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Brooke Shearer
2812 Calvert Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Brooke:

I want to thank you for your service as Director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Few activities better reflect the Founders' vision of citizen participation in their government and leadership in their communities.

Since assuming stewardship of the country's premiere public policy fellowship, you have worked tirelessly -- and with characteristic enthusiasm and energy -- to promote the program and its charter goals. During your tenure as one of the longest serving of the program's Directors, you have expanded awareness of the fellowship, enhanced the quality and diversity of applicants, and enriched the experience for participants. I am proud to have personally taken part in your efforts to celebrate the history of the fellowship on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary. Your achievement in recording and promoting this history constitutes a significant contribution and will be an enduring legacy. In all of these endeavors, you have honored the fellowship's proud tradition and advanced its noble aims. Your service reflects well on over 450 former Fellows who have gone on render service to their communities and professions -- and on all who aspire to meet the high standards of excellence embodied by the fellowship.

On behalf of the Commissioners, selection participants from across the country, the White House Fellows who have served during your watch, and the American people, Hillary and I extend to you our appreciation and warmest personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JIM DORSKIND:

May 29, 1996

Please coordinate the reply.

Dear Mr. President,

Come mid-June, following selection of the next class of White House Fellows, I intend to step down from the directorship of the fellowship program. This decision wasn't easy for me. Managing the fellowship has been a wonderful assignment, and I am deeply grateful that you and Hillary have enabled me to serve the first term of your administration from this special perch.

Thanks in no small measure to the attention and seriousness with which you and your cabinet have treated the program, the fellowship has flourished in many ways over the past three and half years. More agency and EXOP department heads want to place fellows on their staff than we have fellows available. Applications have increased in number and diversity.

Until your administration, someone looking at the fellows could have confused them for the youth committee at Burning Tree. Close to 80% of fellowship classes were comprised of white males, bright and energetic though they may have been. Even during the eighties this was true, with women typically accounting for just 16% of each class, minorities for 20%. Since 1992 however, with greater emphasis on outreach, the averages have more than doubled--to 35% and 42% respectively. White House Fellows now look much more like America, and equally important, are as likely to come to Washington from the pulpit or their local police force as from the Kennedy School of Government.

Additionally, your administration has invested the program with new importance by giving Fellows serious work assignments. They have been put to real, substantive use by your senior staff and cabinet officers. Laura Tyson, John Deutch, Dan Goldin, Richard Clarke, Donna Shalala--to name just a few--pay the program the ultimate compliment. They take it seriously. So on behalf of the past three fellowship classes, as well as the one in the making, thanks for incorporating the talents of these men and women into the work of your administration.

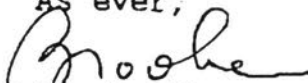
Now to the matter of my successor. I hope you won't consider it inappropriate for me to offer a suggestion or two. In the interest of continuity, I hope you might consider naming as director or interim director someone who is familiar with the workings of the program and knows well the personalities and goals of your administration. One person whom I think would be a great
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us on the 1992 campaign bus tour, which is how I first got to know her. She is organized, diligent, articulate and skillful at dealing with high-powered, hard-driving personalities, types all too common among White House Fellows, past and present. As you may know, Jean has worked both at EPA and with Skila Harris in Mrs. Gore's office. Should you give this suggestion your blessing, the timing would enable me to acquaint her with her fellowship responsibilities and the members of the Commission before they select the new class in early June. Having my successor on board before June would go a long way towards assuring a smooth transition and maintaining the progress that has been achieved to date.

Looking even further forward, permit me to offer another thought about the staff of the fellowship. After the 1996 election when it comes time to review anew the full slate of presidential appointments, I hope you might give serious consideration to Anne Roosevelt. I have worked with her on the Chicago regional selection panel two years running and been impressed by her insightful questioning of fellowship applicants. Moreover, the diversity of her professional background would serve her well in this job and vice versa. Her career has included work in the non-profit sector (she directed Museums in the Park), politics (she managed Paul Simon's 1990 Senate campaign) and city government (she currently directs Mayor Daly's Office of Program Development). On a more personal note: her daughter will finish high school next June. So come spring 1997, she would be in a position to consider moving from Chicago. She and Jean Nelson would make a great team.

Thanks once again for your generosity, patience and support during my tenure with the fellowship. The attentions that you and Hillary have shown us have enhanced the program more than you can imagine and will be a cherished part of its legacy--and my memory.

As ever,



Brooke Shearer

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Phone: _____

Fax: 6-6703From: Brooke Shearer

Phone: 202/395-4522

Fax: 202/395-6179

Message:

Nancy, thanks for returning my call. I wanted to discuss this matter with you briefly by phone. I'm under the weather & working at home (202-462-2002). Otherwise, I'll try to reach you tomorrow or next week.

SPECIAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS
HONORARY CHAIR, HONORARY PATRON, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Please return to Room 457

Today's Date: May 30, 1996

Date of Request: 5/3/96

Request for: POTUS

Type of Request: Honorary Chairman

Requestor Name: Mr. Anthony K. Shriver

Title: President

Organization: Best Buddies International, Inc.
Headquarters Office
Suite 1990
100 Southeast Second Street
Miami, Florida 33131

Contact Tel. #: 305/374-2233

Event Date: 10/5/96 [Print deadline: Invitation 7/1/96.]

Event Description: Eighth Annual Ball, "Art from the Heart"

Notes: The Best Buddies Ball raises money to provide socialization and employment opportunities for people with mental retardation. This black tie event is hosted by Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver at their home in Potomac, Maryland. The President served as Honorary Chairman of this event in 1994 and 1995; the President and Mrs. Clinton regretted in 1993. The organization would like a letter from the President for their program.

Recommendations:

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Comments:

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BEST BUDDIES.



May 3, 1996

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for all the support you've given to organizations that enrich the lives of people with mental retardation. I and all the members of my family especially appreciated your participation in the Special Olympics World Games last July, and I enjoyed having a few minutes to update you on Best Buddies. As we discussed, the mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with mental retardation by providing opportunities for socialization and employment. Currently, over 7,000 people benefit from participation in one of our programs.

Last year, your generous consent to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Best Buddies Ball enabled us to raise over \$350,000 to directly aid people with mental retardation. I hope you will consider serving as Honorary Chairman of our Eighth Annual Ball, Art from the Heart. My parents, Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, will host this black-tie dinner at their home in Potomac, Maryland on Saturday, October 5, 1996. We anticipate 750 guests, and I know we will duplicate the fantastic entertainment provided last year by The Temptations and Cirque du Soleil. We would be thrilled if you could attend even briefly, for 10 or 15 minutes. I know you would have a blast.

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

All the best,

Anthony Kennedy Shriver
Chairman

LMD/

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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SPECIAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS
HONORARY CHAIR, HONORARY PATRON, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Please return to Room 457

Today's Date: May 31, 1996

Date of Request: 5/1/96
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Chairperson
Requestor Name: The Reverend Joan B. Campbell
Title: General Secretary
Organization: National Council of Churches
Room 880
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10115
Contact Tel. #: 202/870-2141
Event Date: 10/11/96
Event Description: Interfaith Breakfast to End Violence Against Women
Notes: The event will be co-sponsored by the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence. It will be held in Washington D.C. during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Melanne Verveer believes that the President should accept this request.

Recommendations:

TS DK EL _____
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message).

Comments:



May 1, 1996

Dear Mr. President:

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and the interfaith Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence are working as partners to encourage and support leadership within our religious communities in addressing violence against women. We believe that our religious communities have been far too silent in this matter.

To this end, the Council and the Center are planning to call upon our religious leaders from all the major denominations and movements to gather in Washington, DC on October 11 (during Domestic Violence Awareness Month) for an Interfaith Breakfast to End Violence Against Women. This would be a time of witness and prayer calling for an end to violence against women and a faithful response to victims and abusers by all religious people in our country.

Would you lend your support by serving as Honorary Chairperson of this event?

We appreciate your vocal support as President for efforts by government, organizations, and individual citizens to end violence against women. We particularly value your personal commitment to this cause. We believe that the time is right to make the work of our religious communities more visible and that your support would enhance this effort.

We hope that we can count on your assistance with this event and invite you to join us on October 11 for prayer and reflection.

Sincerely,

Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary

cc: Melanne Vermeer, Office of the First Lady
Nicolle Rabner, Office of the First Lady
Carol H. Rasco, Assist. to the President, Domestic Policy Council
Debbie Fine, Assist. to the President, Domestic Policy Council
Betsy Myers, Director of Women's Outreach
Flo McAfee, Office of Public Liaison
Bonnie Campbell, Violence Against Women Office, Dept. of Justice

SPECIAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS
HONORARY CHAIR, HONORARY PATRON, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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Today's Date: June 4, 1996

Date of Request: 05/16/96
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Co-Chairman
Requestor Name: Mr. Leon Levy
Title: Chairman
Organization: Conference of Presidents of Major American
Jewish Organizations
110 East 59th Street
New York, New York 10022

Contact Tel. #: 212/318-6111

Event Date: 09/10/96

Event Description: 40th anniversary gala dinner

Notes: The group would like the President to serve as an Honorary Co-Chairman with Ezer Weizman, the President of Israel, who has accepted. The Conference of Presidents is an umbrella organization for the American Jewish community on national and international affairs. This will be a unique event, as the group does not usually hold dinners.

Recommendations:

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Comments:

In this case, I think Co-Chair is appropriate.

SPORTS

His Kind of Town



Jerry Reinsdorf, Owner of Chicago's Bulls and White Sox, Doesn't Shy Away From Tough Decisions

Photo Illustration: ERIC BOYD / Los Angeles Times; Photo: Chicago Sun-Times

By MARK HEISLER
Times Staff Writer

CHICAGO—Welcome to the city of Big Shoulders and Cheap Owners, where Papa Bear has been succeeded by Son-in-Law Bear; where the eccentric chewing gum magnate who turned the Cubs into a synonym for "suffering" has been replaced by a newspaper with no upturn in sight; where the boss Blackhawk's name is cursed by fans listening to sold-out hockey games on radio because he won't televise them.

Let's face it, it shouldn't be hard to be the most popular owner in this town.

Jerry Reinsdorf's three NBA titles, new ballpark and new stadium, should have made him Santa Claus among Wabblers, but it hasn't worked out that way.

In a sports-mad city where teams are treated as royal houses and journeyman players as princes, the owners are seen as Scrooges, bottom line notwithstanding. Reinsdorf, who has a respectable record in Chicago as a solid-blooded, hard-hearted businessman. (OK, so they've got him there.)

Now, even as his Bulls chase their fourth title in the '90s, the bill of indictment grows:

He's underpaying local demigod Michael Jordan, hasn't rehired that wonderful Phil Jackson or local shaman-Dennis Rodman.

He blackmailed the state into building his White Sox a new park, put it in the wrong place and erected a charmless cement oval instead of a Camden Yards or Jacobs Field.

He bought out popular Bill Veeck, lost popular Harry Caray, fired popular if erratic Jim Piersall and Doug Collins.

As baseball's shadow commissioner, he pulled the strings on his Bud Selig puppet and stage-managed the baseball strike.

Every day, Reinsdorf picks up the papers to find his own people intriguing against him. Jackson expresses interest in the New York Knick job over and over. That's a good one; after years of being pushed around by the Bulls, Knick management loathes the Zenmeister and, if the truth were to be told, Jackson would coach in the Black Hole of Calcutta first.

Jordan says a \$36-million, two-year deal is his "absolute bottom line" and threatens to play elsewhere for \$10 million less, if Reinsdorf "messes with me." Jordan later says this is "purely speculation," ducking the fact he was the one doing the speculating. A Sun-Times columnist rips the Tribune for "stuffing words in his mouth,"

noting a fairer figure would be—brace yourself—\$100 million for three seasons.

Just in case Reinsdorf thought he was out of the line of fire on this one, the Sun-Times adds:

"Reinsdorf will try to negotiate with Jordan because it is his way of thrusting his ample business ego into the public eye, his attempt to be remembered as the deal-maker who never had to pay Jordan what he's worth. That's a good way to become a pariah-for-life."

This, then, is your life, Mr. Pariah.

"Some flak from a few morons?" says Reinsdorf, doing nicely despite it.

"I don't mind being criticized for decisions. That's part of the territory. I have to make some tough decisions. And so far, the record's not that bad."

In real life, Reinsdorf is not cold or blustery, but friendly, relaxed and down to earth.

Sitting in his office in new Comiskey Park—he just closed the office in the Loop; others may call this a mausoleum but to him, it's home—he asks if you want a soft drink or a cigar like the one he's smoking. When he wants to check out a fact in his life story, he phones his brother Keith, whom he calls "Keithy."

How's this for irony? When Reinsdorf was young, he had his heart broken by a calculating sports owner.

Yes, Reinsdorf grew up in Brooklyn and bled Dodger blue, lots of it.

"The Brooklyn Dodgers were my religion," he says. "Every time Tommy Lasorda sees me, he comes over and makes a mark over my heart and says, 'If I cut you right here, you'll bleed Dodger blue.'"

"And I always give him the same answer which is, 'Brooklyn Dodger blue.'"

"I was devastated [when they moved]. The most emotional moment I had was the first time I set foot in Dodger Stadium. I just broke down and cried—this was some time in the '70s—at the thought the Brooklyn Dodgers were playing here. It was a spontaneous thing. All of a sudden, I just couldn't control myself."

As testament to his devotion, Reinsdorf has two old-style wooden bleacher seats in his office from hallowed Ebbets Field. Typically, they came at a bargain price. Keith was riding by on his bicycle during the park's demolition and asked the workmen for the seats. Magnanimously, according to Jerry, the workmen asked for \$5 and, even more magnanimously, settled for \$3,

which was all Keith had on him. He put the seats on his bike, walked it home and the family had a priceless heirloom.

Reinsdorf's sports career has been similarly profitable, not to mention accidental. He was a trial lawyer for the IRS, became a successful tax lawyer and, after attempts to buy the Giants and Indians, put together a limited partnership that purchased the White Sox from Veeck in 1981.

First mistake: following Veeck.

Reinsdorf's partner, Eddie Einhorn, made a famous remark, vowing to turn the White Sox into "a class organization." Veeck vowed he'd never attend another game and sneered at the new owners, as did the departing Caray in 1982.

The White Sox were a wreck, as in Veeck. Second fiddle to the Cubs, Veeck considered selling to a Denver group. If Reinsdorf saved baseball on the South Side, then and/or later when he entertained an overture from St. Petersburg, Fla., he got little credit for it.

Reinsdorf's \$50 million of personal credit does a man need?

In 1985, on a lark, he put together a group that bought 57% of the Bulls for pocket change: \$9.2 million. (Reinsdorf is thought to personally own 10%.) He got the idea from Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, a minority Bull owner.

Reinsdorf mentioned his interest to Steinbrenner. Grateful Bull ownership did the rest.

"They were a pathetic organization at the time," Reinsdorf says. "The indoor soccer team was drawing more people than the basketball team..."

"About a week later, Lester Crown, who was one of the principal owners, called me. He'd had this conversation with Steinbrenner and said, 'I can't believe you really want to do this.'"

"I said, 'Yeah, it's true.'"

The deal went down. As timing goes, it was like Jed Clampett firing into the ground and striking oil. Reinsdorf wanted another team only to make a package deal with a local TV station. He got one that had drafted Jordan the year before, not that anyone—Bull officials, Jordan or Reinsdorf—dreamed what that would mean.

Reinsdorf was an old-style owner. He wasn't on a starship (even now, he's as likely not to grant an interview as to sit for one). He stuck to his business principles.

In baseball, that quickly made him a

leading figure among owners. During the recent strike, union people fingered him as the chief hawk and power behind Selig's throne; Reinsdorf says he's flattered but it's untrue. Even more flattering, union people paid Reinsdorf a backhand compliment, calling him one of the few owners smart enough to understand what was going on.

In basketball, the same principles made him a maverick. He sued the league for a dispute over putting his games on superstation WGN and won.

David Stern, last of the powerhouse commissioners, is no man to be trifled with, but then, neither is Reinsdorf.

"I have nothing but the utmost respect for David Stern, in all matters outside this litigation," Reinsdorf insists. "He's very civil. We joke. When he's in town, I'll see him."

"Now, I don't go to the meetings, but that has nothing to do with the lawsuit. The reason I don't go to the NBA meetings is, nothing is done. There's no participation by ownership in the running of the NBA. David does everything. David is the sole, absolute ruler."

"I asked David once, 'What is your idea of the purpose of an owners' meeting?'"

"And he said to me, 'So I can tell the owners what I've done.'"

"Well, if that's the case, I can send somebody who can take notes. I don't have that much extra time to sit in a meeting and hear what David's done. But he's done a great job. I'm not knocking the system."

That's as it should be. Financial World now estimates the worth of the Bulls at \$178 million. Other owners suggest that however much mutual respect there is, a league meeting isn't a comfortable setting for Reinsdorf. At the 1995 All-Star game at Phoenix, for example, Reinsdorf was asked to step out of the room while other owners were briefed on their court case against him.

Reinsdorf left, snarling at his fellow owners to remember who had won.

Whether it makes him a hero (to the CEO set) or the Grinch Who Stole Mike (on Chicago sports talk stations), Reinsdorf never paid Jordan more than this season's paltry \$3.85 million. The owner never offered to redo the deal; the player never asked to renegotiate, although he did mention he was underpaid about a million times.

When Jordan recently let slip his number—\$36 million for two more years—

Reinsdorf again got away cheap. Reinsdorf isn't saying boo in public.

"I do not want this to be an adversarial relationship," he says. "I like Michael and I respect Michael. I believe that Michael likes me and respects me."

"Let's sit down and let's just talk, and if we talk, I really believe we'll come to the right conclusion. Michael should not play for anybody other than the Chicago Bulls. We've got the statue in front of the stadium. He shouldn't play for anybody else any more than Joe D should have played for anybody else at the end of his career or Ted Williams or Stan Musial."

"It's abhorrent to me, the thought of Michael playing for somebody else. If it happens, I'm not going to slit my throat, but it's something I really would not want to see happen."

The fans want Rodman. Reinsdorf is said to be worried at the prospect of a long-term contract with the irrepressible 35-year-old Worm.

The fans want Jackson. Jackson supposedly wants something in the \$3-million-a-year range. Zenmeisters don't come as simple as they used to.

"I like Phil," Reinsdorf says. "I respect Phil. I hope we get it done. If we don't, life goes on."

Reinsdorf now winters in Phoenix; insiders wonder how long he'll stay in basketball because his real love is base-ball. With or without Mike, Dennis, Phil or the Bulls, his life will go on and everywhere else will just have to get on.

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SOCIETY OF MILITARY WIDOWS
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June 4, 1996

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

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Dear Mr. Bill President:

Enclosed is the May/June edition of our *Uniformed Services Journal* along with a copy of the letter we sent to Congress. This begins our Election '96 campaign to contact each member of Congress to urge them to **Reaffirm America's Contract with its Military/Veterans.**

As indicated in the letter, we have emphasized that our first concern is a strong national defense. Using the National Security/Defense model, we emphasize that the key element of a strong national defense is the continued maintenance of the high quality all volunteer force which in turn depends on keeping the quality of life support promises made to service personnel active and retired.

In the letter and in the *USJ*, we have highlighted specific legislative initiatives pending in the 104th Congress that would strengthen national defense and improve access to the Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA) health care systems. We have asked members of Congress to support this legislation. We plan to publish a record of congressional support for these issues which are critical to the military/veteran community in our *USJ* to help our members and supporters make an informed decision when they vote in this critical election year.

As pointed out in my article on page 4 of this *USJ*, it is critical that all members of the military/veteran community get involved this election year -- to contact their elected officials, ask them for their support on these issues, determine their positions on the issues, and vote as an informed citizen. We must do this to save the high quality volunteer force and provide a continuing strong national defense, and protect the future of this great nation and the welfare of our children and grandchildren. We ask you to join with us and help us make a difference in '96!

Sincerely,

Jim
J.C. PENNINGTON
Major General, USA, Retired
President

P.S. AS I Told
you at the white
house meeting on 3 June
if you adopt the
Reaffirmation of American
Contract with its Military
Veterans and Follow through
on implementation I believe
you can carry this vote
in the election!



Election 96



NAUS Call To Action

Reaffirm America's Contract With Its Military/Veterans

I support Reaffirming America's Contract with its Military/Veterans which insures a strong national defense by protecting the high quality force. This can only be done by keeping promised and earned adequate quality of life support for the Total Force of the United States: active, retired, reserve, National Guard and other veterans — their families and survivors. To accomplish this, I support these legislative measures to:

•Increase the President's FY97 Defense Budget Proposal to fund modernization and improvements in quality of life for the volunteer force.

•Insure that the \$473 million funding shortfall in military medical funding restored by the House National Security Committee remains in the FY97 Defense Authorization Bill.

•Save scarce Medicare Trust Fund dollars and improve military medical readiness by authorizing the Health Care Financing Administration to reimburse MTFs for treatment provided to Medicare eligible beneficiaries - S. 1487, S. 1639, H.R. 580, H.R. 3142 and H.R. 3151.

•Allow Medicare eligible military beneficiaries, who cannot be treated at MTFs or enroll in TRICARE Prime, the option to enroll in FEHBP - S. 1651 and H.R. 3012 and allow an FEHBP demonstration project - H.R. 2442.

•Support Eligibility Reform for veterans' access to/and funding for VA medical facilities - S. 1563, H.R. 3117; 3118, 3119.

•Stabilize Medicare without increasing costs prohibitively.

•Protect Medicare and cost of living adjusted Social Security by insuring any major changes made to them would "grandfather" retirees and those near retirement.

I cannot support this concept and proposed legislation because:

I propose the following alternatives:

Member of Congress

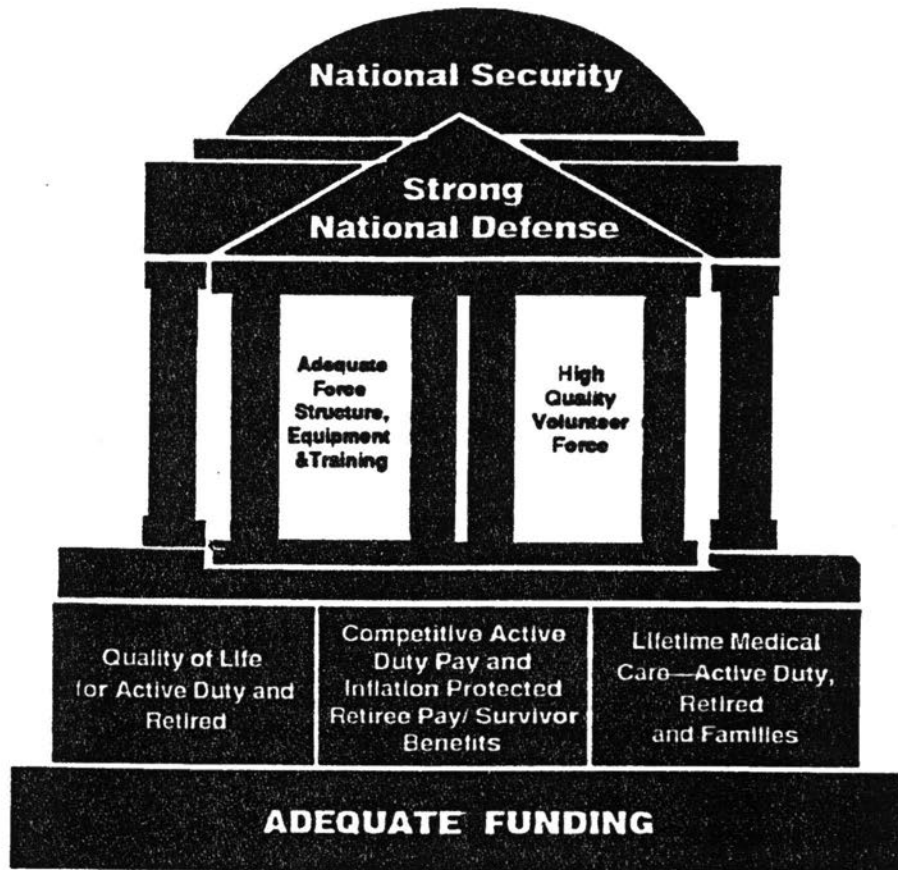
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National Association for Uniformed Services



Our strong National Security/National Defense Structure depends on a strong national defense. In the diagram above, national security is depicted as the dome of the structure with the strong national defense appearing as the roof beam supporting it. The supporting pillars to a strong national defense are an adequate force structure, equipment, and training base, and a high quality volunteer force. The high quality all volunteer force is the absolute key to the structure and depends on an adequate quality of life for active duty and retired personnel; competitive active duty pay and inflation protected retiree pay/survivor benefits; and lifetime medical care for active duty, retired, and families. The foundation which supports all of these is adequate funding.

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May 23, 1996

The Honorable
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative :

Dear Senator :

This Election Year '96, the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) and Society of Military Widows (SMW) urge you to honor **America's Contract with its Military/Veterans**. In this bi-partisan effort, we are contacting each member of Congress to ask that you co-sponsor important legislation to honor the promises made to America's military personnel and other veterans in return for providing the defense of this nation. The NAUS Call to Action on page 31 of the enclosed May/June *Uniformed Services Journal* outlines our campaign to bring your attention to the critical issues impacting the military/veteran community.

In this letter and in the enclosed USJ, background information is provided that substantiates the necessity of **Reaffirming America's Contract with its Military/Veterans**. We ask you to read this information and to show your support for a strong national defense and keeping the promises to the military members and other veterans who provide and have provided the defense of this nation.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a statement of support Reaffirming America's Contract with its Military/Veterans which you may use to reply by FAX or mail. However, if you prefer, please reply by letter stating your support for these issues and legislation necessary to accomplish them. Names of supporters will be published in the USJ to enable our members to make informed decisions when they vote. If you cannot support the concept and necessary implementing legislation, please explain your reasons why you cannot support them and any alternative measures that you do support.

Our first concern is a strong national defense. The key element of a strong national defense is the high quality all volunteer force. As our National Security/Defense Model (enclosed with this letter and which appears on page 5 of this USJ) illustrates, an adequate force structure, equipment and training base, and the quality volunteer force are the pillars that support national defense. The high quality all volunteer force and its continued success is the absolute key to the support of the structure and depends on an adequate quality of life for active duty and retired personnel; competitive active duty pay and inflation protected retired pay/survivor benefits and other veteran benefits; as well as lifetime medical care for active duty, retired, their families and survivors, and quality care for all veterans. The foundation that supports the defense and quality of life measures is adequate funding.

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. H.R. 2442 would allow for a demonstration project of FEHBP. [pp. 3, 10, 14, 17]

•**VA Eligibility Reform - S. 1563, H.R. 3117, 3118, 3119:** Would support Eligibility Reform for veterans' access to/and funding for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) medical facilities. Will allow VA to keep funds collected from third party payers and accept Medicare reimbursement for treatment given to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries in VA hospitals. [pp. 3, 10, 17, 18]

•**Stabilize Medicare without increasing costs prohibitively** - When medical care is needed most, it is not fair to change the rules for people on fixed incomes, especially when it is too late to earn more money to pay for increased costs. [p. 4]

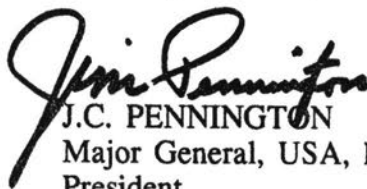
•**Protect Medicare and cost of living adjusted Social Security** - Any major changes made to Medicare and Social Security should insure that retirees and those near retirement are "grandfathered." [p. 4]

NAUS urges you to support **Reaffirming America's Contract with its Military/Veterans** in this important election year. Our strong national defense depends on it. **About one-third of this nation's voters are military/veteran related and usually comprise 30-40 percent of the eligible voters in most states and congressional districts.**

We look forward to receiving your early reply. As mentioned earlier, we plan to publish a list of supporters in the USJ. **To insure that you receive this request and information, we are sending them by U.S. Certified Mail.** To simplify your response and to make sure we include the names of all of the congressional supporters, we have enclosed a statement of support which you may **FAX to us at: 703/354-4380 or mail to us at: 5535 Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151.**

Thank you for the support you have provided to the military/veteran community in the past. We hope we can continue to count on your support now and in the days ahead.

Sincerely


J.C. PENNINGTON
Major General, USA, Retired
President

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cabbage soup diet, promises you can shed up to 17 pounds in a week. But nutrition experts say you may end up pudgier than when you started.

That's because losing weight fast usually means losing a lot of water and some protein. When you get back to normal eating, you tend to put the weight back on as fat.

"You end up softer and flabbier because you have put back more fat than muscle mass," said

Cheryl Houston, a research dietitian at Washington University School of Medicine.

New diets crop up almost yearly. The banana diet, the grapefruit diet, the watermelon diet are a few of the recent fads. The cabbage soup diet appears to be the most popular weight-loss scheme in decades.

Nobody knows how or where it started. After a couple of years in the rumor mill, it has

She's All Business

Hermann Entrepreneur Wins National Award

By Philip Dine

Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

WASHINGTON — Something — she's still not sure just what — pushed the young woman from Hermann, Mo., to head to California in 1965, shortly after high school.

"I wanted to see what the world was about," is the best explanation Phyllis A. Hannan, now 51, can offer. "I didn't realize it then, but there was something inside me that needed to do more."

Over the years she supported herself as a secretary and saleswoman, got married and divorced and raised her son — and kept searching.

A decade ago she risked her \$30,000 savings, borrowed another \$30,000 and started a business, which she called Laser Mark-It Inc. Things were so tight for a while that she was the only employee and worked other jobs to pay the bills. When the company blossomed four years ago, she began a



Phyllis A. Hannan
'Community-minded person'

second one, Laser Light Technologies Inc., back home in Hermann.

On Monday, a startled Hannan — she described her initial reaction as "panic" — was named the nation's small-business per-

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is in this diet," Houston said. Some grocery report selling more cabbage than usual. At some dieters claim some St. Louis stores have raised cabbage prices to cash in on the craze.

"Every single worker in our office is either on it or has tried it," said a local physician who asked that his name not be used.

The diet consists of a seven-day meal plan that includes cabbage soup every day. Besides

High Court's Hearing On D

WASHINGTON (AP) — Openly concerned about its authority being curtailed by Congress, the Supreme Court held a rare late-term argument Monday over a new federal law limiting appeals by the nation's death-row inmates.

Behind the 60-minute session's dry language was a potentially explosive election-year question: How far can Congress go in trying to speed up the pace of executing convicted murderers?

Several justices also focused their questions on the possibility that an innocent person might be condemned to death.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer asked whether the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in April, would let the Supreme Court step into such cases. Georgia prosecutor Susan Boleyn said it would not.

"We want extraordinary relief to be even more extraordinary," she said. She added that Congress intended claims of innocence to be handled by state courts or by governors.

But Henry Monaghan, representing El Wayne Felker, a Georgia death-row inmate, argued that the historic function of death-row appeals "is to prevent execution of an innocent person." Monaghan said the new law was "n

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popular that the federal association is now issuing an alert.
The association says the diet is uncomfortable for healthy

than five pounds in five days, but she said she had to give up.
"I couldn't tolerate that soup all the time," said Aten, a person use it in coleslaw," Mazzoni.

Hannan

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son of the year for her highly specialized laser work for the electronics and medical industries. The announcement was made by the Small Business Administration at a White House reception for the 52 winners of state contests, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

In Hermann, City Administrator Terry Helton said, "It's quite an honor for her, but it'll certainly bring attention to Hermann as well."

Hannan headed Hermann's Chamber of Commerce last year, and, Helton added: "She's an extremely community-minded person. Very demanding, very straightforward, a wonderful person to work with — most of the time. Phyllis is the kind of person who seldom takes no for an answer. You don't tell Phyllis something can't be done. She'll prove you wrong."

In Washington, SBA Administrator Philip Lader said Hannan "personifies the very best qualities of American entrepreneurship, including perseverance, integrity and a commitment to excellence."

She had planned to return to Hermann Wednesday but has delayed that. She is scheduled to meet President Bill Clinton Wednesday morning.

Technology Trade Show

Her climb to the top began in 1980, when a sales

job took her to a manufacturing technology trade show in California, and she saw the first laser engraving system. "I just thought it was the system of the future," she said. By 1985, she decided to pour all her resources into starting her own company.

"It was difficult, but you take a risk. You either do it or you don't. I knew I had to do it."

For a couple of years, her firm, which provided all-purpose services to telecommunications and aerospace firms in California, made no money. Then she landed a big electronics contract, micro-engraving serial numbers on thin film heads for computers.

Sales grew to \$1.5 million a year by 1991, and she was earning \$100,000. To keep up with demand, she needed a second facility.

She thought of her hometown. When she found that for \$1 million she could build a factory that would cost five times that in California, she returned home after 27 years. A \$1 million SBA loan helped her build an 8,000 square-foot plant in Hermann, and the city got grants for roads and utilities and gave her the land in the industrial park for a nominal fee — an easy decision, City Administrator Helton said.

"Phyllis was really the first one to start our industrial park in the right direction. When I interviewed for this job in 1990, the mayor drove me to our industrial park and apologized for it."

Initially, the Missouri operation just helped the California firm, but within a few months the Missouri operation landed a big contract for micro-marking circuit patterns on a medical device that

cleans arteries. Her product was more precise than others in the field. The Missouri company took off on its own.

Now it employs 50 people, compared with 20 in California, and contains the research and development teams and engineering staff for both firms. Together, the two do \$5 million in sales a year, 20 percent of it pretax profit. A second SBA loan, for \$1.2 million, is allowing Hannan to quadruple the plant's size.

She says the key is investing heavily in new equipment that provides more precision to her laser work. She is self-educated, reading broadly in the field and taking whatever seminars she can find.

Runs Restaurant, Too

She and her fiance, St. Louis native Sam Haddon, recently started a restaurant called The Wild Grapevine in Hermann, which they run evenings. She also produces the chamber's newsletter on her company's time.

Her son, Frank, 20, a third-year business major at the University of Missouri at Columbia, acknowledges having had mixed feelings about the time his mother spent on her fledgling business in the mid-1980s.

"She worked 12 or 13 hours a day, seven days a week. I resented it at first because I wasn't able to spend time with her, but looking back on it, I guess the time she spent was worth it. It's led to a very successful life for her and for me."

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