1993, the question arises as to when the bilingual employees were retained. I think it fair and within my right to ask for this information and also provide me with the names and titles of the representatives making the specific calls to the specific 3 students involved. It is a matter of concern how documents as clear as the Sallie Mae servicing records provided can be construed to be evidence of effective communication. Parenthetically, none of our student recall ever receiving a letter from the Department, Lender, or Guaranty Agency pertaining to loan status, written in the Spanish language.

More over, even if Sallie Mae had multilingual representatives on staff during the 1993 cohort year it is certainly possible that effective calls were not made. The presence of multilingual personnel does not assure me that calls made, if that be the case, were actually conducted in the borrower's native-language. It is for this reason that I have earlier in this letter requested you provide me with records supporting the effective nature of the calls, especially as it applies to the 3 Hispanic borrowers whom Congressman Menendez provided the Department with records for, and Assistant Secretary Longanecker verified as being received.

Ms. Duval, I am 64 years of age, and I have dedicated 18 years of my life to the operation of New Horizons, as has my wife. I just cannot understand how based upon the information presented you see fit to terminate us from title IV program. When I entered military service, many, many years

ago I learned the need to survive. I was much younger then and admittedly as I become older, this current sequence of events has taken it toll upon me, however I am committed to see it through.

As it pertains to my privilege and right to seek other remedies, filing an action in the New Jersey Federal Courts is an alternative, to be considered. I am very aware that legal fees for litigation of this sort are substantial. However, recognizing that there is never a guarantee of success and further recognizing that due to our removal from the student loan program our budget will be strained I am convinced that our Hispanic borrowers were wronged, and possibly discriminated against as to the ineffective manner in which they were served in cohort year 1993 and years previous. New Horizons is committed to right these wrongs.

I sincerely hope that a costly and time consuming legal battle may be avoided by the Department's recognition of the merits of the issues I have enumerated in this letter. I repeat that our current rate for cohort year 1993 is 25.3%, 4/10 of one point over the threshold. The removal of one defaulter would serve lower our rate to under 25%.

The HEA Act of 1965 was created by the Congress to enable qualified students to be able to fund their education with the government's assistance. I am of the opinion that due to the Department's hyper-technical and sometimes unreasonable and arbitrary interpretation of the regulations the purpose for which the law was created has been diluted.

New Horizons serves a highly ethnic area, in the inner city. West New York, New Jersey has been listed as one of 3 most economically disadvantaged cities in New Jersey. It is here, in West New York, New Jersey where the full benefit of the HEA Act of 1965 is most needed, as opposed to the affluent suburbs. New Horizons serves to remove individuals from the unemployment and welfare rolls as a result of the training they provide. We prepare graduates to be self supporting and to redeem their pride.

There is no school in New Jersey that provides the excellence of training that is provided by New Horizons, yet for 4/10 of one point the Department has seen fit to remove us from the loan program.

The Secretary has made the statement that he will not put up with any discrimination, and I commend him for that. However, understandably, he is removed from the trenches of the innercity thereby, not aware of the way our Hispanic borrowers are being served. I doubt if any member of the Department would be able to look a Hispanic borrower in the eye and tell him, or her, that they are being treated fairly by sharing equally in equal access to education.

As the Department is aware, our official cohort year 1995 default rate is 13.3%. Earlier this week, we received our preliminary cohort year 1996 rate which is published to be 7.1%.

I would rather hope and pray that upon careful review you will find merit within this lengthy presentation. Merit enough to eliminate but one student defaulting in cohort year 1993.

The message on the Department's stationery, "Our mission is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation," leaves me with the question as to are our Hispanic students, those categorized as Limited English Proficient being treated fairly or are they in one way or another being discriminated against as noted by the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, the Hispanic Association of Universities and Colleges, the Hispanic Congressional

Caucus, the Hispanic National Chamber of Commerce, and the several communications you received from Congressman Menendez.

I ask this in good faith. Hopefully this issue can be ultimately resolved amicably and fairly.

If you deem it at all possible I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you so as to provide you with all the documentation referred to in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Morton Reinstein
Executive Director

MR/il



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

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May 8, 1998

Dear Mr. President,

Unemployment at 4.3 percent is fantastic news. You ought to get a huge amount of credit. The Larry Lindsey piece in the WSJ is not correct. You deserve more credit than President Reagan does for controlling the budget, getting the Uruguay Round and NAFTA done, and continuing the deregulation that started in the 70s. These are the policies that make the New Economy possible.

Inflation of course is going to be an issue, but I've won a lot of lunches betting against the NAIRU over the past four years and I expect to win more. Unemployment could even go lower without risk. There just aren't the kinds of market power that caused inflation until the mid-80s. The formerly regulated industries have falling prices. The energy cartel is dead. There has been de facto "deregulation" in the cost-plus defense industry, and there are no more administered prices in dozens of industries where they existed in the 1970s. So out-of-bounds wage increases made possible by the ability to pass on costs aren't a problem either and the most powerful productivity-enhancers --- computers --- are getting better and cheaper. Speculation could be a problem, as you know, but that is what the bank regulators are supposed to restrain.

I'm glad Paula got to see you and Hillary with Don Bandler Wednesday night. I'll get the details when she gets back from Frankfurt Saturday.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul A. London

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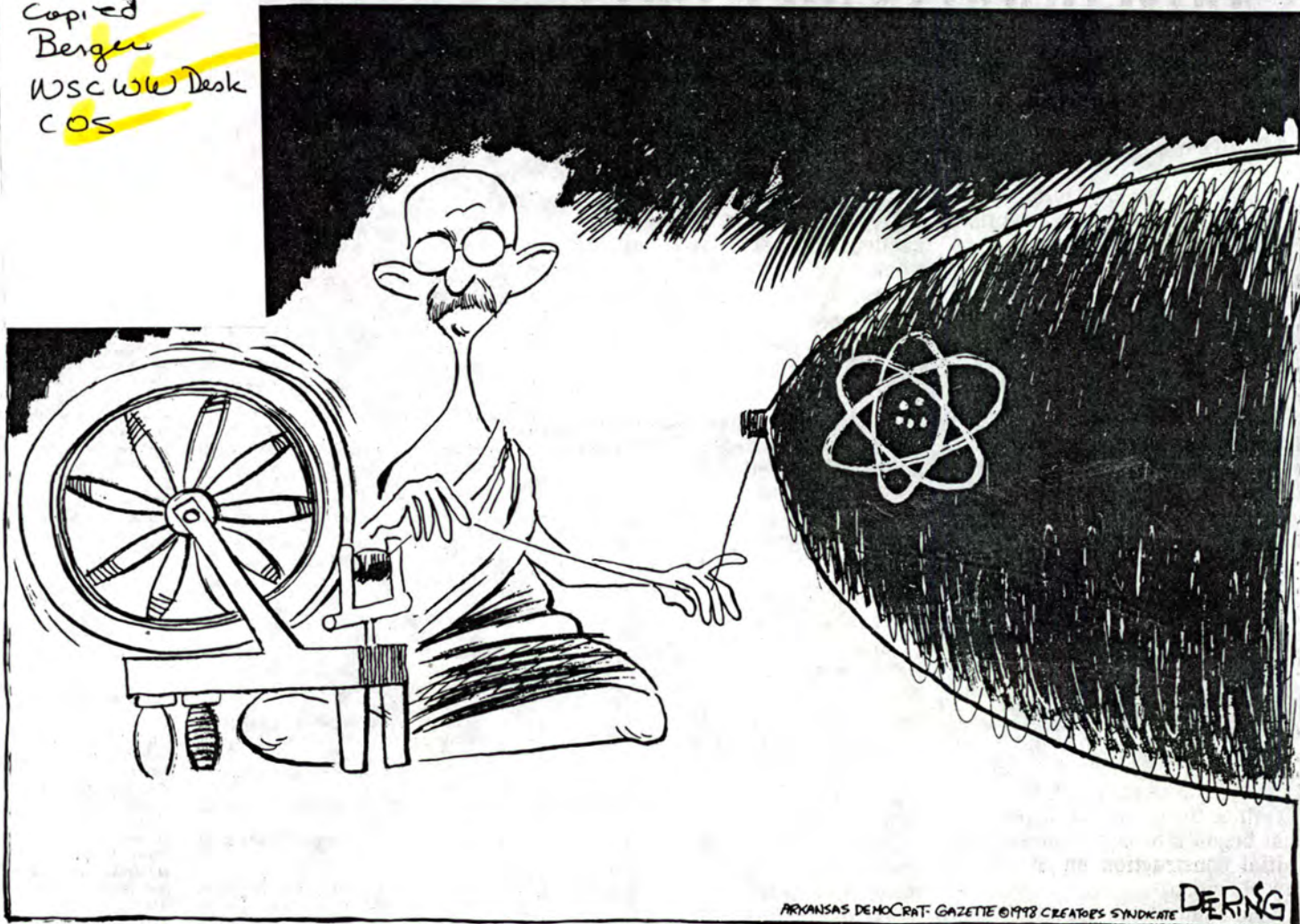
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Dear Mr. President,

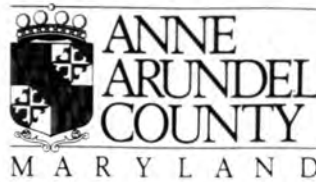
Congratulations on your leadership role in the Irish peace process. The decision on Sunday by Sinn Fein to endorse the agreement and participate in the new Assembly could never have happened had you not cleared the path for their move to embrace democratic means. The Adams visit led directly to here. And without Sinn Fein and the loyalist parties the agreement would fail.

I have been pleased to have access to some of your NSC staff to provide advice and information along the way. Please call on me any time I can be of help.

My best to Hilary.

Sincerely
Bruce

Larry W. Tolliver
Chief of Police



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May 19, 1998

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Good info sent

Dear Mr. President:

I write to thank you for your effective leadership in the area of law enforcement and to share with you a multifaceted program to combat substance abuse which is having astounding results in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I also write to seek your guidance about possible sources of federal funds which may help us to expand and extend this impressive program.

On December 1, 1997, John Gary, County Executive in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, initiated a three-pronged approach to dealing with substance abuse. The program addresses enforcement, prevention, and treatment and rehabilitation. This multi-disciplinary approach crosses the traditional boundaries of agencies and authorities to bring together the talents and resources needed to reduce our drug problem.

The attached document spells out in more detail the comprehensive program. Included below are samples of the impressive results so far of related law enforcement activities:

- An interdiction unit formulated to target the transportation of drugs imported and exported through our country has cooperated with package delivery and freight companies to intercept and seize nearly \$7 million in drugs in the past six months, an increase of 1200% over the same period last year.
- We have expanded our D.A.R.E. program into the middle schools and have vigorously enforced underage tobacco laws, writing more than 500 juvenile citations for underage smoking and truancy. We also are educating students and their parents about substance abuse through newsletters.
- In cooperation with local newspapers, we have started a clip-a-tip program in which readers may fill in a form printed in the newspaper to advise us anonymously of drug activity. This successful effort has yielded more than one hundred tips to date.

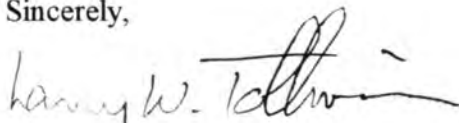
Enforcement programs are designed to attack substance abuse and distribution at every level from the end user to the king pin. Your funding of the Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) Program has enabled us to strike the drug trade at its base. We especially appreciate that federal assistance.

I am the current Chief of Police in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and the former Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. With more than thirty years in law enforcement, I truly can say that I am as excited today about these programs as when I graduated from the police academy and received my first assignment.

You have supported vigorously the goal of eradicating our substance abuse problems. You appreciate the complex nature of social problems and recognize that program boundaries must not be barriers to service. You can understand, I am sure, that the program-oriented distribution of aid can make difficult the identification of appropriate grants and program support for creative approaches crossing those boundaries.

I ask for your support for our efforts and your help in identifying possible sources of federal assistance for the multi-disciplinary program described in this letter and its attachment. Partnerships among governments are as important to our success as partnerships among local agencies. Together, we can achieve results that will result in safer and healthier communities and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Tolliver", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry W. Tolliver
Chief of Police

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AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ATTACK ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
1998

On December 1, 1997, the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Mr. John Gary, initiated a three-pronged approach to dealing with substance abuse. Each prong is designed to address different perspectives of the same issue: Enforcement, Prevention, and Treatment/Rehabilitation.

The Anne Arundel Police Department has instituted creative strategies to enforce substance abuse violations. The Chief of Police, Larry Tolliver, has adopted a strict zero tolerance policy. Substance abuse, which includes the abuse of alcohol, is at the root of a wide variety of criminal activity which directly affects the quality of the lives of our citizens. A recent Chicago study has shown that 83% of all those arrested have drugs in their system - a staggering problem which must be addressed!

Enforcement programs have been designed to attack the substance abuse and distribution problem at every level from the end user up to the king pin. Federal funding of the Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) program has enabled us to strike the drug trade at its base.

Most police agencies focus either on the supply or the demand side of illegal drug activity. Our department's strategy is a comprehensive approach aimed at both the dealers and the users of illegal substances as an arrest-oriented enforcement effort. Thus, a Demand Reduction Program has been implemented to enforce zero-tolerance for the use of illegal drugs and hold all users accountable for their actions.

Casual drug use is viewed as an integral and contributing part of the national drug problem. All legal sanctions are being used to hold all drug users accountable for their behavior. Viewed in this light, drug users pose a criminal justice problem because they provide the customer base for illegal drug sales. Drug users are in effect co-conspirators and, therefore, legal remedies should be applied to both the supply and demand sides of the conspiracy. Arresting the casual user is a deterrent to others and is a means of getting them into counseling and treatment. The strategy is simple: reduce the demand, you reduce the supply.

An Interdiction Unit was formulated to target the transportation of drugs which are being imported and exported through our county. Primary concentration has focused on package delivery and freight shipment companies being utilized to ship illegal substances. In the first six months of operation, the Interdiction Unit has been responsible for the interception and seizure of nearly \$7,000,000 in drugs, an increase of 1200% over the same period last year. Maritime interdiction efforts have been developed in an effort to pursue the vast waterways that encompass Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Our Narcotics Section has acquired a vessel to be utilized in the coordination of these efforts.

In the area of prevention, the D.A.R.E. program has been introduced into the middle schools. Not only will fifth graders go through this program, but now seventh graders will also be given the opportunity. Our department has an excellent D.A.R.E. program and instructors and members of the community are very strong supporters of this expansion. We are proactively enforcing the underage tobacco laws and have written more than 500 juvenile citations for smoking, along with truancy. Cigarette smoking very often leads to the use of illegal substances. By stopping teen smoking before it starts, and teaching young people to deal with peer pressure, many lives will be saved. A Narcotics Newsletter will be sent to families of school age children advising what indications of drug use a parent should be aware of.

Another aspect of prevention is the Community Education Program. The Anne Arundel County Health Department currently manages a Community Prevention Program designed to provide a speakers' bureau, brochures, information, tips on recognizing abuse situations, and alternative activities for communities interested in drug and alcohol abuse issues. The Police Department will work with area businesses to provide training on the recognition of drug use among employees. At least 60 percent of drug dealers are employed. The training may assist businesses in identifying those with problems.

As a partner in the Anne Arundel County Drug Policy Project, the Department of Aging will implement two initiatives targeting prevention and education for children who are at risk for or because of substance abuse. The two initiatives will involve pairing senior volunteers with children and families to the extent appropriate. Seniors will work with children in a variety of environments including homes, school, after school activities in libraries and other locations. Services will include reading to children/students, tutoring, mentoring, and surrogate grand parenting. They will also work with the children of families where a parent is incarcerated as a result of substance abuse. Volunteers will be trained in communication skills, child behavior, awareness of risk factors and drug and alcohol use and abuse issues.

The Police Department's Narcotics Section, with the invaluable assistance of local newspapers such as the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Capital*, has initiated a "Clip-a-Tip" program in which a fill-in-the-blank form is published in local papers. Citizens who may have been reluctant to call a drug hotline due to fears of becoming known, can fill in information on suspected drug activities and mail the form to a post office box which is checked by the police department. This program has been extremely successful with our agency with more than one hundred tips to date.

The drug initiatives have a major emphasis placed on rehabilitation and treatment. If the individual does not have medical insurance, arrangements can be made for assistance in getting into a program.

We are working with the courts regarding first time offenders. Drug treatment has proven to be very cost effective. A major California study showed that for every dollar invested in drug treatment, taxpayers saved \$7.14 in future costs. Other studies indicated a pay off ranging from \$2.00 to \$10.00 for every dollar spent on treatment. Comprehensive treatment for those who have been arrested has been shown to reduce the recidivism rate by 57%. In addition, local statistics have shown that for all those arrested for domestic violence, 56% have alcohol in their systems at

the time of arrest. This is just one of the reasons that our department holds monthly sobriety checkpoints throughout Anne Arundel County. These new initiatives have enabled us to institute a full time Domestic Violence Officer (D.V.O.) in each of our police districts. The D.V.O.'s conduct intense follow-up after a domestic violence incident with not only the victim, but the batterer as well.

We are expanding the Drug Intervention Program. It will be expanded to both District and Circuit Courts with skilled assessment and treatment referrals for both substance abuse and mental illness. Our Pre-Trial Program also will be expanded. After assessment, a pre-trial individual is directed to participate in this program if the courts determine that he or she is a good candidate. This would allow the individual to remain in the community and receive treatment. It requires extensive monitoring, attendance for substance abuse treatment, random urinalysis/alcohol breathalyser analysis and adherence to a curfew.

A brand new initiative is the Day Reporting Center. This option would provide an alternative sentencing option for the courts for substance abuse offenders. It is more restrictive than probation and less restrictive than incarceration; it allows participants to remain, or to become, gainfully employed while receiving treatment. At the same time, it provides for public safety through intensive supervision and curfew restrictions.

There are individuals who require immediate assistance with life skills. They may need shelter, food, clothing, and job training. Only by providing or enhancing these immediate needs and life skills will these individuals be able to focus on treatment and future development. They will be assisted through Anne Arundel County's Social Services and the Business & Workforce Development Center.

The County Executive's initiatives are an excellent approach to fight drug addiction. Our entire department is enthusiastic about the effort. The Anne Arundel County Police Department has a very aggressive Grants Unit which is constantly seeking funding for this effort. Because this initiative crosses so many boundaries, traditional grant sources may not be available or adequate, and we seek guidance about federal resources which may be appropriate for this initiative. The main use of funds for this initiative will be rehabilitation.



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Yes ☒
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May 7, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500-2000

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Dear Mr. President,

Respectfully, I would like to be bold enough to suggest a theme for your Saturday radio address for June 6. Habitat is involved this year in one of the most significant and far-reaching projects we have ever done, called "The Houses That Congress Built." We are enabling members of the House of Representatives to build a Habitat house in each of the 435 Congressional Districts. It is happening throughout the year, but the symbolic date on which building will occur is June 6. This is to be the official national kick-off of National Homeownership Week, which is your important initiative. This date is planned to celebrate the fourth anniversary of your announcing in the White House your National Homeownership Strategy. I still fondly remember representing, along with Tom Jones, Habitat for Humanity at that wonderful occasion.

The partners and sponsors of The Houses That Congress Built are the sixty-five national groups who compromise the National Strategy in Homeownership. I enclose a copy of the list of these significant partners who are involved in the Congressional District builds through local members of the national organizations. I also enclose a copy of House Resolution 147, passed unanimously in May, 1997. This confirms the Congress in supporting your National Homeownership Strategy, its goal of increasing homeownership to an all-time high, and especially of narrowing the gap between low income persons and others who desire to achieve the American dream of homeownership. I also enclose the very bi-partisan list of the 326 (more by the time the list reaches you) Members who have signed on formally and who already are participating in their districts.

We are grateful and honored that when the Members of Congress built the first two of these houses in the District of Columbia last summer, you were represented by Secretary Andrew Cuomo and Assistant Secretary Nic Retsinas of HUD, Americorps CEO Harris Wofford and a team of Americorps volunteers, and others. There will be similar representation of your administration working across the country on June 6 and throughout the year.

Mr. President, you are giving excellent leadership in attaining the all-time record for homeownership and in making homeownership available to low income families. Your emphasis on this program on your radio address on June sixth will launch us forward as we strive to reach 67.5% homeownership by 2000, the goal you have set and toward which we are all working to meet.

If you would have one of your staff contact the Managing Director of our Washington Office, Tom Jones, who I think you know, Tom and his staff will share the exciting details of all that is happening and planned for this vital program. It really is a marvelous example

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of the public, the private, and the non-profit sectors of our society working together to give the opportunity for a decent home to every American. Tom's office is at 1511 K Street NW, #605. His phone is 202/628-9171.

Thanks so much for your attention to this matter. Linda joins me in sending you and Hillary our love and very best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Millard Fuller', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Millard Fuller

MF/slt

cc: David Williams
Tom Jones
Taryn Macier

The Houses That Congress Built with The National Partners in Homeownership

Building Partners

- Fannie Mae Foundation
- Freddie Mac
- National Association of Home Builders
- National Association of Realtors

Sponsors

- America's Community Bankers
- American Bankers Association
- Appraisal Institute
- Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
- Corporation for National Service
- The Enterprise Foundation
- Housing Assistance Council
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Mortgage Bankers Association
- Mortgage Insurance Companies of America
- National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders
- National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Other National Partners in Homeownership

AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust	National Association for County Community and Economic Development
American Institute of Architects	National Association of Real Estate Brokers
American Land Title Association	National Bankers Association
American Planning Association	National Community Development Association
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now	National Community Reinvestment Coalition
Center for Neighborhood Technology	National Congress of Community Economic Development
Council of American Building Officials	National Cooperative Bank
Council of State Community Development Agencies	National Council of La Raza
Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing	National Council of State Housing Agencies
Fannie Mae	National Fire Protection Association
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	National Foundation for Consumer Credit
Federal Home Loan Bank System	National Foundation of Manufactured Home Owners
Habitat for Humanity International	National Hispanic Housing Council
Homeownership Opportunities for Women	National Low Income Housing Coalition
Manufactured Housing Institute	National Neighborhood Coalition
National American Indian Housing Council	National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	National Urban League
National Association National Association of Counties	The Social Impact
National Association of Development Organizations	United Homeowners Association
National Association of Housing Partnerships, Inc.	U.S. Conference of Mayors
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials	U.S. Department of Treasury
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105TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 147

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the House of Representatives should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. STOKES, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the House of Representatives should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States promotes and encourages the creation and revitalization of sustainable and strong neighborhoods in partnership with States, cities, and local communities and in conjunction with the independent and collective actions of private citizens and organizations;

Whereas establishing a housing infrastructure strengthens neighborhoods and local economies and nurtures the families who reside in them;

dream of homeownership a reality for low-income families;

Whereas national organizations such as the Fannie Mae Foundation, Freddie Mac, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Enterprise Foundation, the Housing Assistance Council, and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, in conjunction with local organizations, have developed thousands of homes each year for low-income families and have, in the process, reduced urban decay and blight and fostered business activity;

Whereas the community building activities of neighborhood-based nonprofit organizations empower individuals to improve their lives and make communities safer and healthier for families;

Whereas one of the best known nonprofit housing organizations is Habitat for Humanity, which builds simple but adequate housing for less fortunate families and symbolizes the self-help approach to homeownership;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity provides opportunities for people from every segment of society to volunteer to help make the American dream a reality for families who otherwise would not own a home; and

Whereas the second week of June 1997 is National Homeownership Week: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that—
- 3 (1) everyone in the United States should have
- 4 a decent home in which to live;

1 "House That Congress Built", in an event to cele-
2 brate the occasion;

3 (7) in the future, the Members of the House of
4 Representatives and their families and staff should
5 participate in similar house building activities of
6 Habitat for Humanity in their own districts as part
7 of National Homeownership Week; and

8 (8) these occasions should be used to emphasize
9 and focus on the importance of providing decent
10 homes for all of the people in the United States.

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RE: NSO Ball Request for President and Mrs. Clinton

Attached please find the letter from Rebecca Burton requesting that President and Mrs. Clinton serve as Honorary Patrons of the National Symphony Ball on December 4th. Rebecca asked if I would just send a seconding letter to the three to you. The NSO invitations need to go to print at the beginning of July.

As you know, the Clintons have supported the National Symphony Ball as Honorary Patrons for the last four years. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your help.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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May 19, 1998

The President and Mrs. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton:

The National Symphony Orchestra will hold its forty-first annual National Symphony Ball on Friday, December 4, 1998. As Chairman of the event, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and The National Trustees, I am writing to invite you to again serve as Patrons of this important event for the National Symphony Orchestra. We are pleased to have His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands and Mrs. Vos as our sponsoring international chairmen this year. This elegant white tie gala will take place in the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. In addition to your patronage, we would be greatly honored to have you attend the Symphony Ball.

Each year the National Symphony Ball raises funds to support the educational and cultural activities of the National Symphony Orchestra. Beginning its 68th season, and under the direction of our Music Director, Leonard Slatkin, the Symphony has earned praise around the world as one of the finest orchestras. Your support of the Ball will assist us greatly in generating interest and participation in this important event for the National Symphony Orchestra.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Larry D. Burton

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Human Rights: A Call to Character

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Excellencies, distinguished participants: Let me express my thanks to you on behalf of the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Assistant Secretary of State Susan Rice. As Special Envoy to Africa for Democracy of Human Rights, we feel honored to accept this invitation to be a part of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman Conference. Our distinguished Ambassador, David Shinn, has worked diligently with the Government of Ethiopia and our own State Department to contribute to the success of this noble endeavor. We hold him in such high esteem at the U.S. State Department, and we are grateful to him for his tour of service here.

The U.S. comes to this conference at your invitation to share with you how our democracy has evolved, that you might excerpt from it the experiences that would be beneficial for the development and strengthening of your democracies. For the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to host this conference on such a sensitive and critical subject is a sign of strength, maturity and vision. I look forward to the day when Nigeria, a richly endowed nation whose inhabitants make up one-fourth of the continent, and the Sudan and the Congo, will host such a conference. When that happens, it will be a bright morning for all of Africa and the world.

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Democracy without human rights is a sham. It had no core of integrity. For too long governments have tried to let democracy co-exist with the marginalization of some citizens by their enslavement or their isolation. But democracy has a moral core. The marketplace may be blind but democracy has eyes. Democracy has a vision of inclusion. Democracy is driven by a moral imperative to include all and leave no one behind. Democratic values should inform the behavior of every institution. The U.S.-Africa relationship is evolving into a democratic partnership is its highest and most epically sound state.

The United States has gone through 6 stages with Africa. One—slavery—without democratic values of human rights values. There is a sense of shame about that period. For 200 years Africa subsidized America's development; 200 years of work without

wages is a subsidy. Africa supplied America with valuable raw materials at the low market value—rubber, gold, diamonds, valuable minerals. Our earliest investment firms were shipping companies importing Africans and exporting raw materials in this disastrous transaction of the slave trade. The second stage was out kinship with colonial allies from Western Europe. There was a two-Africa policy—enslaving Africans in America and colonizing Africans on the continent. Only Ethiopia was spared that illicit relationship. The third stage was neglect—a radical disregard for the humanity of Africans under the big tent of emerging democratic values in the world. Fourth was the Cold War, where we chose national security and trade as priorities over human rights, and used Africa as a staging ground in our battle with the Soviet Union. In that era a few leaders got wealthy but nations suffered. The fifth stage was paternalism—basically, aid to dictators and generals that seldom got to the people. In the sixth stage, President Clinton takes us to a high stage of partnership, a stage characterized by mutuality, reciprocity, shared power, shared growth, shared responsibility. This idea of democracy must not be taken lightly. For, like all things of substance, it is difficult but the results are worth the effort.

Democracy—government of, for and by the people—this idea angers most tyrants and feudal lords and warlords and kings and despots and dictators. It is driven by consent and not unilateral fiat. It's slower than the magic wand of one person, something called due process. It's characterized by checks and balances, separation of powers, an independent judiciary, the revolutionary idea that all of us have royal blood; that everyone counts. President Clinton is the strongest political leader on Earth as the leader of the United States. But he is not above democracy. Democracy must not be seen as an imposition but rather as an opportunity to build institutions that protect human rights of the people. Western, or white imposition, it is sometimes called, is not right. Western, white imposition, over the great traditions of tribalism, feudalism, military regimes.

Democracy as we know it is largely informed by the African-American experience led by Martin Luther King, Jr. People are impatient for democratic freedom and the fruits of democracy right now. It is the vision of one big tent, which everyone is under. And under the tent there are 5 basic promises. One, equal protection under the law. Two, equal opportunity. Three, equal access. Four, fair-share or even playing field. And five, a commitment and concern for the least of these, the huddled masses who yearn to breathe free, as is written on the Statute of Liberty. This idea is divinely conceived. As I said earlier, conceived by aristocrats who were slaveholders. And yet they took the risk of democracy. Thomas Jefferson, though he was a profitable slave-holder, businessman and politician, said: "When I think of slavery as an institution on the one hand and think that God is just on the other, I shudder for my country." It is that tension between those who have power and are afraid to let it go, and those who know it's right to share the power and share the responsibility. Democracy demands that we distribute power. Its character chooses work over inheritance as a basis of progress. The centrality of democracy is the worth of the individual over color, tribe, culture or religion; the idea of bottom-up government, where all of us have the right to the Tree of Life.

When I speak of the role of the leader, I often think of the relationship I have with President Clinton. Oftentimes our political points of view have been diametrically opposed. On occasion, I have literally marched on the White House in protest. And yet he did not react by seeking to marginalize my voice; rather, he was willing to hear my legitimate concerns. I am Special Envoy for a President whose policies and vision coincide with my religious convictions about human rights in Africa. Often human rights leaders put pressure on governments but that should never be a test one's patriotism. Remember, inclusion and legitimate protest are the keys to growth. While I have described some of the emotional difficulties of embracing this philosophy, the fruits of democracy are worth the plowing, the planting and the cultivation. Democracy yields a stable government with moral authority. Whenever there are stable governments that embrace human rights, with transparent bookkeeping, an independent judiciary and a free press, that government becomes investment-attractive and trustworthy. I marvel at the investment in Ethiopia by Sheik Al-Amoudi. He has built a sustainable economic project in Addis Ababa, a world-class hotel, replacing slum houses with decent housing. This project involves 2,000 construction workers, 650 employees, maintenance jobs, management training, jobs for students. Each employee supports approximately 5 family members. This project will attract tourism and stimulate the Hilton to be better; it will host world-class conferences here in the Cradle of Civilization; it will improve the infrastructure. And while, at one level, you can say he built this because he is part Saudi and part Ethiopian, the fact is he can only do it because the government is stable. While on the African tour with President Clinton, we stopped in Uganda. Coca-Cola invested \$50 million in two plants that involved water purification, infrastructure, a market for sugar cane planters, a thousand stable, middle class jobs. The next day Pepsi-Cola sought to expand in competition with Coca-Cola in a kind of "cola war" job creation. The key was an emerging stable, democratic government. When Nelson Mandela was released from jail after 27 years, he was so popular that HE COULD HAVE CHOSE AT THAT CROSSROADS TO GET EVEN OR GET AHEAD. He could have chosen a search and seize mission to lock up those who had locked him up. He had lost so much of his youth on Robbin Island. But, as he says, he chose brains over blood. He chose reconciliation over retaliation. He chose to use the stripes on his body as a source of healing and hope rather than hurt, hate and hostility. He chose to go forward by faith and not backwards by fear. It was that decision by a leader of superior moral authority that has lifted South Africa into the new global economy with tremendous hope and prosperity.

In conclusion I say : Seize the moment. Honor this commitment to build a government the characteristics of which resemble the new Heaven and new Earth that John, the Biblical writer, saw on the Isle of Patmos. Seize the moment to design a nation about which one can say its builder and maker is God.

I know it's dark, but the morning cometh. You survived long nights of terror. But now those who once were prisoners are presiding. Hold on to your faith. Remain steadfast in your commitment to the worth of every human being. Who knows but that in the mind of some child begging on the corner as cars pass by, may be the cure for cancer or AIDS or some other dread disease? Or a formula for peace on this continent? Never underestimate the potential power of those who are born in the margins. President

Clinton emerged from a broken home; now he is a healer of nations. Jesus, the Christ, was born in a slum. His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, did not have citizenship, nor the right to vote, nor the protection of a Human Rights Commission. Jesus was born in a slum, but the slum was not born in him. The mighty Roman Government missed His potential for good, because He was born in the margins. Jesus, the Christ, warned us in the Parable of the Good Samaritans, that we measure character by how we treat the stranger on the Jericho Road. A beaten man was left to die. He was beaten through no fault of his own; he was in the crossfire of circumstances beyond his control. He was not a hero; he was a victim. Jesus measured character by the response to this helpless man. One, the rabbi or minister, who saw him bleeding, went to the other side of the street. Neither one of them would be a good Human Rights Commissioner. They assumed the beaten man had done something wrong and they didn't have the character to lend him a helping hand. But the Samaritan, a man of a different race, a different religion, who spoke a different language, who was from another country, who didn't even have a green card, helped him up. That is the character test. Beyond race, beyond tribe, beyond religion, is the high plateau of character. That is the task and these are the character traits of the eminent persons who will be the Commissioners.

Hold fast to the original version of a new Ethiopia. Perhaps the writer and the chronicler said it best: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will forgive their sins if they will hear from Heaven and I will heal their land." Ethiopia it is healing time. It is hope time. It is morning time. God bless you.

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Governments at their best turn complaints that expose weaknesses into assets or measurements of progress. Governments must turn pain into power and progress. Inclusion of the voices of the alienated and the locked-out leads to growth. The right to protest for the right is good medicine for a democracy. To agree to agree or to agree to disagree without disintegrating is a sign of maturity. In our own evolution, watch this process. You don't have to go through all the steps that we went through in our evolution because ours was a new experiment; yours has 3,000 years of continuity. It need not take you as long to achieve our present level of democratic stability. Watch this process unfold. Thomas Jefferson, credited with being the architect of our democracy, was a conflicted person, for he had the vision of a democracy which was rooted in the culture of the aristocracy, and so while his words were eloquent, his actions were not inclusive. But he established a framework and the minority report, which was to become the Bill of Rights some years later, is what gave the Constitution its moral authority. Without the Bill of Rights the Constitution would not have survived, nor would it have deserved survival. In that first draft, only white, male landowners could vote. White non-landowners could not vote. Ultimately, the House of Representatives and the Senate grew out of bringing together two traditions—a broad-based democracy for the common people and the aristocratic landholders so both could share power and neither destroys the

other. In the original Constitution, African descendants were considered 3/5 human beings. That definition was driven by the slave trade, the original subsidy for America's development and its source of original wealth. But after 200 years and the Civil War, and the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, that institution was outlawed. We had the challenge of expanding our democracy to recognize women's right to vote. All of these were protest actions—abolition of slavery to include non-landowners, adding new amendments—all determined to make a more perfect union or democracy. Today we have a Labor Department. It grew out of protest. Corporate leadership would have no place for labor, but ultimately labor protests led to America's strong middle class. The vacation, the 8-hour work day, health benefits, occupational safety and health standards, were all protest planks of the labor struggle. An inclusive government balances labor, business, government and the environment. It was a struggle to desegregate the military, but that protest ultimately led to General Colin Powell becoming the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A protest led to the 1954 Supreme Court decision rendered just 44 years ago yesterday. It officially ended apartheid as a matter of law in our country. Out of that premise came the 1964 Public Accommodations Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Essentially the premise for our human rights moral authority which we now extol around the world, grew out of these protests that were absorbed into government policy. We turned protest into law, rather than polarization. In a democracy, there is a risk that the leader may be wrong. But there must be tolerance and appreciation for other points of view. Oftentimes terrorism and riots are voices of the unheard. Pain and fear unresolved often turn into violence. There will never be healing unless you take the glass out of the wound. Often terrorists are created by tyrants of intolerance. They are seldom born that way. Adversaries should not always be seen as enemies. I was jailed at age 19 for trying to use a public library. Dr. King was jailed at age 26 and killed at age 39. Moses fled the wrath of an intolerant government. President Mandela was jailed for 27 years. The present Ethiopian leaders of the Federal Democratic Republic were exiled and jailed as they sought a place in the governance of their nation. We must break the cycle of these experiences of intolerance. That's what this Commission, at its best, must do. The effectiveness of the Commission will be determined by the integrity of the leadership. For example, the Commission was weakest under President Nixon and Reagan when they sought to stack the Commission and limit its role and conscience. It is at its best when it is independent, free and yet responsible.

Democracy without human rights is a sham. It had no core of integrity. For too long governments have tried to let democracy co-exist with the marginalization of some citizens by their enslavement or their isolation. But democracy has a moral core. The marketplace may be blind but democracy has eyes. Democracy has a vision of inclusion. Democracy is driven by a moral imperative to include all and leave no one behind. Democratic values should inform the behavior of every institution. The U.S.-Africa relationship is evolving into a democratic partnership is its highest and most epically sound state.

The United States has gone through 6 stages with Africa. One—slavery—without democratic values of human rights values. There is a sense of shame about that period. For 200 years Africa subsidized America's development; 200 years of work without

wages is a subsidy. Africa supplied America with valuable raw materials at the low market value—rubber, gold, diamonds, valuable minerals. Our earliest investment firms were shipping companies importing Africans and exporting raw materials in this disastrous transaction of the slave trade. The second stage was out kinship with colonial allies from Western Europe. There was a two-Africa policy—enslaving Africans in America and colonizing Africans on the continent. Only Ethiopia was spared that illicit relationship. The third stage was neglect—a radical disregard for the humanity of Africans under the big tent of emerging democratic values in the world. Fourth was the Cold War, where we chose national security and trade as priorities over human rights, and used Africa as a staging ground in our battle with the Soviet Union. In that era a few leaders got wealthy but nations suffered. The fifth stage was paternalism—basically, aid to dictators and generals that seldom got to the people. In the sixth stage, President Clinton takes us to a high stage of partnership, a stage characterized by mutuality, reciprocity, shared power, shared growth, shared responsibility. This idea of democracy must not be taken lightly. For, like all things of substance, it is difficult but the results are worth the effort.

Democracy—government of, for and by the people—this idea angers most tyrants and feudal lords and warlords and kings and despots and dictators. It is driven by consent and not unilateral fiat. It's slower than the magic wand of one person, something called due process. It's characterized by checks and balances, separation of powers, an independent judiciary, the revolutionary idea that all of us have royal blood; that everyone counts. President Clinton is the strongest political leader on Earth as the leader of the United States. But he is not above democracy. Democracy must not be seen as an imposition but rather as an opportunity to build institutions that protect human rights of the people. Western, or white imposition, it is sometimes called, is not right. Western, white imposition, over the great traditions of tribalism, feudalism, military regimes.

Democracy as we know it is largely informed by the African-American experience led by Martin Luther King, Jr. People are impatient for democratic freedom and the fruits of democracy right now. It is the vision of one big tent, which everyone is under. And under the tent there are 5 basic promises. One, equal protection under the law. Two, equal opportunity. Three, equal access. Four, fair-share or even playing field. And five, a commitment and concern for the least of these, the huddled masses who yearn to breathe free, as is written on the Statute of Liberty. This idea is divinely conceived. As I said earlier, conceived by aristocrats who were slaveholders. And yet they took the risk of democracy. Thomas Jefferson, though he was a profitable slave-holder, businessman and politician, said: "When I think of slavery as an institution on the one hand and think that God is just on the other, I shudder for my country." It is that tension between those who have power and are afraid to let it go, and those who know it's right to share the power and share the responsibility. Democracy demands that we distribute power. Its character chooses work over inheritance as a basis of progress. The centrality of democracy is the worth of the individual over color, tribe, culture or religion; the idea of bottom-up government, where all of us have the right to the Tree of Life.

When I speak of the role of the leader, I often think of the relationship I have with President Clinton. Oftentimes our political points of view have been diametrically opposed. On occasion, I have literally marched on the White House in protest. And yet he did not react by seeking to marginalize my voice; rather, he was willing to hear my legitimate concerns. I am Special Envoy for a President whose policies and vision coincide with my religious convictions about human rights in Africa. Often human rights leaders put pressure on governments but that should never be a test one's patriotism. Remember, inclusion and legitimate protest are the keys to growth. While I have described some of the emotional difficulties of embracing this philosophy, the fruits of democracy are worth the plowing, the planting and the cultivation. Democracy yields a stable government with moral authority. Whenever there are stable governments that embrace human rights, with transparent bookkeeping, an independent judiciary and a free press, that government becomes investment-attractive and trustworthy. I marvel at the investment in Ethiopia by Sheik Al-Amoudi. He has built a sustainable economic project in Addis Ababa, a world-class hotel, replacing slum houses with decent housing. This project involves 2,000 construction workers, 650 employees, maintenance jobs, management training, jobs for students. Each employee supports approximately 5 family members. This project will attract tourism and stimulate the Hilton to be better; it will host world-class conferences here in the Cradle of Civilization; it will improve the infrastructure. And while, at one level, you can say he built this because he is part Saudi and part Ethiopian, the fact is he can only do it because the government is stable. While on the African tour with President Clinton, we stopped in Uganda. Coca-Cola invested \$50 million in two plants that involved water purification, infrastructure, a market for sugar cane planters, a thousand stable, middle class jobs. The next day Pepsi-Cola sought to expand in competition with Coca-Cola in a kind of "cola war" job creation. The key was an emerging stable, democratic government. When Nelson Mandela was released from jail after 27 years, he was so popular that HE COULD HAVE CHOSE AT THAT CROSSROADS TO GET EVEN OR GET AHEAD. He could have chosen a search and seize mission to lock up those who had locked him up. He had lost so much of his youth on Robbin Island. But, as he says, he chose brains over blood. He chose reconciliation over retaliation. He chose to use the stripes on his body as a source of healing and hope rather than hurt, hate and hostility. He chose to go forward by faith and not backwards by fear. It was that decision by a leader of superior moral authority that has lifted South Africa into the new global economy with tremendous hope and prosperity.

In conclusion I say : Seize the moment. Honor this commitment to build a government the characteristics of which resemble the new Heaven and new Earth that John, the Biblical writer, saw on the Isle of Patmos. Seize the moment to design a nation about which one can say its builder and maker is God.

I know it's dark, but the morning cometh. You survived long nights of terror. But now those who once were prisoners are presiding. Hold on to your faith. Remain steadfast in your commitment to the worth of every human being. Who knows but that in the mind of some child begging on the corner as cars pass by, may be the cure for cancer or AIDS or some other dread disease? Or a formula for peace on this continent? Never underestimate the potential power of those who are born in the margins. President

Clinton emerged from a broken home; now he is a healer of nations. Jesus, the Christ, was born in a slum. His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, did not have citizenship, nor the right to vote, nor the protection of a Human Rights Commission. Jesus was born in a slum, but the slum was not born in him. The mighty Roman Government missed His potential for good, because He was born in the margins. Jesus, the Christ, warned us in the Parable of the Good Samaritans, that we measure character by how we treat the stranger on the Jericho Road. A beaten man was left to die. He was beaten through no fault of his own; he was in the crossfire of circumstances beyond his control. He was not a hero; he was a victim. Jesus measured character by the response to this helpless man. One, the rabbi or minister, who saw him bleeding, went to the other side of the street. Neither one of them would be a good Human Rights Commissioner. They assumed the beaten man had done something wrong and they didn't have the character to lend him a helping hand. But the Samaritan, a man of a different race, a different religion, who spoke a different language, who was from another country, who didn't even have a green card, helped him up. That is the character test. Beyond race, beyond tribe, beyond religion, is the high plateau of character. That is the task and these are the character traits of the eminent persons who will be the Commissioners.

Hold fast to the original version of a new Ethiopia. Perhaps the writer and the chronicler said it best: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will forgive their sins if they will hear from Heaven and I will heal their land." Ethiopia it is healing time. It is hope time. It is morning time. God bless you.

C. Schuller
to Maria G
su
Robert Schuller thanks you for the encouraging letter you sent to Arvella. His ministry has the first and only religious program aired in the Orient. Since you will be in China from June 14 to July 3, he offers to carry your suitcases for free. It would look pretty good on his resume when he's introduced two months later at his Beijing speaking engagement.



ROBERT SCHULLER

May 14, 1998

Dear President Clinton:

Thank you so much for the encouraging letter you sent to Arvella. It has been a very rough year for us and your special encouragement meant so much.

I have been reading that you will be in China from June 14 to July 3 ...

My ministry in the Orient is important, as we are the first and only religious program aired on NBC/Asia ... I've already gotten a fan letter — enclosed!

I've been invited by business leaders to speak in Beijing on August 21 and 22 of this year. Since you will be in China from June 14 to July 3 ... if you need a guy to carry your suitcases on this trip, I'll do it for free! It would look pretty good on my resume when I am introduced two months later!

Cordially,

Robert H. Schuller
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
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P.S. You have really been in my prayers for the past year — we've both had a rough year!

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Dear Dr. Schuller,

It's been a lovely, brilliant afternoon in Beijing today. After a less than brilliant 18 holes I've moved to write to you.

Earlier this morning I started the day with your Ministry on local Beijing television. Last Sunday morning I did the same thing but in Hong Kong. May I simply say this is really "good stuff." Your positive message is getting to countless numbers in Asia. And I must confess, it helps my golf on Sunday's as well.

I've been coming to China since the early 80's. Last year I made 11 trips in the process of developing and implementing our customers western branded products for sale in China's consumer & industrial markets. Since my first trip some 15 years ago I've witnessed China's economic revolution develop and grow. While there is an abundance of Chinese ingenuity, it like to think we Americans have helped a bit in our own way.

Your message couldn't be more timely. I sure hope it is funded so that it has the time to flourish over the years. It can make a huge difference. My Eagle membership will be renewed when I get back to the U.S.

Yours Sincerely, Geoffrey Enck.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1998

Ms. Suzy Chaffee
Post Office Box 3965
Telluride, Colorado 81435

Dear Suzy:

Thank you for telling me about your experiences with the Native Voices Foundation. I also appreciate the articles, pictures, and invitation to participate in the "First Americans Day Parade." Although I don't yet know what my schedule will hold, I have shared your letter with my Office of Scheduling.

As you know, my Administration remains deeply committed to improving the federal government's relationship with Native Americans, and I welcome and encourage your continued involvement. Your inspiring work is helping bring racial reconciliation to our country.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton



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'!"

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!

--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/ 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,

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Suzy CHAFFEE

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Diane - I think this is mostly yours. 4/27/98
though it might involve Kyle too -

Send to Burkhardt? Yes ^{Thx. 5/1} Rm

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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!



Telluride's Native American Ski Program



Star limo for the weary!



Valeri & Martina--Dineh (Nav.)



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

To Supporters of Telluride's Native Ski Program

Telluride, Colorado 81435

Yaa' te'h, (Greetings)

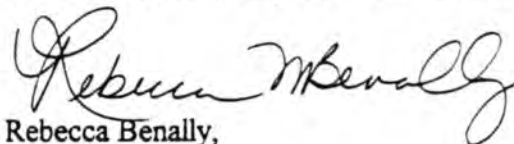
I'd like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for your kind heart and foresight of vision in helping our youth and schools to experience the wonderful sport of skiing. Without your contribution to the Native Voices Foundation, it would have been almost impossible to give the students the opportunity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

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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,

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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 desert 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

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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."

draw tourists with summer events

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

Suzy 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 to force us to become farmers," 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.

Native Voice

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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 "Uncompahgre 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 "enchanted" 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 501c3 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 Suzy Chaffee at 728-1123.

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A human Boeing



By NEAL ROBERTS
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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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Photo courtesy Ross Anderson

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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 one can embrace life and make 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 come to see the meaning of life on the earth, the sun and the moon."

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

"Before I race, I always pray 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 cross their land. When you ask, you show that you are polite instead of saying, 'I want this.' If you ask that, then it will take care of itself. It's like when I pick up a rock before a race and polish it, I'm worshipping Mother Earth. I do take life for granted, or skin. There's a reason I'm up there, 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. He doesn't just take, he gives back. To him, youths are the key to the future and it's to them that he dresses 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, not the wrong way."

He continued, "Kids always ask me who my role model is. They expect it to 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, the 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 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 racing against."

People of all ages can learn a lot from the fastest Native American skis. And they'll probably learn a lot more when he's the fastest PEI SON 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 end, will

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

The locals are mostly surviving

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But most business people do not know how to track trends to their benefit, nor are they aware of what a trend really is, according to an Institute study (see stories, page 4).

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

So, with this issue, The Trends Journal begins an examination of trend intelligence to help you better profit from trends.

Among the special stories: what trends are, what they're not, where various trends are in their life cycle and how you can improve your trend tracking skills electronically.

We'll continue this examination regularly so you can gain a fuller understanding of trends and trend management.

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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

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

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Current Events Form Future Trends



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 word 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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Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

I am writing as a friend to offer you encouragement both personally and professionally. I sense in the country today a huge backlash in its formative stages. Even among people who were detractors three years ago during election time there is a surge of resentment building against the obvious intrusion into your lives by Kenneth Starr. Enough is enough! There are innumerable positive things going on and they don't go unnoticed by the masses: There is peace on Earth. The future for education never looked better. The economy is good. Everybody has a job! Wages are increasing without inflation. More dollars earned will eventually mean less tax on each dollar. And the budget is balanced and then some, hallelujah!! By the time my six-year-old daughter is grown, we could even have paid off the national debt. And there's more. Don't worry. The history books are going to have many wonderful things to say about you.

You can also feel good about your wonderful legacy here in Arkansas. And there is one part of it in which I am now involved. I left Channel 4 after 36½ years. Gotfi red. Can you believe it? But if ever there was an act of God, that was it. I landed the most wonderful job in the most wonderful place, Arkansas Children's Hospital! In all my looking around for something, this place never occurred to me. I even considered a run for U.S. Senate for lack of anything else. The Republicans had some polls that showed good name recognition and scores, but frankly I'm exactly 50% Republican and 50% Democrat, so I could never get elected to anything. Then one day out of the clear blue sky, Jonathon Bates called and said he'd like me to be the ambassador (read press-agent) for this hospital! And here I am. Fun job, wonderful atmosphere and people, and the pride that goes with working for a place like Arkansas Children's Hospital is indescribable. Couldn't be better!

I now tell people I have found that all the wonderful things they always thought about Arkansas Children's hospital are true. And I can tell you that around here the credit for making this place a world-class pediatric hospital goes entirely to you two.

Administrators and doctors here are fond of telling the story of your trip to New York and Wall Street in the early 80s and the bond issue that got the cranes in here and brought the little "crippled children's hospital" to America's 5th largest pediatric hospital on 27 acres and 17 city blocks with 3200 employees including 420 world-class physicians and 70 residents; two helicopters, the only civilian airborne ECMO in the nation, a level-one trauma center, the state's only burn unit, the nation's only pediatric nutrition research center, and doctors like Milton Waner, Steve VanDevanter, Rick Boop, Joanna Seibert and James Aronson who could work anywhere in the WORLD they want to, but choose here! And our mission statement contains the words, "...without regard for inability to pay." This is known as the hospital that Bill and Hillary built.

And now my job is to tell people about it. It's a "piece of cake" job to be sure. I really want the hospital to have the national recognition it deserves and to that end I spend a lot of time contacting the national media with stories from here which are unique. We've had some degree of success with this since I came 6 months ago. CBS News did a 5-minute piece on us which will run sometime this month on their morning show and Parade Magazine and Reader's digest have given us some coverage as well. (We'll get a nice exposure in a Parade article on neonatal units on June 7th.) And I want you to know, when I make a pitch, I always give you two credit for the work you did for ACH. An example letter is attached.

So anytime either or both of you want to do what you, Hillary, suggested to the Howard University graduating class last week, and find something to be proud of and look forward to, just drop the helicopter down on our pad and stay for coffee, a tour, lunch, a long visit or all of the above. Nothing would please us more! And please, don't forget us when you get face-to-face with someone in the national media who could help. Give them a nudge in our direction.

Bill, Terri and I are proud to say we always voted for you. And Hillary, we'll vote for you too if you'll run! We look forward to the day when you both return and build and operate The Clinton Library in our beautiful, newly-refurbished east-end downtown. Until then, our best to both of you! God bless you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Bonner", with a large, stylized initial "T" and "B".

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LIBRARY/WEB SITES FOR GIRLS

Offering Curious Girls Room for Exploration

By BRONWYN FRYER

AS the mother of a 5-year-old girl, I have high hopes that my daughter will achieve Internet literacy. At the same time, I know how tough it can be to find great Web sites where a girl can safely hang out and have fun. Try typing in "girl" on a search engine, and you will see what I mean. There is a plethora of Las Vegas-style entertainment, but not much to comfort a parent.

Fortunately, there are a few wonderful sites that present utterly absorbing, enjoyable and comparatively safe places for preteen-age and teen-age girls. In fact, I'm convinced that, taken together, Web sites like the ones reviewed here — Girl Tech, Purple Moon and A Girl's World — may just be the "killer app" for girls. The traffic tells the story: these sassy sites gather 1.5 million to 2 million hits a month, making them as attractive as, say, www.Disney.com. They employ a magic formula, a successful combination of things many young girls love to do in their free time.

One of these ingredients is the power to create and develop fantasy

worlds over which girls can exert a degree of control. When I was a kid, I loved sharing gifts and secrets with my friends. I liked to write long stories and leave them in my best friend's locker. I liked pretending I was someone else. I had penpals in Europe and Africa. On these sites, a girl can do all the things I loved to do.

Of course, the Internet can be a creepy place for kids. It is too easy for young Web surfers to be caught in a wave of messages from predators who ask them inappropriate questions about their age, their sex and where they live. So as a nervous parent, I am particularly heartened by the safety precautions taken at these sites. A girl can spend hours on the Web without getting into much more trouble than attends a she-hurt-my-feelings spat with an on-line acquaintance she has never met. The sites' Webmasters — or Webmistresses — all go beyond posting lengthy warning messages to parents and rules for girls.

Purple Moon, for instance, monitors all incoming and outgoing messages and requires a parent to register, too, when her or his daughter signs on to the site. A Girl's World tracks messages and E-mail and re-

ports any suspicious messages to the F.B.I. (The site's founder, Karen Willson, says she has seen only four such messages in the site's two-year history.) Girl Tech circumvents any communication hazards by posting all messages in supervised forums.

The most important contribution

these sites make is that they give girls a place to enjoy themselves and one another without being passive consumers. While they are having fun, they are learning to feel they have a place in the world of computer technology. For my money, that beats anything television can offer.



At one Web site, A Girl's World, four girls are clubhouse hosts.

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Fun, but Based on Products

WWW.PURPLE-MOON.COM

EVER since the Purple Moon site made its debut in September 1997, it has been a huge success. It has more than one million visitors and more than 60,000 registered users who visit at least once a day. To date, girls have sent more than 3.5 million virtual postcards to one another through the site.

Geared to the under-13 crowd, Purple Moon is unabashedly commercial. It began as a companion to the Purple Moon CD-ROM series and incorporates the same theme and characters. The site does not mix medicine with its sugar, as Girl Tech does. It merely hopes to entertain, build a larger world around the Purple Moon characters and maybe sell a little software.

The reason Purple Moon attracts this kind of attention is clear to any woman who grew up on Nancy Drew mystery stories. The site is something like an interactive "young adult" book, set in an ongoing, evolving world called Whistling Pines Junior High. "Chapters," written in a simple, breezy style, are set in the fictional school and center on a girl named Rockett and her pals.

The characters spring from years of research by Purple Moon's vice president, Brenda Laurel. While at Interval Research, a Palo Alto, Calif., development laboratory, Ms. Laurel learned that prepubescent girls yearn to engage with more realistic characters than Barbie.

Purple Moon is no passive experi-

ence. Girls can help determine what transpires by sending in suggestions for activities and saying what they like and don't like. They can enter contests and swap virtual gifts of jewelry or trade electronic postcards. One new section, called Rockett Talk (scheduled to open on Friday), promises to mingle fantasy with reality by allowing girls to pass notes to Purple Moon's main character.

Adding to the intensity and security of the experience is the fact that the site has no links to other sites, so girls aren't encouraged to go elsewhere.

The Purple Moon company, founded in 1996, set itself up as a girls' entertainment business, so it is merchandizing Rockett and her friends hither and yon. You can find Purple Moon brand clothes at stores like Macy's.

Many pages link to the site's shopping page, where girls can find the company's CD-ROM's and toys. Fortunately, girls cannot use their parents' credit cards to rack up charges on trinkets. The site merely lists a toll-free phone number for ordering and provides a handy "store locator" that points to local stores carrying the software.

Commercialism aside, the Purple Moon site is very good at what it does. It builds on an understanding of what girls want and provides an interactive universe in which they can immerse themselves. It is a place where girls can see themselves in living, even purple, color.

Girl Tech: Smart Place To Gather

WWW.GIRLTECH.COM

GIRL TECH is no pretty-in-pink playground. It is a site with a distinctly intelligent, feminist agenda.

It is also much more than a cool place to shoot the E-breeze. Designed to be informative as well as fun for both girls and their parents, the site has 460 pages of wonderful content in eight sections, as well as links to dozens of girl-friendly sites. At Girl Tech, girls from around the world gather to exercise their creativity, writing stories and even creating new toys in the Inventor's Corner.

About a quarter of the site is interactive. Users can send one another virtual flowers or go to the Transformer and, using pull-down menus, build a personalized letter that is translated into French, German or Spanish. (Oddly, though, they cannot then E-mail the letter overseas.)

I am particularly gratified by Girl Tech's efforts to present girls with role models. Along with profiles of the usual suspects — Amelia Earhart, Gloria Steinem — there are profiles of girls like a 13-year-old working journalist, girls who play football and women who work at NASA.

One of the most popular areas of the site is a closely monitored bulletin board called Chick Chat. The appellation seems like an anomaly when you first encounter it on Girl Tech, whose founder, Janese Swanson, is an outspoken proponent of equity for girls. The site acknowledges that "chick" has been a disrespectful word for girls and says, "We thought that if we started using 'chick' in a good way, in a place like Club Girl Tech that's all about how cool girls are, then girls would be using the word themselves, and in time, 'chick' would no longer be considered disrespectful."

A section of Chick Chat called Dear Auntie Em performs a kind of mentor function — a welcome addition for a girl who may need the ear of a neutral adult. Auntie Em offers



"Chick" seems anomalous on a decidedly feminist site.

straight answers to questions like "How can I convince my friend that so-and-so is not a good friend for her?" (The response: "Part of being a friend is watching people make choices you wouldn't make yourself. ... The best thing for you to do is continue being her friend.") In the Boy Talk area, boys are invited to join girls in a discussion supervised by a child psychologist, Debrah Conder.

For parents, the site is full of information about the social and intellectual development of girls. There are links to articles and essays from researchers, as well as to Dr. Swanson's own research on girls' development. There is even a lesson plan that helps teachers encourage girls to take on atypical roles, complete with lessons in mechanics, electricity, invention, math and computers. The site does carry some advertisements.

One niggling problem with the site is the so-called Bow-tique, which offers Girl Tech-brand merchandise like a Swap-It Locket toy and a book on girls and the Internet, "Tech Girl's Internet Adventures," from IDG Press. But to buy the book, you have to hit a bookstore; and the toy doesn't seem to be available anywhere.

"Those are examples of our technology," Ms. Donnelly said. "Whether the toys are available, we'll let girls know where they can get them."

Whether toys are sold on the site may be up to another company. Girl Tech's parent company, Kid Active was recently acquired by Radica Games Limited, a huge Hong Kong toy manufacturer. I hope Radica will do the right thing and leave the site alone. I would hate to see anyone tamper with what is arguably one of the best places for girls on the Web.

Where Young Volunteers Run Their Own On-Line World

WWW.AGIRLSWORLD.COM

AGIRL'S WORLD isn't nearly so slick as Girl Tech or Purple Moon, and it is easy to understand why. A self-described "on-line clubhouse," the site was invented by

going stories, arts, contests, quizzes and reviews.

One nice feature is a Penpal area that lets girls send and receive E-mail to one another without using a direct E-mail address. (A Girl's World is very privacy-conscious: a notice states that the site "doesn't

surveys and biographies of entertainers (Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio), many with links to other sites.

The site has more in common with Girl Tech than with Purple Moon, thanks to an educational agenda. There is plenty to interest a girl in

Biz program in which girls can participate in on-line chat "classes" with adult teachers. For instance, girls can earn a "Baby-Sitters Certificate" during a six-week course in which they learn about supervision, what to do in an emergency, marketing and more. They can find out

Feinstein is reported to be worried that "a big tax on tobacco will create a black market for cigarettes that could add to law enforcement's woes" (5/20).

Will They Finish This Week?

CongressDaily/A.M.'s Koffler reports that there was "growing concern among McCain bill supporters" yesterday "that a final vote may be delayed beyond the Memorial Day" congressional recess. Senate Maj. Whip **Don Nickles** (R-OK) "indicated a final vote this week is highly unlikely, and even McCain said he 'never firmly expected' work on the bill to be completed before the recess" (Koffler, 5/20). CNN's Crowley, noting there are some 100 pending amendments to the bill: "It appears, whatever else, we are in this for the long haul" ("*Inside Politics*," 5/19). CBS' Schieffer: "There is so much at stake and this fight has already become so fierce that people on both sides conceded tonight they have no idea if all of this will pass, some of it or none of it" ("*Evening News*," 5/19). Fox News Channel's Brit Hume: "Party leaders concede they have no idea what the outcome will be" ("*Special Report*," 5/19). ([Back to Contents](#))

4 MIDDLE EAST: Finkelstein Part Of Palestinian Girl Ad

New Jersey Jewish News' Friedland & Twersky report GOP media consultant **Arthur Finkelstein** is an adviser to the NJ-based Committee for a Secure Peace (CSP), which is running an "unprecedented" TV ad campaign "targeting what it refers to as the 'Clinton-Gore administration's' policies toward Israel. CSP honorary chair/ex-MN Sen. **Rudy Boschwitz** (R): "Art sometimes has his hand in what we do. We bounce things off him; he's a player in these kinds of things; he's very astute. Who can we ask about these things? We can't ask the government of Israel. Art is a good sounding board." Finkelstein is an adviser to Israeli PM **Benjamin Netanyahu**. ADL nat'l dir. **Abe Foxman**: "The success of American support for Israel has been its bipartisan character. Administrations come and go. The bedrock is the bipartisan Congress. When you start playing either party, eventually it will hurt us. When a consultant represents both U.S. and Israeli political clients, then advice given may be hedged by considerations of" what effect it will have on that consultant's other clients.

The CSP, a 501c4 nonprofit formed last summer, "recently began attracting attention" after it ran a 30-second ad on prime-time TV in DC. The ad, "timed to coincide" with Netanyahu's meetings with Sec/State **Madeleine Albright**, "depicts a Palestinian girl, about eight years old, standing in front of a teacher and a class of children. In an adamant and passionate voice, she shouts in Arabic (English subtitles running across the screen): 'When I wander into the entrance of Jerusalem, I'll turn into a suicide warrior in battle dress! In battle dress! In battle dress!' The teacher and children applaud and yell. 'Bravo!'" The viewer reads on screen: "Only Israel can determine its own security. The Clinton/Gore Administration should pressure the PLO, not Israel." The ad has broadcast on CNN, and the DC of CBS, ABC and FOX. NBC "refused, claiming it was too controversial."

The CSP's "voice -- including linking" Gore with Clinton's in the ads -- "appears to be largely driven by conservative, pro-Likud Republicans laying the groundwork to attack Gore as a potential presidential hopeful." The CSP's "key leaders are all Republican," including NJ Rep. **Jim Saxton**, and Sens. **Arlen Specter** (PA) and **Al D'Amato** (NY). The "sole Democrat publicly identified with the organization": actor **Ron Silver** (5/21 issue).

Gingrich Attacks

Speaker **Newt Gingrich** "renewed his fierce attacks against" the Admin. and its efforts to push Israel into accepting a 13.1% withdrawal from the West Bank. Gingrich's "strongest public attack" on US Mid East policy came during a rally sponsored by the AIPAC. Gingrich called on Israel "to defy the US government, if that course of actions was necessary to ensure its survival." Gingrich: Israel's "right of self-determination has to be defended at all costs, even against the best intentions of some of Israel's friends, including the" US (Seiff, *Washington Times*, 5/20). Of the speakers, which included House Min. Leader **Dick Gephardt**, Gingrich's remarks "were the most biting." Gingrich, on Albright: "When I see an American diplomat suggest to Israel generals that our understanding of

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
TALKING POINTS FOR THE SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION DINNER
MAY 21, 1998**

Acknowledge: Sec. Cuomo; Members of Congress; Amb. Foglietta; Amb. Salleo [Saw-LAY-oh]; Pres. of the Sons of Italy Foundation, Paul Polo; Natl Exec. Director Philip Piccagallo [Pitch-ah-GAH-low]; Regis Philbin; Tony Bennett. **I'd like to congratulate tonight's honoree, Philip Guarascio** [Ger-RAH-see-oh].

Thank you for allowing me to share in tonight's festivities -- the 10th Anniv. of the Sons of Italy National Education and Leadership Award. For over 90 years, the Sons of Italy has been a community organization in the truest sense. You understand that preserving your heritage means doing good for the people around you. You have shown that service is at the heart of citizenship, and that education is the key to opportunity. I want to thank you for your involvement in the President's Initiative on Race, and for your longstanding commitment to giving young people the chance to make the most of their God-given potential. It is my honor to personally congratulate the scholarship recipients here tonight and ask that we give them a round of applause.

The Italian-American tradition of work, family, faith and community is as alive today as it was when the Sons of Italy first began to meet. As President, I have tried to pursue a course that reflects the values that are held so deeply by the Italian-American families who have come to our shores and enjoyed such great success. As a nation, we are in a sunlit time of peace and prosperity. Over 15 m new jobs, unemp 4.3% -- 28 yr low -- and growth 4.2% in 1st quarter; inflat. lowest in 30 yrs; crime down 5 yrs in a row, welfare rolls 27 yr low; fam. income up \$2,200; real wages rising fastest in 25 years; mid. class taxes lowest in 20 yrs; record home ownership. And there is more to do. We have to deepen the meaning of freedom to include more people; we have to widen the circle of opportunity so that all citizens have a chance at the brass ring; and we have to strengthen the bonds of our union. As a nation we must continue to find ways to celebrate the rich heritage of our people, as we are doing tonight, as well as celebrating the fundamental values we all share.

Tonight we also celebrate the life of someone whose popularity and talent knew no boundaries. I had the opportunity to get to know Frank Sinatra a little and to appreciate on a personal level what fans around the world, including me, had appreciated from afar. Sinatra was spellbinding -- his musical ability touched us all. America will never forget his miraculous voice: strong and subtle, wisecracking and wistful, streetwise but defiantly sweet. But America has lost more than "the Voice," as his fans called him -- we have lost a generous spirit, a man who raised more than 1 billion dollars for charity and dedicated himself to humanitarian causes. I think every American would have to smile and say he really did do it his way. Our hearts and prayers are with his family.

Thank you, Sons of Italy, for enabling us to reflect on the life of this legend, for bringing us together in support of these young students and for your years of service to communities across America. And now, I'd like to offer a toast to you all: "Cent Ani" [**Chent Ah-ni**] (100 yrs.)