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April 27, 1999

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

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Dear Mr. President:

Attached please find information about the innovative school breakfast initiative in Franklin County, North Carolina. I would appreciate your consideration and support for this effort.

As you know, good nutrition is an essential component of a child's ability to learn. As the former Superintendent of schools in North Carolina, I have worked for many years to support local efforts to expand nutrition assistance for our children. Earlier this year, I attended the five-year anniversary of universal breakfast at the Franklin County Schools, and I can tell you firsthand that this initiative works to improve educational opportunities for all children regardless of family income level. I urge you to use the resources of the federal government to support this ambitious effort to improve education and good nutrition through universal breakfast.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please let me know if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Bob Etheridge
Member of Congress

4-27-99

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Enclosure

cc: Donna Fenske, Franklin County Schools

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Russell E. Allen
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February 5, 1999

The Honorable Bob Etheridge
1641 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Etheridge,

Thank you so much for joining us at Cedar Creek Middle School to celebrate five years of complimentary breakfast in Franklin County Schools. Your support for our program and for what we continue to do for the children of Franklin County was reassuring and well received.

We applaud the Clinton administration's proposed \$13 million initiative to pilot universal breakfast programs. Experts agree that breakfast is the most important meal of the day but it takes real vision to say it should be provided for school children in the same way textbooks and transportation are provided.

Here in Franklin County, we have offered free breakfast every day for every student, regardless of family income, for five years. As you know, this is a self-supporting program and uses no additional federal, state, or local funds. We operate on the standard USDA reimbursement rates (46% of our children qualify for free or reduced lunch) and fund the remaining cost of the program with the sales of à la carte items. What started as a five-month pilot has become a five-year program; however, rising costs make each year of operation more and more difficult.

Franklin County Schools began its universal complimentary breakfast program with a desire for every child to have an equal opportunity to learn and achieve at his or her optimum potential. Family income should not influence a child's educational readiness for school. We recognize that hunger deprives children of the opportunity to concentrate, to be attentive, and to learn and perform better. All children should have an equal opportunity to jump start their educational workday.

Over the past five years, students in Franklin County Schools have demonstrated a steady growth in academic achievement. Although we know the breakfast program is not the sole reason test scores have improved, we do believe it is a significant factor. There is a direct relationship between nutritional well being and academic achievement. This partnership between nutrition and academics is a positive investment in the future of our children. We hope you will continue to lead the fight in Congress for legislation that will impact not only the children of North Carolina, but the nation as well.

Again, thank you for attending our celebration. Our door is always open.

Sincerely,


Donna Fenske
Child Nutrition Program Director
Franklin County Schools

Encl.

THE FRANKLIN TIMES, Louisburg, N.C., Wednesday February 3, 1999, Page 3A

Over 2.3 million served

Schools fete fifth anniversary of free breakfast

By Jane Waring Wheeler
Special to the Times

Breakfast seemed like a strange time for a birthday party, but after all, it was a birthday party for a breakfast program.

Franklin County Schools celebrated five years of universal free breakfast last Friday morning with a festive occasion at Cedar Creek Middle School.

On the menu were sausage biscuits (low fat, but didn't taste like it), milk and orange juice — a typical school breakfast.

Despite an impressive guest list, child nutrition director Donna Fenske insisted on serving the dignitaries the same things students get for a typical school breakfast.

"The menus are nutrient based," Fenske explained, "and are quick and delicious. Otherwise, the students wouldn't eat them."

Something must be right. Franklin County students have eaten over 2.3 million of them since the free breakfast program was started five years ago.

After Fenske returned from a child nutrition conference in 1993, she was determined to do something in Franklin County to expand the breakfast program.

"Everybody always talks about how important breakfast is," she said. "Everyone cites research proving that students who eat breakfast concentrate better, test better, behave better and feel better. Everyone talks a good game but nobody was doing anything about it."

So Fenske did something. She sat down with her staff and designed a program that would offer free breakfast to every student every day — without spending any additional tax dollars.

The program is paid for through the sale of a la carte items in the cafeterias at breakfast and lunch. Franklin County already received USDA funds to provide breakfast and lunch for students who qualified financially.



PHOTO BY FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

FC Nutrition Director Donna Fenske blows out the candles on a cake to celebrate five years of providing free breakfast to Franklin students.

When the program started, it was the only one like it in the nation. There were others providing free breakfast, but with the assistance of special grant funds or additional state or local dollars. Since then, the program has been duplicated in other places, and is a benefit to everyone.

"It benefits children whose families do not have enough food," Fenske said. "It benefits families who don't have time to eat before they leave in the morning. It benefits teachers because it gives them students who are attentive in class."

Friday morning, Fenske and her entire staff were like proud parents who were happy to see their child getting some deserved recognition. They are

proud of the universal free breakfast program and are convinced of its importance to the children in Franklin County.

The guest list for the party included U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge (who was there bright and early), Gov. Jim Hunt (who sent congratulations and regrets), state Sen. Allen Wellons (who was happy to join a party after the opening day of the legislature the day before), and numerous other state and local officials.

After breakfast was served and a few congratulations passed around, the guests did get something that students don't get for breakfast in Franklin County — a huge, delicious birthday cake with five big candles.

Franklin plan feeds students every morning

Last year, a Florida school system received accolades on the floor of the U.S. Senate for providing free breakfast to every student on testing days. What's the big deal? Franklin County offers free breakfast to every student every day, and has done so for five years.

We feel sure U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge will take this nugget back to Washington with him.

The congressman was among those who celebrated five years of Franklin County's innovative school breakfast program last week.

Studies show that students who eat a nutritious breakfast test better, the Florida system said. And it's true. It's also true that students who eat a nutritious breakfast learn better — every day.

In January 1994, FCS child nutrition director Donna Fenske started the universal free breakfast plan — unique in the nation — as a five-month, self-funded pilot program. It was so successful, it has been continued each year. And — this is important — no additional federal, state or local funds have been used to provide over 2.3 million free breakfasts to Franklin County students.

Since the beginning, other schools and school systems have started similar programs with varying degrees of success.

It is getting harder and harder to keep free breakfast available to all children.

The Clinton Administration recently announced a \$13 million initiative to pilot universal free breakfasts in selected areas across the nation. They should just come on down and look at the program here. (And bring some of that money along.)

Everyday, thousands of Franklin County students are eating breakfast at school.

Now, these breakfasts aren't your old fashioned, high fat, high cholesterol, down-home southern breakfasts. They are quick, high protein, high carbohydrate, high energy, and low fat and include such things as hot oatmeal, French toast, orange juice, and the ever popular breakfast pizza.

This plan has been the perfect partnership between nutrition

and academics. Students are performing better in the classroom, they are developing important habits of good nutrition, and they are doing it without any additional tax dollars.

We think the Franklin County school system deserves both kudos and thanks for this exemplary program.

In this day and age, when test scores are the driving force in determining school policy, giving our students that little extra morning boost is the kind of extra effort that makes the difference between an ordinary school system and an extraordinary one.

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December 7, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents/Students/Teachers
FROM: Donna J. Fenske, Child Nutrition Director
Franklin County Schools

RE: Pilot Complimentary Breakfast Program for Franklin County School System

The school breakfast program plays a vital role in getting Franklin County children off to the right start. Studies show that there is a link between eating breakfast, improved test scores, concentration, productivity and the ability to learn. As parents, educators and nutritionists we all realize the importance daily nutrition plays in creating healthy bodies and alert minds. To encourage and promote higher levels of achievement for all students within the Franklin County school system all Franklin County School cafeterias will offer a no cost complimentary breakfast to all children within the Franklin County School system.

Beginning January 3, 1994 and concluding in June of 1994 a pilot complimentary breakfast program will be in effect for Franklin County Schools. Hopefully this is a program that will be reconsidered in future years based on funding feasibility and student acceptability.

Students who wish to participate in this complimentary breakfast program will be required to obtain a personal identification number to be given to the cafeteria cashier on a daily basis for accountability. If your child has not received his/her personal identification number please have him/her contact the school cafeteria manager.

Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas from your Franklin County Child Nutrition Program, Teachers and Principals.

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c: Mr. Russell E. Allen, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas A. Riggan, Associate Superintendent

UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20451

MAR 31 1999

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA, CHIEF OF STAFF
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Nomination for the President of the United States Certificate of Achievement for
Ambassador Ralph Earle II

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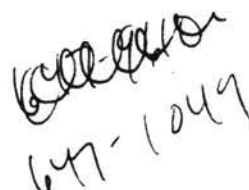
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Ambassador Earle will remain as one of my closest arms control advisors and it is extremely fortunate that I will be able to call on him from time-to-time to continue to influence the solutions to future challenges. For your reference, attached are a draft award citation and his official biography.


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Ambassador Ralph Earle II, Deputy Director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), retired on March 25, 1999 after more than 40 years of distinguished service. I am requesting that you award him the President's certificate of achievement for a lifetime of superior accomplishment and unflagging dedication to peace and security for our nation. He will be honored on May 4 at the Department of State and it would give me great pleasure if I could award him this honor at the ceremony.

The United States is losing a dedicated public servant and extraordinary leader in the field of disarmament. His tireless efforts and exceptional skills leave a legacy of accomplishment few have attained. His retirement caps a distinguished career, which includes serving as Director of ACDA, Chief Negotiator of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), ACDA's Special Representative for Arms Control and Disarmament Negotiations in Geneva, Defense Adviser to the U.S. Mission to NATO, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

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For a lifetime of sustained and exceptionally outstanding service as Director and Deputy Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), Chief U. S. Negotiator of the SALT II Treaty, Defense Advisor, U.S. Mission to NATO, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and for his many other arms control and disarmament accomplishments in service to the nation, The President of the United States recognizes Ambassador Ralph Earle II. His exceptional leadership, outstanding abilities, and deep insight into difficult policy issues made his contributions to the formulation and implementation of U. S. arms control and nonproliferation policy of immeasurable value. His unique accomplishments have won wide acclaim and earned the deepest respect, admiration, and gratitude of several United States Presidents, Cabinet Secretaries and senior officials as well as many from the international community.

Ambassador Earle, over the last 40 years has contributed to U.S. national security in and out of government beginning with his assignments during the Korean war as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers and Counter Intelligence Corps. In 1968, returning to public service, he was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and he led the U.S. delegation that renegotiated the status of forces agreements and basing rights in Spain. His accomplishments directly contributed to U.S. forces forward presence and the projection of power supporting our commitments to NATO. In 1970, while assigned as Defense Advisor to NATO, he led the reorganization efforts on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to strengthen, streamline and modernize the alliance's defenses for the 1970's. Ambassador Earle joined ACDA in 1973 and represented the agency on the U.S. SALT delegation negotiating equal aggregate ceilings on strategic nuclear delivery vehicles and numerous other limitations. He served as the Alternate Chief U.S. Negotiator from 1977-78 and as Chief Negotiator from 1978-80 culminating in the signing of the SALT II Treaty in 1979. In 1980, he became the Director of ACDA where he served as President Carter's principal advisor on all matters involving arms control and disarmament. After thirteen years leading non-governmental arms control efforts Ambassador Earle was asked to return to ACDA in 1994 as the Deputy Director, where he has been at the forefront of all of the nation's recent achievements to create a more stable and peaceful world. He was instrumental in securing the indefinite and unconditional extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 1995, implementing the START I Treaty, freezing North Korea's nuclear program under international monitoring, helping to negotiate the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and the adaptation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty, tackling the multiple challenges of Chemical Weapons Convention ratification and protecting U.S. interests in negotiations with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Ambassador Earle's exceptional knowledge of strategic arms limitation and reduction, nuclear nonproliferation, chemical and biological weapons, conventional arms, export controls, and international security have made him a leader in United States policy development and implementation on a broad and diverse range of issues and agreements. As a diplomat, negotiator, and arms control and disarmament expert, he represents the best in the United States national security community. His exemplary skill and knowledge of the technical details and tireless search for common ground with our adversaries achieved deep, equitable, and verifiable arms limitations. His central role in the struggle to reduce the threats of weapons of enormous destructive power has left a legacy of protecting our national security and preserving peace and freedom for the United States of America. His service and selfless personal dedication reflects great credit upon himself, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the United States of America.



BIOGRAPHY

AMBASSADOR RALPH EARLE II

Ambassador Ralph Earle II is the Deputy Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). Ambassador Earle, a Washington lawyer, was most recently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Alliance for World Security (LAWS).

From 1980 to 1981, Ambassador Earle was the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, where he served as the administration's principal advisor on all matters involving arms control and disarmament.

Mr. Earle previously served (with the rank of Ambassador) as Alternate Chief U.S. Negotiator (1977-78) and Chief Negotiator (1978-80) of the SALT II Treaty. During that period he also served as ACDA's Special Representative for Arms Control and Disarmament Negotiations. Previously, he was the ACDA Representative on the U.S. SALT Delegation (1973-77).

Ambassador Earle additionally served as a consultant to the Secretary of Defense on SALT-related issues (1972-73); Defense Advisor, U.S. Mission to NATO (1969-72); and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (1968-69).

In addition to his government service, Mr. Earle, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, has practiced law as a partner of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia and of Baker & Daniels in Washington.

From 1950 to 1952 he served in the U.S. Army, as a 2nd and 1st Lieutenant, in the Corps of Engineers and the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Ambassador Earle is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Council of American Ambassadors, and the American Law Institute. He has also served as a member of the boards of directors of a number of business corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Provident National Bank (Philadelphia), The Finance Company of Pennsylvania, the Arms Control Association, and the Committee for National Security. He is the author of numerous publications dealing with national security.

He is married to the former Julie von Sternberg and has five children and eight grand-children.

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April 26, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
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Finally, I thought you would enjoy this picture of Debbie Siebert, taken in St. Louis
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Sincerely,

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Kathryn Higgins

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I leave with a sense of satisfaction in all that has been accomplished over the past six years. I've had the chance to serve you in three different jobs - four, if you count the NEA. Each has been a challenge. Each has been rewarding. I've learned a lot and grown a lot and am very proud to have been a part of your team.

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Sincerely,



Kathryn Higgins

Thank you!

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April 27, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TODD STERN

SUBJECT: Departure of Dirk Forrister from the administration.

Forwarded for your approval and signature is a departure letter for Dirk Forrister.

Background

Dirk Forrister has been a highly respected advocate for the administration's climate change policy. He is the architect of our industry consultations and of our flexible market based policies. Dirk is currently Chairman of the White House Climate Change Task Force and a Department of Energy Employee. He was also the former Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations at DOE. A personal note from you is highly appropriate on the occasion of his departure to the public interest sector. He will be working with the Environmental Defense Fund as Director of their Energy Project.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached letter.

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Todd would like
this letter to go to
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April 28, 1999

Mr. Dirk Forrister
2117 Le Roy Place, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Dirk:

It is with regret that I learned of your leaving the White House Climate Change Task Force and the Administration.

You have served honorably and well in this Administration, both at the Department of Energy and then as Chair of the White House Task Force on Climate Change, where you devoted the full measure of your energies to addressing the difficult issue of global warming. As you know, I regard climate change as one of the crucial challenges facing us in the new century, one that we must deal with effectively if we are to do right by our children and grandchildren. You have been instrumental in formulating this Administration's policies, with real sensitivity to the need for those policies to be both environmentally strong and economically sound. You have been a key link to our nation's business community, without which we cannot make progress on this issue. Under your leadership, we have reached out to forge practical partnerships and sensible policies, and worked to move our nation and the world toward practical solutions.

I am pleased to hear that you are going to continue your committed work on this issue outside the Administration, and so will continue being part of our extended team. I wish you and your family the best of luck in the future. Thank you for a job well done.

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EL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO

Washington, DC April 25 1999

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

Mr. President:

New Bill

The United States Trade Representative has recently published an initial list of European Union products to be sanctioned as a result of the final decision taken by the Arbitration Committee of the World Trade Organization, on the issue of the meat hormone ban.

In this list, a number of Spanish products have been included, namely canned peeled and fresh tomatoes, as well as tangerines in syrup (satsuma). These products come from regions with high unemployment and low income. In the case of canned peeled tomatoes, this would be the second time that they would be subject to this type of measures. After having been excluded from the U. S. market for over 8 years, the Spanish exporters have been making great efforts to reintroduce their products. These would be in vain were these products to be retained in the final list.

As you know, Spain is not a major meat producer in the E.U., does not import meat products from the U.S. and has supported the establishment of a labelling system with which the U.S. agrees.

In the light of the considerations which were undoubtedly weighed by the U.S. authorities with regard to the sanctions deriving from the banana dispute, which differentiated producers and non-producers, I would sincerely appreciate that these elements be taken into account when the final list of Spanish products affected is decided.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration,

José María Aznar

José María Aznar



Chabad of South Broward

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Hon. William Clinton
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Hon. William Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

Following the horrific school massacre in Colorado, and your genuine reaction of shock and sorrow, the nation and the world are asking themselves, "Where have we gone wrong in educating our children?"

Mr. President, as a superpower, our country must take a lead role in addressing values to be imparted in the school systems that are clearly lacking in today's day and age for reasons that are too many to mention.

I therefore propose, that the President establish a President's Educational Task Force, made up of educators from around the country, which will establish guidelines and concrete steps of implementing, once and for all, a non-sectarian universal value system, in the school systems of America.

My experience in drug prevention and education in Broward County, Florida, where I run a very successful and government supported Project PRIDE, Prevention Resources, Information and Drug Education Program, has taught me that children today, in great numbers, lack the nurturing at home that 30-40 years ago helped guide American children in developing their good and kind human traits to be upright citizens and compassionate human beings.

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make a difference for the good in the education of America. As a parent of seven children, I cannot sit back and merely watch the news. I must take action and I prefer to start at the top.

With best regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

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Rabbi Raphael Tennenhaus

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Cost of Guns Goes Beyond the Loss of Lives

To the Editor:

Re the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. (front page, April 23):

Since political action to ban private ownership of guns has proved impossible, we must take legal action to recover the costs that society incurs because of guns.

These costs include the increased salaries, equipment and administration required by larger police forces, more emergency room and general medical services, and larger funeral expenses. The costs also include time missed from work because of injury caused by guns.

Many perpetrators of gun-related violence would otherwise have only been in a minor scrap. So we must include expenses caused by the trials and incarceration of killers, social aid to their families and their lost productive capacity.

The people who must pay these costs are the people who manufacture, promote, lobby for and buy guns.

SEARLE WHITNEY
Albany, Calif., April 23, 1999

Our 'Winner' Society

To the Editor:

In the wake of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. (front page, April 23), many commentators have made the point that overall rates for youth homicide have declined. Their larger point is that Littleton and other recent school shootings should not be interpreted as a critical increase in violence among youth.

I suggest that the recent killings represent an increase in violence of a qualitatively different type. Past homicide statistics were inflated by turf battles among gangs, which is violence in the service of a particular social subculture.

These more recent attacks represent a violent rebellion against the social order as a whole — attacks on the socially successful by socially rejected children.

While it is obvious that we must remove guns from the hands of children, we must also address the issue of what happens to the losers in a

competitive society that values only winners.

JOHANN FREEDMAN
Seattle, April 23, 1999

No Substitute for Parents

To the Editor:

The gunmen at Columbine High School (front page, April 23) were reportedly in a rage after being dismissed and tormented by "jocks." I was an outcast at their age, poorer and not as athletic as most of my classmates. I was taunted and beaten. Hurt, angry and lonely, I found solace in knowing that after graduation my life would not include daily interaction with my tormentors.

My father, despite his income, gave me the security of knowing that if I studied hard, my future would include people and places of my own choosing. I had access to a gun but reached for college catalogues.

I support stronger gun control, but it will never substitute for parental encouragement that there is life after high school.

LYNNE PAULS BARON
South Orange, N.J., April 23, 1999

In the Universe, Are We Really No. 1?

To the Editor:

Richard Panek (Op-Ed, April 17) questions why we proclaim increasing humility at each revelation of the vastness and complexity of the universe. Instead, he says, we should base our humility on the realization of how much we have yet to learn.

But why humility in either case? We are becoming, as far as we can tell, the only creatures in the universe aware of the universe. As far as we can tell, here on our infinitesimal "speck of dust," we embody the only morality, the only esthetics, the only joy since time and space began. Humility? No; exaltation, excitement and pride.

BERNARD WEISSMAN
Los Angeles, April 17, 1999

To the Editor:

Regarding the announcement that astronomers have for the first time identified a solar system with planets that revolve around a star other than the Sun, the idea of separate planetary systems revolving around distant stars was certainly extant during Galileo's lifetime ("Spare Me the Galactic Humility," Op-Ed, April 17).

Robert Burton asked the central question in "The Anatomy of Melancholy" (1621): "If our world be small in respect, why may we not suppose a plurality of worlds, those infinite

stars visible in the firmament to be so many suns, with particular fixed centers . . . ?

"Though they [the stars] seem close to us, they are infinitely distant, and so . . . there are infinite habitable worlds: what hinders?"

I don't know how contemporary readers of Burton's popular treatise reacted to the possibility of "infinite habitable worlds." Burton did not show "humility" at the prospects he raised.

ANNE M. EPSTEIN
Lexington, Mass., April 19, 1999



Michael Morgenstern

Blaming Video Games

To the Editor:

As to whether school massacres like the tragedy in Littleton, Colo., arise from easy access to guns or from the influence of a violent media (front page, April 23), we need only remember the extreme violence of media and computer games in Japan and Hong Kong and the low incidence of random violence in these places.

In those parts of East Asia, the distinction between fantasy and reality is firmly in place — and secured by the illegality of handguns. In the United States, the distinction is erased because the very weapons that permeate the media world of fantasy violence are readily available. Until firm restrictions on gun acquisition and ownership are put in place, these two worlds will draw closer and closer together.

JOSH PILZER
Olympia, Wash., April 23, 1999

The New York Times

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

We are enclosing the Spring 1999 issue of The Ambassadors REVIEW, including pieces by Admiral William Crowe and Ambassadors Jean Kennedy Smith and Felix Rohatyn.

Admiral Crowe's recommendations and that of the Accountability Review Boards make sense and merit fuller backing—notwithstanding budgetary and OMB constraints. Foreign Service Officers and their families deserve every possible protection when they are potentially serving in harm's way. The Council will help on the Hill—as appropriate—to encourage this funding.

The Council passed for the second time a full funding for the UN resolution which we will encourage on the Hill along with the initiatives in this regard taken by the Department and your Administration.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ogden Reid
President

Enclosures

PS Following a meeting with Under Secretary Pickering, the Council of American Ambassadors stands ready to be of assistance to the Department along with the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Stimson Center to follow-up and support recommendations that the Department feels are helpful with regard to overall modernization, upgrading of information and communication capabilities and specific ideas to further US business interests in a global economy.

Resolution by the Council of American Ambassadors

The Council of American Ambassadors,

Recalling that the United States of America is a founding member of the United Nations Organization, a Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council as well as the host country of the World Organization,

Aware of the urgent need for the United States of America to provide leadership in the international community in our increasingly interdependent world,

Also aware of the situation that the United States of America, as the major contributor to the United Nations, has been in arrears in paying its assessed contribution to the regular and peace-keeping budgets at the United Nations for more than ten years, thereby seriously impairing the functioning of the United Nations,

Further aware of the fact that under Article 17 of the United Nations Charter payment of assessed contributions is a legal obligation of Member States,

Mindful of the stipulation of Article 19 of the United Nations Charter that a Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contribution to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years,

Recognizing the indispensable role of the United Nations, particularly its work in peacekeeping, economic, social and development fields, in our World today as we enter into the 21st century,

Recalling that in 1998 the international community commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations and of the beginning of United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Resolves:

1. **To call** on its members to support, in their individual capacities, full payment of United States arrears to the United Nations;
2. **To call** on all Member States of the United Nations that are delinquent in the payment of their arrears to live up to their legal obligations;
3. **To call** on the Congress of the United States of America to vote to pay the dues of the United States to the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 April 1999

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Thank you for your note of 16 April 1999 informing me of the resolutions adopted in the Spring Conference of the Council of American Ambassadors.

I agree that the resolution adopted by this group is a significant achievement in the effort we are all making to resolve the arrears issue. I am grateful to you for your participation in this event and your continuing efforts in this important cause.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
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laws in place that govern their actions," said Jonathan Rosenoer, a cyberlaw expert at Arthur Andersen. "The court is saying this is not the Wild West."

Rosenoer and other legal experts said the decision could have a broad effect on the Web, where the practice of co-opting a competitor's name often by embedding so-called "meta-tags" in code that users don't see is widespread.

The practice is underhanded but effective because millions of computer users find their way around the Net primarily by typing key words into search engines. Tossing a rival's trademarks into the text of your site means it will be among the search "hits" when the competitor's brand name is queried, offering a valuable chance to divert potential customers.

The judicial panel compared it to "posting a sign with another's trademark in front of one's store," and said the practice creates precisely the type of confusion trademark laws are designed to prevent.

"From a user perspective this is great," said Nilo Zaratan, manager of search technology for Infoseek Corp. "It will let us do a better job of helping people get to information."

Still, Zaratan and others cautioned that the ruling applies to just one trick in an ever-growing arsenal employed by Web sites fighting for users' attention.

And others said that, even with the law firmly on their side, companies will still face the daunting task of keeping track of their trademarked names in a digital universe that continues to explode.

The case that led to this week's ruling pitted Brookfield Communications Inc., a Los Angeles seller of entertainment industry software, against West Coast Entertainment Corp., one of the nation's largest video rental chains.

Brookfield long ago registered the trademark "MovieBuff," but in a suit filed last year accused West Coast of infringing on the term by staking claim to the address www.moviebuff.com and sprinkling the term into the text of its site.

A federal judge in Los Angeles ruled against Brookfield, saying West Coast had some rights to use the name because it was first to register that Internet address. If that had been upheld, many corporate lawyers say it would have given companies a green light to exploit rivals' trade names.

But the appeals court reversed that decision Thursday, ordering U.S. District Judge Carlos R. Moreno to issue a permanent injunction barring West Coast from using either the domain name or the meta-tags.

Richard Lee Stone, a Los Angeles lawyer who represented Brookfield, said his client was elated by the ruling.

"This decision helps to protect intellectual property which is driving our booming economy," Stone said. "Brand names have value and this helps companies preserve that value." The ruling is binding in California and eight other Western states, but legal experts say they expect courts across the nation to follow the panel's reasoning.

But because it only addresses trademarks, the ruling does not prevent Web sites from spiking their pages with generic terms, or even names of Hollywood celebrities.

The prevalence of such tactics stems from the sheer competition to get noticed among the more than half-billion sites that make up the Net.

Search engines are by far the most important source of traffic for the vast majority of Web sites. They employ powerful computers and programs to scan the Net continuously, updating vast indexes of sites and categorizing them according to the contents of their pages.

When users type in keywords such as "golf," engines point them to lists of matching sites, supposedly ranked in order of relevance.

But Web site operators have come up with a range of techniques to skew the results. Keyword stuffing is one of the best-known tricks, and involves larding a site with frequently used search terms.

The term "MP3," an audio compression format that lets users download music from the Net, is currently one of the most popular search terms. Consequently, it often shows up in sites that have nothing to do with the technology, said Srinija Srinivasan, the architect of Yahoo Inc.'s directory of sites.

Pornography sites are particularly aggressive keyword stuffers, often sprinkling their pages with names of celebrities, such as former "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson Lee, even if they have no pictures of the stars.

Most search engines have tried to compensate for such cheating.

Excite, for instance, simply stopped scanning meta-tags several years ago, and has spent millions of dollars improving its search software to help root out obvious keyword-stuffing efforts and produce more reliable results.

But the cheaters have also gotten more sophisticated. In recent years some have taken to creating pages that repeat the same word over and over, or posting hundreds of copies of a single page, because such repetition improves their "relevance rankings" with some search engines.

Hug a Tree and Put a Hold on the Print Button

By Booth Moore

Los Angeles Times

Since the dawn of the digital revolution, pundits have been heralding the birth of a paperless society. They have been predicting all newspapers and magazines would go online, e mail communications would totally displace office memos and e-books would make their paper versions obsolete. The silver lining of this electronic cloud is that a paperless society would lower paper consumption and waste. If only this were true.

Although businesses have had some success reducing their use and waste of paper with electronic communication, our paper habits at work haven't changed.

Bethlehem Steel Corp. expanded its use of e-mail and implemented an Electronic Data Interchange System to replace hard-copy forms, conserving close to 30,000 pounds of paper in 1998. Computer manufacturer Silicon Graphics developed a Web-based purchasing system and conserved more than 2&1/2 tons of paper forms in one year. Despite these and other efforts in the business sector, as a whole, paper consumption is not down.

Mike Leahy, forest campaign coordinator for the National Audubon Society, believes the ability of electronic media to save trees hasn't yet been fully tapped. "Electronic communications have tremendous potential to reduce paper consumption in the future, but unfortunately there's been no noticeable change in our paper consumption and wood-product consumption to date. It continues to increase."

One reason could be that environmental gains from the use of technology are offset by the tendency to print things out.

"It's difficult to glean complex information off a computer screen," explains Amy Johns, senior associate editor of the techno-lifestyle magazine Wired. "I still see lots of printed out e-mails in our office. I think the computer and the printed word are fundamentally different mediums. People want different things from them. The computer is not a place most people do a lot of meditative thinking."

Even e-books haven't made a dent. "Right now it's a very niche market," she says. "Until screen technology improves, people will continue to read books."

Roger Fidler, professor of journalism and mass communications at Kent State University in Ohio, agrees. He authored an opinion piece titled "The Pulse of Tablet Technology" for the Online Journalism Review, and is the editor of an ongoing online symposium about the future of print media. "I don't expect to see all the world's printing presses shut down or to see the demise of paper next year, or any time in the next century for that matter," he says. "Paper has many redeeming qualities that will be difficult, if not impossible, for digital systems to entirely replace."

Albanian Newspaper Publishes Anew in Macedonia (Tetovo, Macedonia)

By Elizabeth Shogren

Los Angeles Times

TETOVO, Macedonia Exactly a month after Kosovo's only Albanian language daily stopped printing and its editors and reporters went into hiding or fled for their lives, the paper published again Friday.

"We still exist," Ardian Arifaj, one of the paper's editors, said with a satisfied smile. "Our motive is to preserve our identity (as Kosovo Albanians). This is about our survival."

The resurrection here of the newspaper Koha Ditore, or Time Daily provided a rare injection of hope into an effort full of obstacles and frustration.

Like the journalists, Kosovo's political and cultural leaders are struggling to keep their society and culture alive while more than half of their people are refugees abroad and the rest are living in

terror inside their Yugoslav province.

Because much of the forced exodus from Pristina, Kosovo's capital, was directed to Macedonia, the province's cultural and political leaders hope to use this neighboring country as a base for preserving their trampled society.

But the Macedonian government is determined to frustrate their plans. This week, authorities made a point of stressing that political leaders from Kosovo are banned from organizing, raising funds, staging demonstrations or conducting any other political activities in Macedonia.

"It's a clear message to us," said Naim Jerliu, 27, deputy chairman of the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), the largest ethnic Albanian party in Kosovo. "While in Macedonia, we must behave as refugees, not political leaders."

Jerliu's lifeline is his mobile phone. It provides him with a way to stay in contact with foreign diplomats and journalists in Macedonia, so he can make his case for sending NATO ground troops into Kosovo to defeat Yugoslav security forces and make it safe for refugees to return home.

Jerliu is well aware that he and other politicians from Kosovo have very little influence on the events underway in their homeland. NATO, its political leaders and Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic are the main actors in Kosovo not its people or political leaders still in the province or abroad.

Clearly one reason the refugees have almost no role in the battle for their future is that Kosovo is not a country and there is no one obvious, legitimate political leader who could speak for the people.

Before the NATO airstrikes began March 24, leaders of the main Albanian parties in Kosovo literally were not talking to each other and found it impossible to work together.

Ibrahim Rugova, the LDK leader who was elected president of Kosovo Albanians in unofficial balloting last year that was boycotted by members of other parties, is under house arrest in Pristina. Even if he wasn't indisposed, his pacifist ways no longer hold much sway over his people.

The Kosovo Liberation Army created a new "government" two weeks ago, naming Hashim Thaci the prime minister. But Thaci remains in Kosovo and is limited to leadership and diplomacy by cell phone. His rule is generally recognized only by his Kalashnikov-carrying troops.

Macedonia is determined not to become the chessboard for the political maneuvers of Kosovo's politicians abroad.

Ethnic Albanians make up about one-quarter of Macedonia's population; ethnic Slavs compose the majority. Macedonian authorities are worried that the dramatic influx of ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo will change the ethnic balance. So any talk of refugees setting up newspapers, launching political efforts or engaging in other activities that could be interpreted as signs that they are settling in makes Macedonian authorities very nervous.

The newspaper is being edited in a small second-floor office here by a skeleton crew of three editors and six or seven reporters. Its new headquarters has no telephones yet, but it does have 11 new computers and an Internet hookup.

For now, the paper is being distributed only in Western Europe, because Macedonian authorities have rejected requests to permit printing and distribution here. On Monday, it distributed 21,000 copies, 11,000 of them in Germany.

The next goal is to publish for refugees in Macedonia, where most of the population of Pristina was sent during a systematic expulsion of ethnic Albanians from the province by Serbian security forces.

So far, Macedonian authorities have flatly rejected their plan, but Koha Ditore's editors are not deterred.

The newspaper's editors hope that their success will fuel the regeneration of other aspects of Kosovo Albanian society abroad.

BRAZDA, Macedonia At a makeshift school in a refugee camp, it was 5-year-old Jeton Hasani's turn to tell his story of what happened in Kosovo.

With the teacher at his side, Jeton started to talk in a matter-of-fact tone.

"A grenade was thrown into our garden. Then my grandma was dead. My uncle, he's standing over there, was injured," Jeton said.

Then the meaning of his words seemed to hit him. His whole body tensed up, his cherubic face turned bright red and tears started to spritz from his eyes.

"Grandma, grandma, I want my grandma!" he cried.

The rest of the class, more than a dozen small children, sat quietly on a gray wool blanket watching the painful scene.

Losses such as Jeton's hardly make headlines amid the accounts of massacres and the systematic expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanians from their homeland in recent weeks. But the senseless, random killings of countless beloved grandmothers and best friends during Serbian forces' sweep through Kosovo are leaving emotional and psychological scars that will outlast the war in the Yugoslav province.

The people who have experienced these devastating personal tragedies are dealing with them in different ways. Some are trying to exact revenge with their own hands. Others are determined that once they return to Kosovo, no Serbs will share their land. And others, who like Jeton are too small to think about making someone pay for their pain, have been so deeply traumatized that they will never be the same.

Jeton's grandma, Arife Hasani, 57, was the one who cuddled with him while watching cartoons on television each day. And she was the one who baked the delicious cheese and spinach pies that are his favorite.

Now she's buried in the garden.

Hasani and her daughter, Fatmire Hasani, were up late March 25 preparing to follow the order of Serbian security forces to leave their home in Metrovica early the next morning. The NATO bombings had begun the day before.

Fatmire Hasani, Jeton's aunt, was in the bathroom when she heard an explosion that knocked the lights out. In the darkness, she heard her mother's faint voice and found her lying in blood.

A piece of shrapnel had lodged into her neck. Soon she was in a coma, then dead.

The family wanted to keep the horrible news from Jeton, so when he asked for his grandma in the morning, they told him she was in the hospital. But he discovered her body and vomited from the shock.

For a week, Jeton couldn't stop crying. Since then, he talks about his grandma all the time and sees her in his sleep.

So does Fatmire Hasani.

"I keep dreaming of the moment when I found her in the pool of blood. And she says to me: 'I'm not dead. I'm alive,'" said the 30-year-old teacher.

Besim Berisha, 21, was hiding in the hills near his home in the southern Kosovo village of Mirosala when he saw tanks approach his house.

"My grandfather came out to see what was happening," Berisha said. "I saw them stab him in the chest with a knife."

Death did not come as a surprise to 70-year-old Zejnel Berisha. He had said goodbye to his loved ones when they headed into the forest to hide from Serbian security forces who had ordered them out.

"He didn't want to leave the house," said Besim Berisha. "He wanted to die in his own home."

Berisha said he had finished crying over his grandfather's death and now he is determined to avenge it. "I don't have a heart anymore," he said coolly.

Berisha wants to join the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), like numerous other refugees have, but the guerrilla force is not taking volunteers without weapons of their own. Although he has no experience, Berisha said that should not stand in his way: "I will learn to fight in two hours."

Fadil Dragaj, 42, can't fight, though he would love to.

Two days before the NATO airstrikes started, Dragaj was at a cafe near the popular restaurant he owns in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, when the cafe was attacked by Serbian security forces with automatic weapons and explosives. Five bullets left wounds in Dragaj's arms. Shrapnel lodged in his back and pierced his lungs. Three of his ribs were broken. He now has no use of his right arm

Refugees' Equation: Horror Multiplied by Pain (Brazda, Macedonia)

**By Elizabeth Shogren
Los Angeles Times**

and one finger has been amputated.

More than four weeks later, he is still bandaged and aching and breathes with pain. But his greater agony is that his best friend was killed in the attack.

"I have a trauma of hatred and anger and revenge," Dragaj said. "If all the people who have committed these crimes against my people are punished, my trauma will be cured. This would be my therapy."

Such stories fit the pattern experts see among refugees.

For those who have witnessed and experienced such horrors, psychologists say, the effects are both immediate and enduring. Trauma initially manifests itself in illness and medical complaints. In the long run, suicide rates are far higher among traumatized refugee populations than among those who haven't been exposed to such violence.

"It's horrible and it's excruciatingly traumatic," said Rona Fields, an Alexandria, Va., psychologist who has conducted extensive research work on traumatized refugee populations.

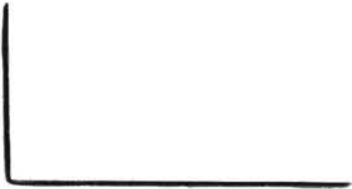
Refugees who have witnessed violence to loved ones, Fields noted, often see little difference between themselves and the victims. "They identify as the victim and put together whatever experience they've had in the camp with the experience of the trauma they've just been exposed to," said Fields.

As a result, she added, the violence done to refugees is multiplied in its effect. "It's done to terrorize in many instances. And it has just that effect."

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Colombian Bid For U.S. Aid Takes Abnormal Route

Administration Bypassed for House GOP

By DOUGLAS FARAH
Washington Post Foreign Service

Faced with a growing threat from Marxist guerrillas allied with drug traffickers, the Colombian anti-narcotics police, already the largest recipients of U.S. aid in the hemisphere, are requesting an additional \$51 million for guns, ammunition and night-vision equipment for their helicopter fleet.

But the aid request did not pass through normal diplomatic channels. Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano, Colombia's police commander, drew up the wish list with help from Republican leaders in the House of Representatives and sent it directly to House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.), bypassing not only the Clinton administration but his own government, according to senior U.S. and Colombian officials. Serrano is scheduled to testify before a House panel on his aid request on April 29.

The strategy, which has proved effective in the past, highlights a long-running and acrimonious rift between the State Department and House Republican leaders—Hastert, Dan Burton (Ind.) and Benjamin A. Gilman (N.Y.)—over what kind of aid and how much to give to the Colombian police.

Aid is not the only issue in dispute. The Clinton administration infuriated Republicans by authorizing a mid-level State Department official to meet with the Marxist-led Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) last December, even though the FARC is officially designated a terrorist organization by the State Department.

When the FARC executed three Americans last month, the Republicans asked for a formal investigation to determine who authorized the contacts.

While the Colombian police are slated to receive some \$240 million in counter-narcotics aid this year, many House Republicans believe they deserve more and accuse the State Department of dragging its feet on delivering aid.

Last year, over State Department objections, the Republican-led Congress approved \$96 million at Serrano's request to purchase six sophisticated Black Hawk helicopters. While unhappy with the package, the Clinton administration did not fight it.

State Department officials say Congress is micromanaging Colombia policy and undercutting its ability to formulate a coherent strategy that takes into account not just the war on drugs but the nation's struggle to negotiate an end to 34 years of civil war.

But so far, neither the Clinton administration nor Colombian President Andres Pastrana has been willing to block the unorthodox budget moves, in part because Congress controls the budget and in part because of Serrano's reputation as a highly effective lawman who dismantled the Medellin and Cali cocaine cartels.

In particular, U.S. officials are reluctant to rock the boat with either Serrano or Congress at a time when Colombia seems to be making progress in improving its military, widely faulted for corruption and disregard for human rights.

Earlier this month, under heavy U.S. pressure, Pastrana fired two generals allegedly linked to right-wing paramilitary

groups. And the government, with strong support from Serrano, has promised to extradite four drug traffickers to the United States. They would be the first such extraditions since 1992.

Aides to senior House Republicans readily acknowledged that they worked with the police to draw up Serrano's budget request, arguing that normal diplomatic channels are too slow and unresponsive.

"The war in Colombia, sadly, is being run by the Congress, not the executive, as it should be," said one influential Republican aide. "The only strategic thinking comes from the Congress because the State Department doesn't take things seriously."

State Department officials argue they are doing all they can to support counter-narcotics efforts in Colombia while staying within the legal guidelines for procuring helicopters and other equipment—a task they acknowledge is relatively new to their department.

On March 3, Gilman and Burton, in a joint letter to the State Department's inspector general, asked for an investigation into the department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), which handles counter-narcotics aid. The letter asked the inspector general to audit the INL and look at the possibility of "moving the INL account out of the State Department to another agency."

The request infuriated administration officials, who accused the Republicans of trying to embarrass the White House on the drug issue.

The dispute dates back several years, to a time when the State Department felt that upgrading the Colombian police's aging fleet of Huey helicopters was more cost-effective than buying the Black Hawks—the option favored by Burton and Gilman.

According to State Department and congressional sources, of the 35 Vietnam-era Huey UH-1H helicopters owned by the Colombian police, 15 have been permanently grounded and another seven are undergoing maintenance. The first three Black Hawks approved last year are due to be delivered at the end of this year, but their arrival is unlikely to end the dispute.

"We just keep getting hammered and hammered," said one weary Clinton administration official. "Even if we do everything [the Republicans] want, they will come back and hammer us again."

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Politics of Weaponry Set Back Security

To the Editor:

William Safire (column, April 19) quotes Gov. George W. Bush of Texas as saying, "We ought to be firmer about the distribution of weaponry around the globe, whether they come from China or Russia."

Mr. Bush and the other Presidential candidates should also analyze conventional weaponry, the cause of the overwhelming majority of deaths in conflicts from the Korean War to Kosovo. Democrats like Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts and Representative Cynthia A. McKinney of Georgia have led efforts to limit the sales of conventional weapons by the United States, the world's leading supplier.

Mr. Bush and the other Republican candidates have an opportunity to take a leadership role on what should be a nonpartisan issue rather than blaming China and Russia for weapons proliferation, a problem to which the United States itself has greatly contributed.

MARK S. STERNMAN
Cambridge, Mass., April 21, 1999

Economic Status Quo

To the Editor:

Prof. Alan Krueger (Business Day, April 20) claims to eschew value judgments and wants to approach issues empirically. Yet his insistence on postponing changes in education policy until studies by researchers approach "certainty" is itself a value judgment in favor of the status quo.

In view of the tragic state of affairs in parts of public education, his judgment is a most questionable one.

WILLIAM M. PETERSEN
Summit, N.J., April 20, 1999

A Lesson in Equality

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read about the \$170 million raised by a well-meaning billionaire to help low-income children attend private and religious schools (front page, April 21). The fact that celebrities and politicians lent him their support only increases the perception that public education is a failure. It is not.

Terrible public and private schools exist, and parents should do everything to save their children that fate. But the fact remains that public schools can, and often do, work. When they don't, there are reasons, including large classes, low teacher salaries, bureaucratic rules and inflexible unions.

In this debate, we can't forget the great failing of private schools: because they are privileged and exclusive, even the best of them can never teach by example that all children are created equal. That is a serious lesson lost.

SAM SPOE
New York, April 22, 1999

What Tojo Knew

To the Editor:

"A Tojo Battles History, for Grandpa and for Japan" (news article, April 22) says that Hideki Tojo, Japan's wartime Prime Minister and Minister of War, was "the man who ordered the attack on Pearl Harbor." This broad statement conflates two issues: the strategic decision for war with the United States and the operational decision for a naval attack on Pearl Harbor.

Tojo did preside over the Liaison Committee — a coordinating body of cabinet ministers and the military chiefs of staff — that collectively made the decision for war on Nov. 1, 1941. However, he had no authority over the Imperial Navy.

The Navy General Staff approved the Pearl Harbor attack plan prepared by Adm. Isoruko Yamamoto, and it is doubtful that Tojo even knew the details of the plan before Dec. 7.

JEFFREY W. TALIAFERRO
Boston, April 22, 1999

The writer is an assistant professor of political science, Tufts University.

High Priorities for India

To the Editor:

In "A New Trial for India" (editorial, April 20), you state that "India's challenge is to prevent the present political turbulence from undermining the drive to make peace with its neighbors and among the warring groups within its borders."

Such foreign policy initiatives are important.

However, the real failure of India's leaders has been the failure to provide an acceptable standard of living for its people. One hopes that India's leaders will soon realize that the best way to insure their electability is by improving the lives of the people who vote for them. Perhaps education, health care and drinking water may all become a reality for India's impoverished millions.

VISWANATH SUBRAMANIAN
Sunnyvale, Calif., April 20, 1999



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Can Hearts Kill?

To the Editor:

Following Gary L. Bauer's announcement of his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination, he was asked if his opposition to stringent gun control had changed in the wake of the school massacre in Littleton, Colo. He answered that the availability of weapons is not the problem; rather, it is the hearts of the people who use them (news article, April 22).

Perhaps we can also expect Mr. Bauer to support the legalization of drugs? After all, why should we criminalize the sale of any dangerous product when the real problems stem from people's hearts, not availability?

JUNE DUTTON
Sausalito, Calif., April 22, 1999

Many Empty Houses

To the Editor:

Re "Littleton, Then and Now" (Op-Ed, April 22): While the "mallification" of America is appalling, I wouldn't go as far as to say that too many Big Macs and blue jeans are reasons enough for our children to kill. The sense of place and character that Stephen Schiff speaks of is certainly lacking. However, where it is most sorely missed is in the home.

Too often children come home to an empty house. This lack of supervision translates into a lack of respect for authority, which stretches into early adulthood and beyond. We have to stop blaming Junior's behavior solely on the evils lurking on television, on the Internet and in our shopping plazas and start spending time with — not just money on — our children.

MARK SPOONAUER
Weehawken, N.J., April 22, 1999

Ridicule of Outcasts

To the Editor:

The report that one of the shooters at Columbine High School mentioned that a victim had previously made fun of him is a telling clue (front page, April 21). In a society where television shows like "Friends" and "Seinfeld" teach us to single out and ridicule those with unusual physical or personality traits — big hands, odd accents, strange clothes — it is no wonder that teens-agers have picked up the misguided lesson that "normal" is good and "unusual" must be criticized.

This attitude has a chain-reaction effect, because children who are made to feel like social outcasts during formative years can bear resentment, frustration and a desire to do something about it.

JASON P. LISI
Philadelphia, April 22, 1999

Grandpa Had a Hammer

To the Editor:

As one of those "have toolbox, will travel" members of the American Association of Retired People that Eugenie Allen describes in her April 21 Op-Ed article, I sympathize with Ms. Allen but also wonder what will happen as she grows older and the next generation matures.

Unless she sends her children to Grandpa for some intensive training in the ageless skills of home repair and remodeling, Ms. Allen and her husband will become totally helpless retirees.

The moral of the story is that you should train your children in essential skills if you want to survive old age.

ROBERT M. JACOBS
Englewood, N.J., April 21, 1999

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Debt-Relief Plan Is Flawed, 5 Nations Say

By PAUL LEWIS

WASHINGTON, April 23 — With the number of people living in absolute poverty on under \$1 a day likely to reach 1.5 billion next year, five major industrialized powers — the United States, Canada, France, Germany and Britain — have acknowledged that a plan devised three years ago to forgive debts of the poorest countries is not working well.

Suggestions these countries have made for improving that plan, the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative, will be discussed at the meeting on Monday of finance ministers from the so-called Group of Seven richest countries, which also includes Italy and Japan.

A final decision on ways to change the initiative, first disclosed in October 1996 by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, is expected at the Cologne meeting of heads of government of the Group of Seven in June.

Twenty-nine countries have been classified eligible for relief under the plan because their debts are more than two-and-a-half times export earnings, average incomes are less than \$925 a year and they have carried out at least three years of economic changes approved by the I.M.F.

But the debts of only two — Uganda and Bolivia — have been reduced. Another five — Burkina Faso, Guyana, Ivory Coast, Mozambique and

Mali — are likely to receive relief this year.

In a confidential report to member governments earlier this month, the monetary fund acknowledged what it called the shortcomings of the debt-relief initiative, saying it did not adequately lower payments.

"There is a consensus on the need for further steps to relieve debt," Michel Camdessus, the I.M.F. man-

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aging director, told a news conference here Wednesday at the spring meeting of the monetary fund and the World Bank. James D. Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, told a news conference Thursday that "we need to do more."

But a clear difference of emphasis emerged between the I.M.F. and World Bank approaches to easing the debt burden of impoverished nations.

Mr. Camdessus said he favored making more countries eligible for relief since this would bring more developing economies under the fund's supervision.

Mr. Wolfensohn, by contrast, presented debt forgiveness as a way to

release additional money for fighting poverty, saying the number of people living on less than \$1 a day had risen from 1 billion a few years ago to about 1.3 billion today and would probably reach 1.5 billion by 2000.

Mr. Wolfensohn also warned of the rising cost of granting debt relief. The cost of the current system is estimated at \$12.5 billion, and is up almost 30 percent from last summer. This is partly because falling commodity prices have reduced the export earnings of many poor countries.

Suggestions on increasing debt relief to be discussed at the Group of Seven meeting Monday involve relaxing the conditions heavily indebted countries must meet before they can receive help. Canada and Britain are the most generous, France the least. Germany has shifted from opposing debt relief to welcoming it following its recent change in government.

But many private humanitarian organizations pressing for debt relief have criticized these suggestions. "They are all inadequate, though Canada's and Britain's are relatively good," said Veena Soddarth, a representative of the Oxfam International aid organization.

"Debt sustainability is still linked to exports, not to development and poverty reduction needs," said the Jubilee 2000 Coalition, an alliance of private aid and church organizations.

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Russia, Captive of History

If Russia is ever to break free of the heritage that stunts its development, it must overcome its reflexive allegiance to bloody-minded tyrants like Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein. As hard as it may be for Boris Yeltsin, he should use this critical moment in Europe to push Russia toward an enduring partnership with the West. Only then can Russia hope to build the modern economy and democracy that its people want and deserve.

There are many reasons that Moscow is still dancing with Mr. Milosevic as his forces brutally assault the people of Kosovo, but none promise to benefit Russia as it struggles to rebuild its dysfunctional economy. Slavic solidarity, a common antipathy to NATO and fervent nationalism may play well in Moscow and Belgrade, but they are dead-end policies for Russia. Making common cause with Serbia and Belarus is not going to revive the Russian economy. The preservation of Slavic culture, language and identity is an honorable aim, but it is not a productive foreign policy.

The Kremlin's embrace of dictators had a certain ruthless logic during the cold war, when Russia was prepared to use whatever repression was required at home and abroad to protect and export its ideology. The United States, in the name of advancing democracy, closed ranks with anti-Communist tyrants in Asia and Latin America. But seven years after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, at a time when democracy and economic integration are reshaping the world, Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Hussein are political anachronisms. Alliance with them brings estrangement from the rest of the world, the last thing Russia needs.

In the case of Kosovo, Moscow no doubt fears that NATO intervention in Yugoslavia could lead someday to outside interference in Russia's own ethnic conflicts. Mr. Yeltsin's brutish attack on

Chechnya comes to mind. But that is a false fear. NATO well knows that it cannot intervene in Russia without igniting a new Continental war in Europe. Russia, for all the cruelty of its assault on Chechnya, did not conduct a genocidal campaign in the breakaway territory.

With anti-American sentiment rising in Russia, and parliamentary and presidential elections scheduled over the next 14 months, Mr. Yeltsin may feel he cannot afford to lean away from Mr. Milosevic, even though the Russian leader is not seeking reelection himself. But the paramount domestic issue in Russia is the ailing economy, not Kosovo. There is little need for Moscow to align itself so ardently with Belgrade.

Indeed, Russia's role as a potential peacemaker would be enhanced if Viktor Chernomyrdin, Mr. Yeltsin's special envoy for the Balkans, were free to tell Mr. Milosevic that the Serbian offensive in Kosovo is intolerable. Mr. Milosevic might listen more closely to diplomatic proposals if Moscow declared that he must allow ethnic Albanians to return home under the protection of an international force of armed peacekeepers. Mr. Chernomyrdin said yesterday that Mr. Milosevic had agreed to such a force when they talked in Belgrade this week, but the Yugoslav Government insisted that only unarmed peacekeepers had been discussed.

Russia's future development has little to do with Kosovo and a great deal to do with how Moscow manages relations with the United States and Europe. In the near term, Russia desperately needs \$4.5 billion in loans from the International Monetary Fund, assistance that is likely to be approved soon if the fund is satisfied that the Government budget is responsible. But that is just a fraction of the foreign capital and commerce that Russia will need to attract over the next decade if it is to build a new and prosperous economy. Slobodan Milosevic is not going to be a big contributor.

Arizona Shows the Way on Drugs

Arizona voters, tired of paying the exorbitant costs of imprisoning drug users and addicts who might be helped more cheaply, voted twice to provide a treatment alternative to jail. Now an Arizona Supreme Court study of the first year of probation with mandatory drug treatment — instead of prison — has shown the apparent wisdom of that decision. Congress and the legislatures of New York and other states should take heed.

For a decade and a half, since crack cocaine and its murderous dealer wars frightened the electorate in the mid-80's, the knee-jerk political reaction has been to pass tougher criminal drug laws, build more prisons and put more drug users and dealers in them. Many states now spend more on prisons than on higher education. More than 1.8 million people nationwide are in prison, 400,000 of whom are addicts or chronic users. But punishment has not solved the problem. Addicts, untreated, emerge from prison and quickly return to drugs, resorting to robbery or even murder to get the money for them.

The approach approved by voters in Arizona diverted people who are convicted of or plead guilty

to nonviolent drug-related crimes from jail to probation and treatment. The treatment and supervision are largely paid for by a tax on a legal drug — alcohol. It is the kind of program that an increasing number of law enforcement chiefs, including Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, the head of the national drug policy office for the Clinton Administration, have been advocating.

The results of the new policy's first year of operation in Arizona suggest that it is a success. The cost of prison, the State Supreme Court said, is \$50 a day. The cost of treatment, counseling and probation is \$16 a day. The amount saved, it estimated, is more than \$2.5 million the first year, and more than three-quarters of the people monitored on probation have stayed free of drugs.

Arizona is a politically conservative state. Its voters showed that they were tired of paying the costs of a bad idea. In requiring that drug offenders be treated before being freed of supervision, they may have made themselves safer. By treating drugs as a health problem, they have shown states like New York, which spends \$700 million a year to imprison drug felons, a better way.

To: President Bill Clinton

From: Miss Bryant's Fifth Grade Class
The Department Of Defense Dependent Schools
Brussels, Belgium

Dear President Clinton,

The majority of my student's parents work for N.A.T.O in Brussels. Their parents are spending long working hours during these trying times . Would it be possible for you to send them an e-mail message. This would definitely help brighten their lives.

Our e-mail address is: Bryantva@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Annie Bryant
Annie Mae Bryant
Fifth Grade Teacher

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Dear President Clinton ,

My name is Kyle Kenneth Houts , I'm 10 years old. I go to school at Brussels American School it's in Belgium. I have a twin that is 10 minutes older than I. His name is Thomas Houts you probably already read his letter . My Dad works for the Us Mission at NATO. His name is Gary Houts . My Mom works as a teacher . Her name is Helene Taelemans . My families address is 48 Kasteellaan 1910 Kampenhout. And in case you the president of the United States need to call my family ,here is my phone number ,32 16 65 19 62 . It's a great event for me to write a letter to the President of the United States . It's also a great event for my class to write a letter to the President of the United States. My teacher Ms Bryant decided that since my dad was probably going to see you , we could give you some letters. I hope it won't be too long for you to read all those letters. I think you are going to be elected President the next time , because you are a good and nice President. So now I'm going to start with the questions I have to ask you. If you have time to answer these questions can you please do it. First question how is the wheather in Washington DC ? Here in Belgium there is sun about half day in an entire week . The rest of the time it's almost raining. My second question is How does it feel to be the President of the United States ? I would feel very happy. My dad works about 4 days a week until 8:00 or

9:00 p.m. to stop the war between NATO and Kosovo . And I think it is good to have a dad that works so that the war stops in the world . I would really like it if you send me a letter with all the questions answered and I would love , love , love it if you could send me your autograph.

If you send me the answer to the questions and your autograph you can't send it to the address I gave you earlier , you need to send it to this address: SFC & Mrs. Gary E. Houts

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I would really love it if you had time to answer the questions and give me your autograph . Now my third question is , do you like being the President of the United States ? If I was the President of the United States I would feel very , very , very happy but very scared too with all these responsibilities.

It sure is an honour for me to write you a letter and it would be even a bigger honour to get an answer from you . I feel good that my dad is the chauffeur of the ambassadeur .

Sincerely / Respectfully ,


Kyle Houts

Dear Mister President Clinton,

My name is Thomas Houts. I'm 10 years old. I'm a student at Brussels American School in Belgium. I'm sending this letter to you for my Social Studies Class. My entire class is sending you letters because my dad is coming to Washington DC and we hope he'll be able to give them to you.

I think you are a good president and a nice president too. Do you have a lot of meetings about Kosovo? I don't like the war between Kosovo and NATO because when it is my dad's day of work, he usually gets home between 8 and 9 o'clock pm or even later and I get worried. On the other hand, I also think it is good to be the son of somebody who tries to get peace in the world.

Could you please send me your autograph because you are a famous person in the United States and I would be honoured.

Here is my address so that you'll know where to send it to me; SFC & Mrs Gary Houts

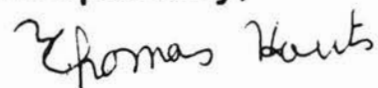
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I hope you'll have time to read my classmates letters and find the time to answer all their questions as well as mine. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,



Thomas Houts

PS: My english is not the best but it's because I started going to an American school september of last year.

Dear President Clinton,

My name is Lindsey Collier. I am 11 years old live in Brussels. My father works for NATO I'm American. I have been to Washington before, well actually a couple of times. I was wondering if you could send me an autograph? I would like your real autograph. I like to move around. I have been allot of places. Did you ever move when you were younger?

Sincerely,

Lindsey Collier

P.S. Thanks for your real autograph.

Dear Mr. Bill Clinton,

Hi my name is Kyle Hytry and I'm 11 years old. I am in fifth grade. I live in Brussels Belgium by N.A.T.O head quarters. My mom works there and my dad is retired from the military. My mom works as a computer programmer. How many stelfs bombers got shot down in Kosavo. May you send me a picture of you, your dog, and your cat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kyle Hytry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kyle Hytry

Danielle Englund
Brussels American School
5th Grade Class
PSC #79 BAS
A.P.O. AE 09714

Dear President Clinton,

My name is Danielle Englund. I'm 11 years old and in the 5th grade at Brussels American School (BAS).

My dad works at NATO. NATO is right here in Brussels! We have been here for almost 1 year.

Belgium is okay. I like the waffles and fries here! The CHOCOLATE is great. Have you ever been to Belgium before?

We are just getting a war started bombing Kosovo. Please send me your REAL autograph. Write Back Please!!!!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danielle Englund". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Danielle Englund

Dear President Clinton,

Hi! My name is Janna Beth Matheny and I am 11 years old.

I live in Brussels, Belgium.

I want to tell you my comments about the strike against Yugoslavia. It is not much different as a kid here during the strike as it was before but my dad and many others are very busy at NATO trying to make peace.

I sure hope the three captured soldiers get home safe and sound. I still and always will keep them in my prayers.

Well, I hope you are trying your best to make peace because the world is depending on the U.S.A!

P.S. Please send me your signature.

Sincerely,

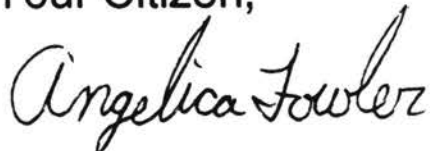
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janna Matheny". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janna Beth Matheny

Dear President Clinton,

Hi my name is Angelica Fowler I am 10 years old and I attend Brussels American School. I live in Brussels Belguim. I suppose you don't know where that is do you? Oh I almost forgot I am in the 5th grade. I've seen you on t.v. allot of times. Can I ask you a few simple question? Is it hard working in the White House? Is it possible you could get out voted soon? How many years can you stay in the White House? Can I have your autograph? If possible please send it to me. Thanks alot for being our president.

Your Citizen,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angelica Fowler". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and connected.

Angelica Fowler

P.S. Please write back if you can.

Dear President Bill Clinton,

My name is Hannah Parker and I am 11 Years old.
I go to BAS
(Brussels American School.). I am in Miss Bryants fifth
grade class. This letter is for my Social Studies class. I
live in Belgium. my mom is a secretary at NATO and
my dad is a cor engineer.

Sincerely,

*Hannah
Parker*

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Dear President Clinton

**Hi, I'm writing this for my Social Studies class.
father works for N.A.T.O.. He is a Lt. Colonel in the U.S.
Force. Over here, in Europe, he is not in any danger.
fun living in Europe. You get to travel places. Thanks
your time.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chloe Renee Cowser". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the word "Sincerely,".

Chloe Renee Cowser

Dear Mr. President,

I was wondering how long have you been president. What is the difference between democratic and republic. What is the hardest thing about being a president. Have you ever been on Air Force One. Do you have to make a lot of decisions? What do you do in your free time? Do you travel a lot? Have you ever presented a movie?

Sincerely,

Richard D. Byrum

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard D. Byrum". The signature is written in dark ink and occupies the right half of the page.

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Ms. Nancy Hernreich
The White House
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Dear Ms. Hernreich:

In regard to the Columbine High School
tragedy, I thought you might like to know
what our university is doing about schools
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Sincerely,
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 27, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT ^{4/}
CHIP PAYSON ^{CP}

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS

CC: JOHN PODESTA
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ACCEPT:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

4/26/99 (last night)

Address the Union of American Hebrew Congregations & Central
Conference of American Rabbis' Dinner
Capitol Hilton, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

This was one of three events being held this week by prominent Jewish organizations-- the other two are the Anti-Defamation League National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC on April 25-27 and the Rabbinical Assembly Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD on April 25-29. Of these three events, OPL, Sara Ehrman and others felt that this was the best event for you to participate in.

Note: The Attorney General and Secretary Riley will be addressing the Anti-Defamation League on April 27.

4/28/99

Photo-op with the 1999 Spring White House Interns
White House
Staff Contact: Virginia Apuzzo

4/28/99 Congressional Meeting
Yellow Oval, White House
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Sandy Berger

This purpose of this meeting will be to discuss Kosovo.

4/29/99 Ed-Flex Bill Signing
White House
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

4/30/99 Drop-by Friends of Art Preservation in Embassies' Reception
White House
Staff Contact: Melanne Verveer

You will make brief remarks and depart. The First Lady will attend and remain with the group after you have departed.

5/3/99 Official Visit of Prime Minister Obuchi of Japan
White House
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

5/4/99 Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
Event
White House
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

We have tentatively scheduled this to be the message event of the day.

5/5/99 Unveil the New Markets Initiative Event
White House
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

We are looking into travel options to follow this event.

5/6/99 Consumer Financial Right-to-Know Event
White House
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

We have tentatively scheduled this to be the message event of the day.

5/12/99

Crime Bill Event
White House
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

As the week of May 10 is National Police Week, you will be announcing that the Administration has reached its goal of funding the 100,000th Officer through the COPS Program as well as unveiling the new Crime Bill. The Fraternal Order of Police is planning their annual Memorial Event on Saturday, May 15. Since you will be traveling on that day, the Vice President is tentatively scheduled to attend in your place.

5/12/99

Drop Meeting with North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana
Indian Tribal Leaders
White House
Staff Contact: John Podesta, Lynn Cutler

John Podesta will be meeting with the group and you will briefly drop-by.

5/18/99

Working Visit with King Abdullah of Jordan
White House
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

Since you have friends in town on that day, we have scheduled a meeting in the morning with King Abdullah; you will then have the afternoon off followed by a dinner with the King in the evening.

5/19/99

Unveil the Model for the New Penn Station
New York, NY
Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

Senator Moynihan requested that you attend this event.

5/21/99

Annual Physical
Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD
Staff Contact: Dr. Connie Mariano

5/22/99

Attend the 1999 Senate Democratic Caucus Issues Conference
Irvington, VA
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

4-27-99

PENDING:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

April/May TBD

Meeting with Bob Johnson, President of BET
White House
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

7/30/99

Mr. Johnson would like to meet with you to discuss the Ron Brown Foundation. If this is something you would like to do, we will work with Minyon to set this up.

Yes ☒

No ☐

Discuss ☐

4/27/99-4/30/99

Drop-by Meeting between Samuel Berger and Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid Bin Saqr Al Qasimi of Ras Al Khaimah (UAE)
White House
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

Surround 5/1/99

The NSC has indicated that this is NOT a priority and your schedule for this week is extremely full.

5/3/99

Drop-by Meeting with the Young President's Organization
White House

Put in to see if I can

Roger Johnson has written to invite you to meet with the Young President's Organization on May 3. Since they have requested to attend the Arrival Ceremony of Prime Minister Obuchi, Melinda Bates has set aside a special viewing area for them on the South Lawn. They then will have meetings in Room 450 OEOB. Since your schedule will be very full with Obuchi this day, we would recommend at most an optional drop-by. Is this okay?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Option ☒

5/3/99-5/14/99

Meeting with the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)
White House
Staff Contact: Neal Lane

OK

They would like to brief you on the report "Federal Role on International Cooperation in Energy Innovation."

5/6/99

Meet with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
White House
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

Intergovernmental Affairs is setting up a meeting with Administration Officials. Once this meeting is arranged, we could put this on your schedule as an option.

Yes _____ No _____ Option ☒ _____

5/11/99

Present the Hubert Humphrey Civil Rights Award to Jeannie Van Velkinburgh during the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Awards Ceremony
Washington Hilton, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

We are currently holding that day for possible travel. If you do not travel on this day, is this something you would be interested in dropping by?

Yes ☒ _____ No _____ Option _____

PENDING SOCIAL INVITATIONS:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

4/29/99

Ambassador Mel French and Mr. and Mrs. Mack McLarty invited you to attend a farewell dinner in honor of the Ambassador of Brazil and Mrs. Flecha de Lima at 7:30 PM at the Hay Adams Hotel. You currently have the evening off after the Strategy Meeting.

Would you like to drop by this dinner?

Yes _____ No _____ Option ☒ _____

6/11/99

Beth Dozoretz is holding a reception in honor of Mark Penn's engagement on the evening of Friday, June 11. You currently have the evening off.

Would you like to drop by this reception?

Yes _____ No _____ Option ☒ _____

*Mark Penn
Beth Dozoretz*

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Date of Event:

Description of Event:

4/21/99- 5/5/99

Announce BRIGHTFIELDS, an Energy Department Project
Chicago, IL

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

BRIGHTFIELDS is a new program that will bring solar power and solar manufacturing to brownfields in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Atlanta. The Department of Energy has requested that you travel and make this announcement. Unfortunately, due to your full schedule, you will not be able to participate in any of these cities at this time. Cabinet Affairs will find an appropriate surrogate.

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event later*

4/28/99

Worker Memorial Day Event

Department of Labor

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Since your schedule will not allow you to participate, Cabinet Affairs has arranged for Secretary Herman to host this event at the Department of Labor.

4/29/99

Host the Winners of the 1998 Presidential Rank Awards

Department of State

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Since your schedule will not allow you to participate, Cabinet Affairs has arranged for Commissioner Apfel to attend this event at the Department of State.

5/3/99

Attend the 1999 National Science Bowl Final Match

Chevy Chase, MD

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

This is the date of Prime Minister Obuchi of Japan's visit.

5/5/99

Event Highlighting the 25th Anniversary of WIC

White House

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

You will be traveling to Unveil the New Markets Initiative and will be unable to participate in this event.

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5/7/99

Diane and Ned Powell have invited you and the First Lady to attend and small dinner at their house in the evening on Friday, May 7. Secretary Albright will be attending also.

You will be traveling to Texas on this day and will be unable to attend.

5/7/99

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on every day?*

Address the American Muslim Council's National Convention
Crystal City, VA

Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

You will not be able to attend since you will be in Texas. However, OPL is working to arrange outreach meetings over the next year, and this group is on their list.

5/7/99

Attend the 1999 Unionist of the Year Dinner Honoring Owen
Marron

Alameda, CA

Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

You are tentatively scheduled to be in Texas on that day. We have recommended that a letter be sent.

6/11/99

Patricia McClelland from Little Rock has invited you and the First Lady to attend the re-opening of the newly renovated Old State House on June 11. Cocktails will be served on the lawn at 6:30 PM and dinner upstairs at 8 PM. Beth Dozoretz has tentatively scheduled Mark Penn's engagement party that evening.

Since this is the day before you are to deliver the commencement address at the University of Chicago and the evening of Mark Penn's engagement party, we recommend that you tape a video message to be played at the event.

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EL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO

Washington, DC April 25 1999

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

Mr. President: *Dear Bill,*

The United States Trade Representative has recently published an initial list of European Union products to be sanctioned as a result of the final decision taken by the Arbitration Committee of the World Trade Organization, on the issue of the meat hormone ban.

In this list, a number of Spanish products have been included, namely canned peeled and fresh tomatoes, as well as tangerines in syrup (satsuma). These products come from regions with high unemployment and low income. In the case of canned peeled tomatoes, this would be the second time that they would be subject to this type of measures. After having been excluded from the U. S. market for over 8 years, the Spanish exporters have been making great efforts to reintroduce their products. These would be in vain were these products to be retained in the final list.

As you know, Spain is not a major meat producer in the E.U., does not import meat products from the U.S. and has supported the establishment of a labelling system with which the U.S. agrees.

In the light of the considerations which were undoubtedly weighed by the U.S. authorities with regard to the sanctions deriving from the banana dispute, which differentiated producers and non-producers, I would sincerely appreciate that these elements be taken into account when the final list of Spanish products affected is decided.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration,

José María Aznar

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 1999

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

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Dear Mr. President:

Attached please find information about the innovative school breakfast initiative in Franklin County, North Carolina. I would appreciate your consideration and support for this effort.

As you know, good nutrition is an essential component of a child's ability to learn. As the former Superintendent of schools in North Carolina, I have worked for many years to support local efforts to expand nutrition assistance for our children. Earlier this year, I attended the five-year anniversary of universal breakfast at the Franklin County Schools, and I can tell you firsthand that this initiative works to improve educational opportunities for all children regardless of family income level. I urge you to use the resources of the federal government to support this ambitious effort to improve education and good nutrition through universal breakfast.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please let me know if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Bob Etheridge
Member of Congress

4-27-99

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after you have seen?
Yes ☒ *No* ☐

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cc: Donna Fenske, Franklin County Schools

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Russell E. Allen
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February 5, 1999

The Honorable Bob Etheridge
1641 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Etheridge,

Thank you so much for joining us at Cedar Creek Middle School to celebrate five years of complimentary breakfast in Franklin County Schools. Your support for our program and for what we continue to do for the children of Franklin County was reassuring and well received.

We applaud the Clinton administration's proposed \$13 million initiative to pilot universal breakfast programs. Experts agree that breakfast is the most important meal of the day but it takes real vision to say it should be provided for school children in the same way textbooks and transportation are provided.

Here in Franklin County, we have offered free breakfast every day for every student, regardless of family income, for five years. As you know, this is a self-supporting program and uses no additional federal, state, or local funds. We operate on the standard USDA reimbursement rates (46% of our children qualify for free or reduced lunch) and fund the remaining cost of the program with the sales of à la carte items. What started as a five-month pilot has become a five-year program; however, rising costs make each year of operation more and more difficult.

Franklin County Schools began its universal complimentary breakfast program with a desire for every child to have an equal opportunity to learn and achieve at his or her optimum potential. Family income should not influence a child's educational readiness for school. We recognize that hunger deprives children of the opportunity to concentrate, to be attentive, and to learn and perform better. All children should have an equal opportunity to jump start their educational workday.

Over the past five years, students in Franklin County Schools have demonstrated a steady growth in academic achievement. Although we know the breakfast program is not the sole reason test scores have improved, we do believe it is a significant factor. There is a direct relationship between nutritional well being and academic achievement. This partnership between nutrition and academics is a positive investment in the future of our children. We hope you will continue to lead the fight in Congress for legislation that will impact not only the children of North Carolina, but the nation as well.

Again, thank you for attending our celebration. Our door is always open.

Sincerely,


Donna Fenske
Child Nutrition Program Director
Franklin County Schools

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THE FRANKLIN TIMES, Louisburg, N.C., Wednesday February 3, 1999, Page 3A

Over 2.3 million served

Schools fete fifth anniversary of free breakfast

By Jane Waring Wheeler
Special to the Times

Breakfast seemed like a strange time for a birthday party, but after all, it was a birthday party for a breakfast program.

Franklin County Schools celebrated five years of universal free breakfast last Friday morning with a festive occasion at Cedar Creek Middle School.

On the menu were sausage biscuits (low fat, but didn't taste like it), milk and orange juice — a typical school breakfast.

Despite an impressive guest list, child nutrition director Donna Fenske insisted on serving the dignitaries the same things students get for a typical school breakfast.

"The menus are nutrient based," Fenske explained, "and are quick and delicious. Otherwise, the students wouldn't eat them."

Something must be right. Franklin County students have eaten over 2.3 million of them since the free breakfast program was started five years ago.

After Fenske returned from a child nutrition conference in 1993, she was determined to do something in Franklin County to expand the breakfast program.

"Everybody always talks about how important breakfast is," she said. "Everyone cites research proving that students who eat breakfast concentrate better, test better, behave better and feel better. Everyone talks a good game but nobody was doing anything about it."

So Fenske did something. She sat down with her staff and designed a program that would offer free breakfast to every student every day — without spending any additional tax dollars.

The program is paid for through the sale of a la carte items in the cafeterias at breakfast and lunch. Franklin County already received USDA funds to provide breakfast and lunch for students who qualified financially.



PHOTO BY FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

FC Nutrition Director Donna Fenske blows out the candles on a cake to celebrate five years of providing free breakfast to Franklin students.

When the program started, it was the only one like it in the nation. There were others providing free breakfast, but with the assistance of special grant funds or additional state or local dollars. Since then, the program has been duplicated in other places, and is a benefit to everyone.

"It benefits children whose families do not have enough food," Fenske said. "It benefits families who don't have time to eat before they leave in the morning. It benefits teachers because it gives them students who are attentive in class."

Friday morning, Fenske and her entire staff were like proud parents who were happy to see their child getting some deserved recognition. They are

proud of the universal free breakfast program and are convinced of its importance to the children in Franklin County.

The guest list for the party included U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge (who was there bright and early), Gov. Jim Hunt (who sent congratulations and regrets), state Sen. Allen Weillors (who was happy to join a party after the opening day of the legislature the day before), and numerous other state and local officials.

After breakfast was served and a few congratulations passed around, the guests did get something that students don't get for breakfast in Franklin County — a huge, delicious birthday cake with five big candles.

Franklin plan feeds students every morning

Last year, a Florida school system received accolades on the floor of the U.S. Senate for providing free breakfast to every student on testing days. What's the big deal? Franklin County offers free breakfast to every student every day, and has done so for five years.

We feel sure U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge will take this nugget back to Washington with him.

The congressman was among those who celebrated five years of Franklin County's innovative school breakfast program last week.

Studies show that students who eat a nutritious breakfast test better, the Florida system said. And it's true. It's also true that students who eat a nutritious breakfast learn better — every day.

In January 1994, FCS child nutrition director Donna Fenske started the universal free breakfast plan — unique in the nation — as a five-month, self-funded pilot program. It was so successful, it has been continued each year. And — this is important — no additional federal, state or local funds have been used to provide over 2.3 million free breakfasts to Franklin County students.

Since the beginning, other schools and school systems have started similar programs with varying degrees of success.

It is getting harder and harder to keep free breakfast available to all children.

The Clinton Administration recently announced a \$13 million initiative to pilot universal free breakfasts in selected areas across the nation. They should just come on down and look at the program here. (And bring some of that money along.)

Everyday, thousands of Franklin County students are eating breakfast at school.

Now, these breakfasts aren't your old fashioned, high fat, high cholesterol, down-home southern breakfasts. They are quick, high protein, high carbohydrate, high energy, and low fat and include such things as hot oatmeal, French toast, orange juice, and the ever popular breakfast pizza.

This plan has been the perfect partnership between nutrition

and academics. Students are performing better in the classroom, they are developing important habits of good nutrition, and they are doing it without any additional tax dollars.

We think the Franklin County school system deserves both kudos and thanks for this exemplary program.

In this day and age, when test scores are the driving force in determining school policy, giving our students that little extra morning boost is the kind of extra effort that makes the difference between an ordinary school system and an extraordinary one.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents/Students/Teachers
FROM: Donna J. Fenske, Child Nutrition Director
Franklin County Schools

RE: Pilot Complimentary Breakfast Program for Franklin County School System

The school breakfast program plays a vital role in getting Franklin County children off to the right start. Studies show that there is a link between eating breakfast, improved test scores, concentration, productivity and the ability to learn. As parents, educators and nutritionists we all realize the importance daily nutrition plays in creating healthy bodies and alert minds. To encourage and promote higher levels of achievement for all students within the Franklin County school system all Franklin County School cafeterias will offer a no cost complimentary breakfast to all children within the Franklin County School system.

Beginning January 3, 1994 and concluding in June of 1994 a pilot complimentary breakfast program will be in effect for Franklin County Schools. Hopefully this is a program that will be reconsidered in future years based on funding feasibility and student acceptability.

Students who wish to participate in this complimentary breakfast program will be required to obtain a personal identification number to be given to the cafeteria cashier on a daily basis for accountability. If your child has not received his/her personal identification number please have him/her contact the school cafeteria manager.

Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas from your Franklin County Child Nutrition Program, Teachers and Principals.

DJF/dhr

c: Mr. Russell E. Allen, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas A. Riggan, Associate Superintendent