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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1997

The Honorable Jane Alexander  
Chairperson  
National Endowment for the Arts  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Jane:

Thank you very much for your kind words of support and encouragement. I am honored that the American people have again chosen to allow me to serve our country in this time of momentous promise.

I greatly appreciate the strong leadership you have provided at the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA's work has enriched our national life by providing the public with access to the arts and each of these agencies give needed support to artists and performers who enliven our spirits, challenge our minds, and touch our hearts. I will continue to work very hard with Congress to maintain our nation's commitment to the arts.

I have shared your letter with my staff in the Office of Management and Budget, and I understand they have contacted you directly. I have also shared your letter with the Office of Strategic Planning and Communications.

I appreciate your concerns, your dedication, and your hard work, and I look forward to seeing you this Thursday for the National Medal of Arts award ceremony.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

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*Office of the Chairman*

November 19, 1996

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

My congratulations to you again on your re-election. Under your continued leadership the next four years promise to be the most important in our nation's history as we build that bridge to the 21st century.

I do not think it will be possible for me to get on your busy schedule soon, so I write to inform you of the difficulties the National Endowment for the Arts faces in the months to come.

The G.O.P. House has slated the agency for elimination in '98. They may not have the votes to do so, but it is likely that our House appropriations will decrease substantially in any case. The Senate is more conservative than it was last year and may not honor even our '96 and '97 appropriations of 99.5 million. We rely more than ever on the administration's support and your Presidential veto, should it be necessary.

This cut of 39% in NEA's budget (from 172.4 million in FY'95) has been calamitous for the agency and the arts organizations it serves across the country. We will not be able to award grants to over 2000 arts organizations that qualified as excellent and received help in years past. I will not go into the litany of doom that a cut of this magnitude means to arts education for children, the disabled, the elderly or youth at risk, or to our orchestras or theatres. Suffice it to say when the Congress of the United States sends a message that the arts are not important, the ripple is felt at the state and local levels and in the corporate board rooms as well.

You have been a staunch supporter of the arts and the NEA. The NEA has been vilified by our critics for a handful of controversial grants in the past to the exclusion of the 110,000 grants in 31 years that celebrated our brilliant American legacy. It would mean so much to the discouraged artists and people everywhere who love the arts if you would speak about their value to society in your inaugural address or in your State of the Union address or both.

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The President  
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Finally, let me express my fervent hope that the Department of Justice will not appeal for the second time Karen Finley et al v. the National Endowment for the Arts. I personally believe that content restrictions are anathema to the creative process and the courts have twice determined in this case that the decency clause imposed by Congress on the NEA was unconstitutional. As Chairman I have endeavored to make sure that the NEA funds work of the highest degree of excellence, but as citizens of a free and democratic society, it would not be possible or appropriate to tell others what they might say.

It has been a privilege for me to serve in your administration. Despite the sometimes overwhelming challenges, the Endowment continues to do rewarding work and American communities everywhere are the better for it. Thank you for the opportunity to be Chairman of this remarkable agency; with your help we will survive these next ten months and be alive and well to help America celebrate the new millennium.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Alexander", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane Alexander  
Chairman

1.7.96

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Betty -

I thought that  
the President might  
like an update  
on Stephanie  
Smith.

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cc: HRC

Honorable Secouraging  
Attorney General  
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Copy sent to  
Mrs Clinton

JIM DORSKIND:  
Please coordinate  
the reply.

# Van Buren Public Schools

## For Immediate Release

January 7, 1996

# Hooray!

## Stephanie Smith On Her Way!

Stephanie Smith Fund-Raiser Chair Bob Thorne has announced that Stephanie has traveled to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee to receive stem cell transplant therapy. Before starting the stem cell transplant, Stephanie will undergo extensive testing on an out-patient basis through the month of January.

Thorne explains, "During this testing time in January, the doctors will define what drugs, what amount, and what time period is required for Stephanie's specific needs. We expect that in February, if all goes well, Stephanie will begin the actual stem cell transplant process."

Stephanie's mother Debbie will remain with her daughter during the stem cell transplant process, which at this point is estimated to require around six months. Stephanie's parents plan to provide an address for those who wish to send cards or letters to Stephanie as she goes through the stem cell therapy.

"Stephanie will not be able to travel back and forth to Michigan from the hospital during this time," says Thorne. "We hope her friends and supporters here will keep in touch with her over the long six months she will undergo treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis."

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Thorne adds that the fund to help Stephanie has now reached \$645,000, an amount well beyond the original goal. "Ever since December 1st, we've asked people to halt fund-raising efforts on behalf of Stephanie," says Thorne. "People keep coming forward with contributions. The National Transplant Administration Fund has never seen anything like this." Thorne adds that funds raised for Stephanie that are above and beyond the costs of her treatments will be donated at the direction of Paul and Debbie Smith to help other transplant patients in the Southeast Michigan community.

"In the meantime, we urge people to stop collecting on behalf of Steph," says Thorne. "We have done our job. Now we pray."

The Reverend David Strong of the United Methodist Church in Belleville is organizing a prayer service for Stephanie on the eve of the start of her stem cell transplant therapy, presently scheduled to begin sometime in February. "As we get closer to the date of the actual transplant, we'll make sure everyone knows. We'll make every effort to keep everyone up to date on Steph's progress," says Thorne. "It's like Southeast Michigan has become family."

Before the stem cell transplant therapy was decided on, Stephanie underwent medical evaluation at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as at the Children's Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for the catastrophic diseases of children.

**For More Information Call:**

**Stephanie Smith Fund-raiser Chair Bob Thorne**  
home (313) 697-6629  
office (810) 616-3155  
(please do not publish office number listed above)

**Jerry Chipman, St. Jude Hospital Public Relations (901) 495-3306**



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Reg. Stephanie Smith

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December 24, 1996

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear President and Mrs. Clinton,

Let me give you an update on Stephanie Smith, your eight year old friend in Belleville, Michigan. I understand you saw Stephanie in November after speaking at Eastern Michigan University. The picture of you with her in your arms ran in our local paper and was beautiful.

We about lost Stephanie again early in the autumn but she again remarkable rebounded by the time you saw her. At this time she is doing well walking in her prosthesis and dancing again. Her parents told me the family had been invited to the Presidential Gala in January and at this rate she should have a great time. In February she will undergo a stem cell transplant at Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. We have been working towards this for a long time and feel this the best chance to get her off the terrible medications she has to take at this time.

Once again thank you for taking the time to care for my patient. Children are too often the forgotten people of this world and yet it was as a child that God chose to come into this world and walk with us. God bless the Clinton family this new year. Enjoy this most wonderful season when we remember that God really does keep his promises.

Peace,

Joseph P. Dutkowsky, M.D.  
C. Everett Koop Fellow  
Attending Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate  
the reply.

## Reporter's Notebook

# Glimpse of the President Through a Tinted Glass

By JAMES BENNET

SMITH BAY, St. Thomas, V.I. Jan. 5 — His woes have made Fatman almost slender, but they did not stop him from trying to brighten President Clinton's vacation here.

"Hail To The Chief Love Fatman Family," read the construction-paper sign in black marker, one of the few greetings along Mr. Clinton's motorcade route here.

"I was welcoming the President of the United States," Fatman said simply, as his chihuahua, Chi Chi, cautiously sniffed a stranger's toes on Saturday morning.

Fatman, a six-footer whose given name is Richard Husband, weighs about 210 pounds. "I was 300 pounds, man," he said sadly, in a gentle Caribbean accent. "Look at me. Stress."

"Fatman's," his nightclub, never recovered from Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Out back, boards from the roof of his band shell are still scattered on the ground, and the only entertainment on display before the empty wooden bleachers is an aged Chevy Nova, rusting away on cinder blocks.

Mr. Husband has been unable to get any Government help to restore his club, and has gone into default. He did not appear to expect help from Mr. Clinton, who is vacationing here. But he said he liked the President because "he means well."

"Of all the Presidents, to me, it seems like he gives everybody a chance," he said.

Mr. Husband said he had watched as Mr. Clinton's motorcade swept past his sign one day, and he was pretty sure that he glimpsed the President through tinted glass. Someone, he remembered with a smile, even tooted the horn.

## A Peripatetic President

As President, Mr. Clinton, who returned to Washington today after four days here, has proved a rootless vacationer.

Unlike George Bush, he cannot escape to a beloved ancestral estate like Kennebunkport, Me. Nor has Mr. Clinton found a cherished, if borrowed, retreat, like Harry Truman's "Little White House," the commandant's residence on the Key West naval base.

Instead, Mr. Clinton and his family have roamed the land, passing through a series of borrowed and rented homes and hotel rooms.

Mr. Clinton came to St. Thomas, aides said, because the Gores recommended it. They stayed a couple of years ago in the same home that the Clintons used this time, the Sand Dollar Villa, overlooking a 30-yard stretch of private beach on Magens Bay. Mr. Clinton plans to report the value of the stay on his income taxes as a gift.

The surroundings may have been unfamiliar, but the Clintons easily made themselves at home. They spent their four days here swimming, playing cards and reading, with the President occasionally vanishing for a round of golf. Mr. Clinton, his aides said, declared that a day spent snorkeling from a catamaran had been "perfect."

## The Clintons' Night Out

Most efforts by merchants to tempt Mr. Clinton out of his family cocoon for a visit failed. But he caught at least one local proprietor completely off guard. At about 10 on Saturday night, Secret Service officers poured into Eunice's Terrace ("A West Indian Dining Experience").

Eunice Best, the owner, thought as they vanished into her bathrooms and kitchen that they were just protecting the President's motorcade route, which passed her door. Then a man in a tie walked up and told her the Clintons were coming.

"I just went to pieces," she said. "I started crying." While the Clintons ate, she telephoned her mother with the news.

Sitting beneath a squealing ceiling fan, the Clintons shared some conch appetizers. Mrs. Clinton had a vegetable plate, while Mr. Clinton ordered the catch of the day, a fish called the "Old Wife."

Mr. Clinton declared that he loved the Old Wife.

## A Model News Program

Sorry, but culinary bulletins were the kind of details that the White House Press corps, biting its nails in paradise, had to make do with here.

The New York Times

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Reuters

President Clinton on the beach at Magen's Bay in St. Thomas, V.I., on Saturday. The Clintons wound up a five-day vacation yesterday.

Guiltily responding to the tug of work amid parasailing and snorkeling expeditions, reporters scratched for news, with meager results. When one Clinton aide announced that "there's an unconfirmed report that the President saw a barracuda yesterday," Bill Plante, of CBS, interjected: "CNN has interviewed the barracuda."

But one reporter has found more than enough exciting news in the Presidential visit: the "Good News Guy," Alexander Randall 5th. Mr. Randall broadcasts Good News Headlines on WSTA, an AM radio station here. "We don't do fires, we don't do murders, and we don't do a lot of other dumb stuff that's typically news," said Mr. Randall, who described his four-minute, daily segment as "upbeat, positive, hero-oriented news."

Mr. Randall started his program after Hurricane Marilyn ripped through the islands in September 1995, because residents needed a pick-me-up, he said, and because so many heroic volunteers poured out of the woodwork.

The result is a program that any vacationer, and particularly any vacationing President, would love.

This was the opening of Mr. Randall's Jan. 2 report: "Good morning, Mr. President, here's your special report. Bosnia is O.K.; Peru is better. Israel and the Palestinians are not O.K., but you can't fix that today. The American economy is O.K., the American people are O.K., too. Weather today should be clear and sunny, with a high around 85 degrees. Take another round of golf, and go for a swim."

The New York Times

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## PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING MEETING January 7, 1997

- Message Overview January 8 - February 5
- Schedule Overview January 8 - February 5
- Outstanding Issues
  - Jan. 16 Presentation of Medal of Freedom to Senator Dole / WWII Memorial Event
  - Jan. 17 D.C. Event
  - Jan. 21 Community Service Event with 4 Principals / Announcement
  - Jan. 22 Charter Schools Event, Chicago
  - Jan. 23 Food Safety Event
  - Jan. 25 Alfalfa Dinner
  - Jan. 26 Super Bowl Party with Bi-Partisan members of Congress
  - Jan. 27 Press Conference
  - Feb. 2-3 NGA / DGA Events
- Discussion of Outstanding Fundraising Dates

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENTFROM: Marcia Hale, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs *MH*

SUBJECT: Wife of Governor Parris Glendening (MD)

Governor Glendening has called you to discuss his interest in securing a job for his wife, Frances Anne, as either an FCC Commissioner or a member of the NLRB. Frances Anne Glendening is presently a staff member at the FEC.

**You do not need to return this phone call. I have asked that Bob Nash return the Governor's call and update us, as you will see the Governor at both the Inaugural and the NGA meeting.**

If you would like to handle this differently, please let me know. The Governor's phone number is (410) 974-3901 at work and (410) 864-1867 at home.

cc: Bob Nash

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us & a good guy—  
can we help?  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB NASH

FROM: Marcia L. Hale, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs 

SUBJECT: Wife of Governor Parris Glendening (MD)

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Governor Glendening called the President regarding securing a job for his wife, Frances Anne, as either an FCC Commissioner or a member of the NLRB. Frances Glendening presently holds a staff position at the FEC.

I have spoken with the Governor and have alerted the President to the Governor's request. The President will see the Governor at both the Inaugural and the NGA meeting (February 1-4). Please contact Governor Glendening for the President at 410/974-3901 to discuss this and let me know the outcome of your call and if I need to do away follow-up. Thank you.

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Dear Mr. President,

When my daughter, Sarah, graduated from high school she had no interest in furthering her education in the classroom. She became a participant in the Amencrrips Program and I will be forever grateful that she had such a positive alternative to college.

She returned home after working at the Olympics, her last Amencrrips

Assignment with a new and  
wonderful perspective about  
her self, her country and  
service to others.

I am extremely proud of  
her and her accomplishments.

Thank You for your continued  
support of the AmeriCorps - I  
can honestly say - it changed  
our lives.

Thank You,  
Lee Burden