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Honorable President Clinton

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JIM DORSKIND:

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May 31, 1997

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
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Dear Mr. President:

First of all, welcome back to the great Hudson Valley Area. I hoped your time spent here and at West Point has been enjoyable. I will be brief and to the point on an issue that has been front page in our daily newspaper (copies of articles enclosed) and close to the heart of veterans and residents in our area. The problems may be local or they may systematic, which in either case is of grave concern to all of us.

A crisis has surfaced in our two local veterans hospitals, Castle Point and Montrose. Since the first story broke about staff reductions and dramatically increased mortality rates at these hospitals horror stories have been told about treatment received and conditions that exist at these facilities. These stories come from veterans, their families and hospital staff. If the information is even partially correct every American should be appalled.

The Congressional Representatives from New York and primarily the Hudson Valley Area have called for an investigation and hearings. The indication from the newspaper articles is that they are meeting with resistance from the Veterans Administration. I would hope in the interest of our veterans and our citizens that appropriate steps would be taken by the administration to conduct a thorough review, not to place blame but to correct any deficiencies and restore the confidence in the V.A. Hospital system.

I have spoken with our county commander of the American Legion and he informs me that the Legion is attempting to work with the Veterans Administration to develop short range and long range solutions to these and other problems.

In the interest of our veterans, many aging, requiring quality medical care I ask that you review this unconscionable situation and direct a swift and immediate response from the Veterans Administration. Only then can we restore the confidence and credibility that is demanded by the nature of this service offered to our veterans who have served our nation honorably and proudly at our time of greatest need.

Thank you very much Mr. President. God be with you as you continue to lead our great country.

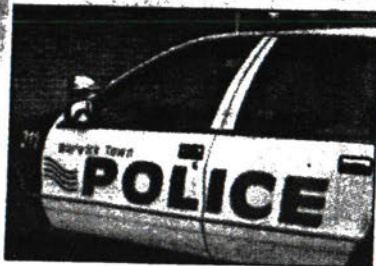
Respectfully and Sincerely,


Richard Randazzo
Town Supervisor

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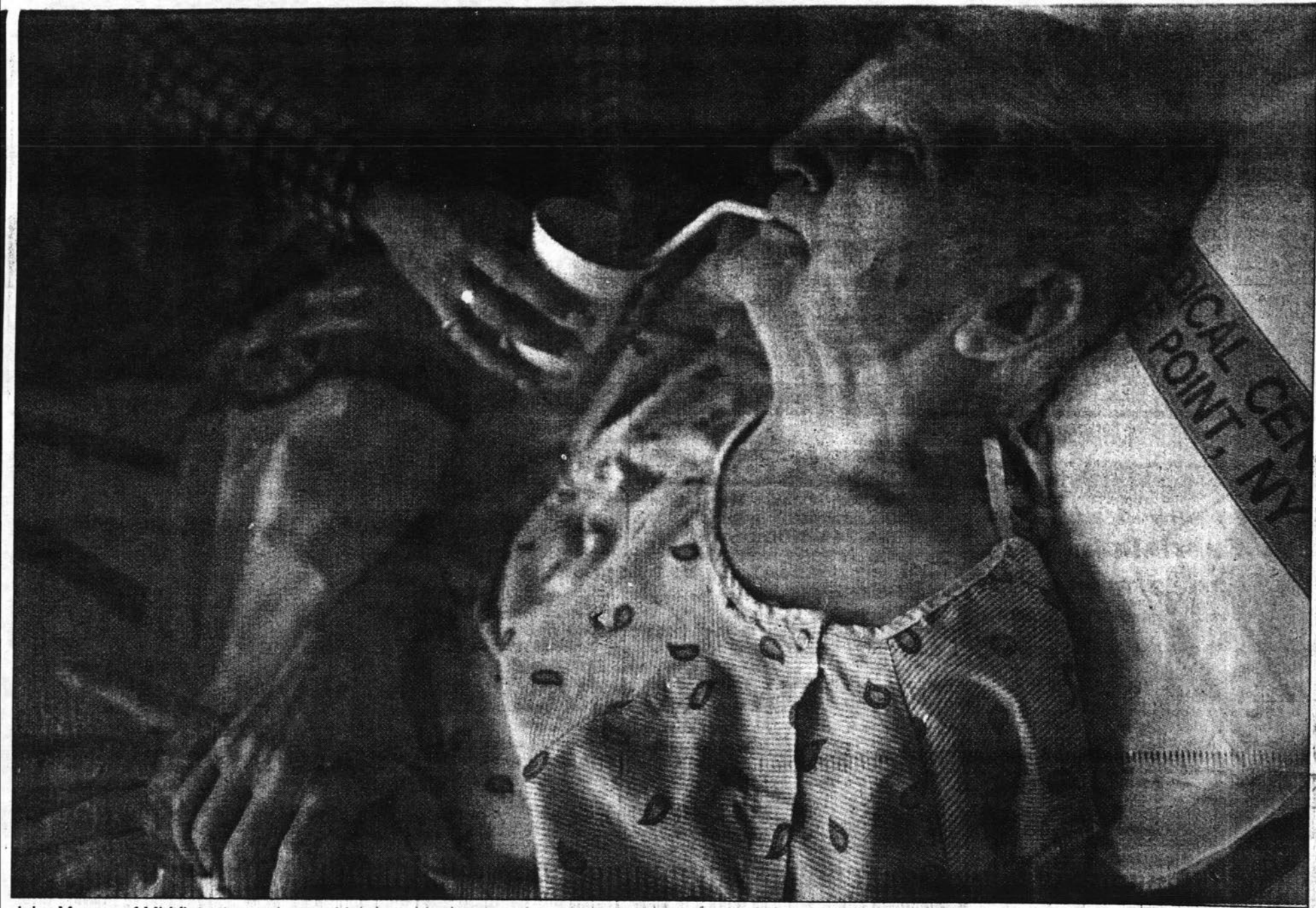
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Vet deaths rise

**Families accuse VA hospitals
of neglect due to cutbacks** — page 3



John Meyers of Middletown receives a drink from his daughter Anne Nelson while at Castle Point veterans hospital.

JEFF GOULDING/The Record

Deaths rise at VA hospitals

Families say blame rests on staff cuts

By BETH MULLALLY
Staff Writer

CASTLE POINT — The death rate has doubled at two local veterans hospitals since October, when deep staffing cuts and a major reshuffling of resources began.

At Castle Point VA Medical Center in Dutchess County, the monthly death rate has steadily tracked upward, from seven to 14 deaths per 100 patients.

Between Jan. 1 and April 29, 71 men died at Castle Point. In previous years for that same four-month period, there was an average of 36 deaths.

The death rate is rising even as the hospital's patient capacity has dropped from 278 beds to 196 beds. The hospital has an 82 percent occupancy rate.

At the FDR Veterans Hospital in Montrose in Westchester County, which formally merged with Castle Point last month, the death rate steadily increased by 80 percent between October and March.

Penny Koustoubekis, director of public affairs at Castle Point, said about 200 jobs have been eliminated at both hospitals since last fall when the Department of Veteran Affairs began to streamline and restructure services.

The staffing cutbacks are part of a plan



Vet fades: a casualty of 'chaos'

By BETH MULLALLY
Staff Writer

CASTLE POINT — John Meyers has been lying in a hospital bed behind a curtain for so long that his legs have contracted. They're now at a permanent 90-degree angle, and there's little chance he'll ever get up again.

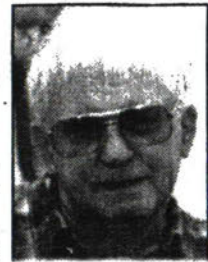
The 78-year-old Middletown man has also lost 50 pounds in the past four months. At 119 pounds, his bony shoulders and collar bones protrude from his hospital gown.

His daughter, registered nurse Anne Nelson of Montgomery, is convinced that her father's condition deteriorated because the Veterans Administration did not take care of him.

Meyers is a nursing home patient who has been shuttled between VA hospitals in Montrose, the Bronx and Castle Point

for the past year and a half. His family has seen first-hand the results of a system in transition.

"It's chaos, but who do you complain to?" said Mrs. Nelson, who has advocated for her



the South and West, where high numbers of retired veterans live. New York will lose about \$180 million annually in the shift.

MaryAnn Musumeci, acting director of both hospitals, said the steady increase in the death rate is "not significant."

"You have ups and downs," she said. "Part of the increased death rate at Castle Point is due to the fact that the medical ward at Montrose has closed down, so sicker patients are transferred to Castle Point."

The medical ward at Montrose closed in December. The transfer of sicker patients does not explain why the death rate at Montrose has also gone up in the same period.

"We're in a period of transition right now," said Ms. Koustoubekis. "It's hard to look at that data (death rates) and draw conclusions. We're still in the process of improving our services and being more efficient."

She said she's heard no reports of patient neglect as a result of the increased workload shared by fewer workers.

But two staff members inside the hospital system, as well as two patients' families, said patients suffer because the staff has no time to feed those who can't feed themselves. In many cases, the solution has been to hook the patients onto feeding tubes.

Those sources also say staff members don't have time to get patients up and out of bed, so many patients can spend all their time lying in the same position.

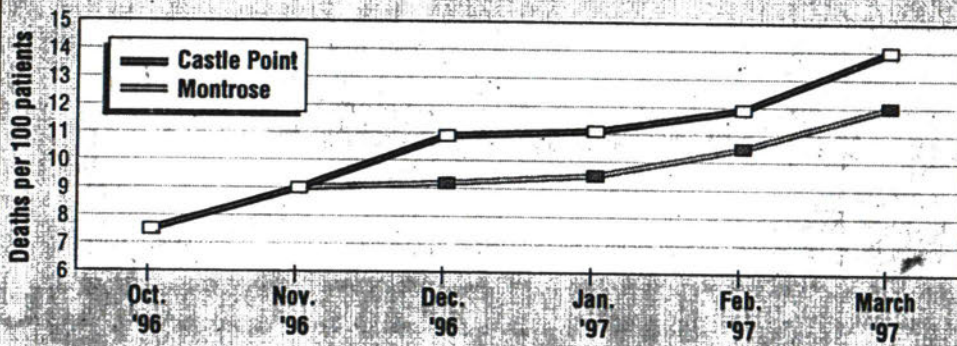
Rep. Sue Kelly's office is investigating conditions at the hospitals, including an incident in which doctors attending a staff meeting at Castle Point left their beepers outside the room so they wouldn't be disturbed. According to Kelly's office, the intercom system was supposed to serve as back-up. When an emergency occurred on the medical ward during the meeting, the nurse tried to summon a doctor for help over the intercom system. The intercom failed, and the nurse was unable to go get the doctor because she was alone on the floor. The patient died.

Kelly, R-Katonah, whose district includes both hospitals, said she and other local congressmen voted in favor of

Kathleen Meyers, 81, visits with her husband John, 78, at the Castle Point VA Medical Center in Dutchess County recently.

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VA hospital deaths rise sharply

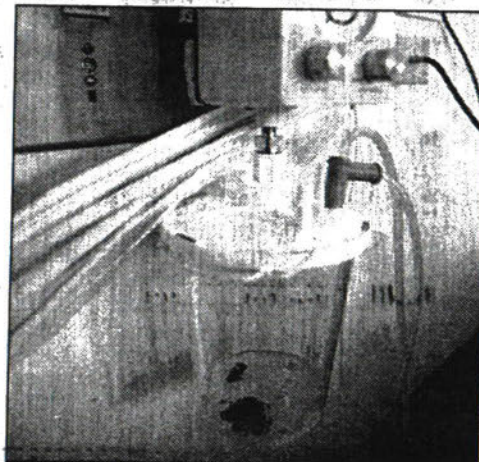


the bill that shifted resources to the South and West because the potential impact on New York was unclear at the time of the vote. She has since introduced a bill to block the cost-shifting, but the bill stands little chance of passing.

"With a mortality rate that's doubled, we're already seeing a very real impact," said Dan Boston, spokesman for Kelly. "We don't want to point fingers, but we want to make sure the federal government understands there are very real human consequences going on here."

Gerry Culliton, a spokesman for the VA hospital network in southeastern New York, said the hospital administration is "looking top to bottom at both hospitals to make sure adequate patient care is being provided."

"If there are people out there with information about poor patient care, we want to know about it right away. It's our job to make sure veterans get good care."



JEFF GOULDING/The Record

Mold grows in the reservoir of the suction machine at Castle Point.

nursing home at John Meyers Montrose.

"What I've seen is a lot of doctors and nurses who, individually, seem to care," she said. "But collectively, no one seems to have the responsibility or the power to change anything."

Veterans Administration officials did not comment on Meyers' case. Patient confidentiality covers individual cases.

But according to his family, John Meyers got sicker from the time he entered the care of the VA.

Meyers, who had been a radio operator in the Army Air Corps during World War II, entered the Montrose nursing home in September 1995 because he'd begun to exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. He also had a slow-growing prostate cancer — a condition common in a man in his age — and diabetes that was controlled with oral medication and diet. He also had a surgically implanted tube in his urethra (called a stent) to keep the urine flowing properly from his kidneys to his bladder.

"But he was strong and relatively healthy when he went in," said Mrs. Nelson. "He could play foosball in the hall with the kids when we visited him."

She first came to realize that there was confusion in the system a couple of months after he was admitted. Her father's false teeth had gotten lost.

"It took me 15 phone calls just to find the person I was supposed to talk to about replacing them," she said. "And if they ever were replaced, I've never seen them."

Because the stent in his urethra needed to be changed every four months, Meyers was scheduled to be sent to the VA hospital in the Bronx to have the procedure done in early 1996. But one problem after another occurred, said his daughter.

"First they sent him down, but the doctors in the Bronx said he wasn't scheduled to be there, so they sent him back," she said. "Then they sent him down without his X-rays. That happened more than once."

It wasn't until July that the stent was changed. But because it was an ordeal, the decision was made in October to remove it and leave it out. His kidneys

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the region

briefly ...

**Building gutted;
fire investigated**

GARDINER — A warehouse for the Kiss My Face Corp. was destroyed by an early morning blaze Sunday, Gardiner Fire Chief Marc Alexander said yesterday.

Alexander said the fire started in the south side of the 200-foot by 80-foot structure, located on Route 44/55. The cause is being investigated, he said.

About 80 firefighters from Gardiner, Shawangunk Valley, Modena and New Paltz responded to the midnight call and had the fire under control by 3:30 a.m. No one was injured.

The warehouse stored bars of soap and moisturizing lotion.

— **RICHARD A. D'ERRICO**

**Port man charged
with raping woman**

PORT JERVIS — A West Main Street man was charged with raping a woman in his apartment early Sunday.

Jonathan B. Wright, 37, of 138 West Main St., was charged with first-degree rape, a felony.

His accuser, a Port Jervis woman, told police she was at Wright's house and awoke in his bedroom to find him having intercourse with her at about 3 a.m. She went home and a relative called police.

The woman was treated at Mercy Community Hospital and released. Wright was arraigned in City Court and sent to Orange County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail, pending a court appearance tomorrow.

Requests for cash

John Meyers' ID bracelet lies on a table near his bed. It should be attached to his wrist.

JEFF GOULDING/The Record

Hospital

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were functioning well at that point.

Four months ago, the pressure in his kidneys started to rise dangerously. Something was wrong, and his daughter feared he would go into kidney failure.

He needed a sonogram to determine the cause of the problem, "but he made the mistake of going into kidney failure

through his back into his kidney to lower the pressure and ensure drainage.

He was sent back to Montrose several days later. But within two days, he had blood in tube. He was sent back to the Bronx.

But the Bronx didn't want him. "They told me that all that was needed to be

kenly sent him back to Montrose. A hospital social worker intercepted the transfer and he was returned to Castle Point.

He has been in a bed there ever since. "What should have been a simple medical procedure that could have been resolved quickly was drawn out for so

not from local PBA

MONROE — The Monroe Police Benevolent Association is not running a telephone fund-raiser, the PBA said yesterday. PBA President Robert Compasso said some Monroe residents have received phone calls for another department's fund-raiser and may think their money is going to the Monroe PBA or DARE programs. Compasso said the Monroe PBA and DARE programs do not solicit money over the telephone.

Stretch of Route 17 closing rescheduled

SCOTCHTOWN — The state Department of Transportation has rescheduled its project to remove the Sands Road overpass on Route 17.

The transportation department will close the highway in both directions starting at 6 a.m. May 20. The road will be reopened at 9 a.m. May 21. Traffic will be detoured between Exit 118 and Exit 119.

Compiled from local reports

over Martin Luther King weekend" when the hospital is thinly staffed, she said.

By then, the medical unit at Montrose had been closed down. At that point, all nursing home patients had to go to the Bronx when they developed a medical problem. But a fight over her father ensued between Montrose and the Bronx, said Mrs. Nelson.

"I'd call the Bronx and they'd tell me Montrose should handle it by giving him some (intravenous) fluid and antibiotics," she said. "I'd call Montrose and they said he definitely had to go the Bronx to find out what was causing the kidney failure."

At Mrs. Nelson's insistence, her father was sent to the Bronx on Friday of Martin Luther King weekend. But nothing was done to treat his condition, so she went down on Sunday.

Doctors there said they didn't have the radiology staff to do the needed testing because it was a holiday weekend. A sonogram would have to wait until Tuesday.

"I knew enough that if they waited until Tuesday his kidney would blow," she said. "His pressure was unbelievably high, and there was absolutely no urine output."

She said she badgered the resident on duty until the right medical staff was called in to treat her father. A sonogram was done and a tube was inserted

done was to irrigate (flush out) the tube," said Mrs. Nelson. They sent him back to Montrose.

He went back and forth several times during February and March because of simple problems related to flushing the tube, said Mrs. Nelson.

On March 31, he was sent back to the Bronx once again. "Montrose told me his tube fell out of his back," said Mrs. Nelson. "But when I called the Bronx, they said the tube was sutured in place and couldn't have fallen out."

On that visit, he was kept at the Bronx for the weekend because there was no transportation back to Montrose.

By April, a decision was made to transfer him to Castle Point, so he could be treated in the medical unit there.

He arrived without a discharge summary detailing the medications he was supposed to be on. Among them would have been listed his hormone medication, which controls his prostate cancer.

"His Castle Point doctor told me she wanted to do surgery to remove his testicles to control his prostate cancer," said Mrs. Nelson. "I said, 'didn't you read his chart? He's on medication for that.' She told me she didn't have time to read his chart."

Two weeks later, Castle Point mista-

resolved quickly was drawn out for so long that he's been in bed for several months," said Mrs. Nelson. "He can't move his legs. He can't feed himself. This kind of deterioration should never have happened."

Two days ago, when Mrs. Nelson visited her father, she found him staring at empty space from his bed. He didn't recognize his wife, Kathleen Meyers, or his two daughters, Mrs. Nelson and Maura Meyers.

The water pitcher at his bedside was empty. There was mold growing in the suction tube behind his bed. There was no soap in the dispenser at the sink in the ward he shared with four other men. There was a dirt-encrusted spoon in the drawer next to his bed. And John Meyers seemed hungry.

Mrs. Nelson went down the hall to a refrigerator and brought back a container of Ensure, a high-protein drink. He drank greedily through the straw that his wife held to his lips. He asked for more. And he drank a second container in a matter of minutes.

"He's not eating," said Mrs. Nelson. "I know he's a difficult man, and he probably tells the nurses to go away, that he's not hungry. But it's their job to make him eat. He's just wasting away, and someone needs to take the time to help him."

Senate approves cash for EMT training on TV

By MARC VIOLETTE
Ottawa News Service

ALBANY — The state Senate has approved money for a trial project in Orange County that would enhance training for local ambulance crews by allowing them to take specialized training courses by cable TV.

Yesterday's 57-0 vote sends the package on to the Assembly where Jacob Gunther, R-Forestburgh, is sponsoring the measure.

The legislation approved authorizes \$30,000 to operate the video training program for one year, after which it will be evaluated. If it proves successful, the program could be used as a model for other mid-Hudson counties and eventually the entire state.

Supporters of the project say it will simultaneously increase the skill level of volunteer emergency medical technicians while making it easier for them to get the training they need.

But the result, say proponents of the plan, will be

better emergency health care in Orange County.

"Video education makes sense and the technology is there," said Sen. Joseph Holland, R-New City, the bill's sponsor. "But the bottom line is that the people of Orange County will get better-trained EMTs and better health care from them."

The project was developed locally to meet the needs of 600-700 volunteer EMTs, many of whom are increasingly pressed to fit state-required training sessions into their tight schedules.

"Most of our people have busy work lives and family responsibilities," said Michael Walton, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for Orange County. "And many of them are limited by time and energy factors in getting additional training for their state recertification."

Walton said that video training sessions broadcast over local access cable channels "would let them get the training they need right at home and the video classes would be followed by testing and evaluation to make

sure they were paying attention."

Walton said legislative approval was not necessary. "But our county health department didn't have the money to get the program off the ground so we went to Albany," he said.

Walton said the program would have other benefits besides making it easier for volunteers to upgrade their training, including: no classes canceled for bad weather; a consistency in training, which is lacking when there are different instructors.

Under the proposed program, video classes in such topics as burn treatment, respiratory failure and fracture treatment would be offered on local cable a number of times, enabling EMTs to match the broadcast offerings with their own schedules.

"The TV curriculum will match the state criteria for recertification," said Walton. "And they won't have to make it to a training center one night a week for weeks at a time to get the classes they need."



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JOHN ENGLER
GOVERNOR

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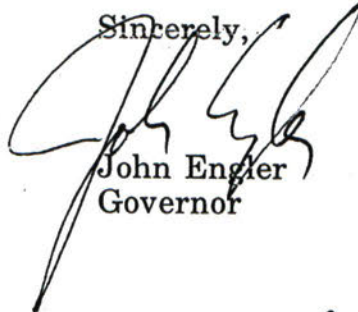
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am delighted to support a request for an appearance at the White House by the Black History Touring Group of Jackson Public Schools, Jackson, Michigan. This group's recent performance for the Michigan Legislature was well received by lawmakers, who were actively involved in the performance and who still talk about this unique presentation of black history and culture.

As the only one of its kind in Michigan, a group of students led by advisor/teacher Shirley Pitts has interacted with audiences over the past several years through songs, skits, poetry and dramatic readings. Black history and culture have been brought alive in an educational and entertaining manner for thousands of Michigan students. The group's performance would be an inspiration for an audience at the White House. It is important to recognize and promote the outstanding programs in our public schools, and I hope you will give consideration to the Black History Touring Group's request for an invitation.

Sincerely,


John Engler
Governor

JE:mc

cc: Dr. Gregg G. Mowen, Superintendent
Jackson Public Schools

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Mr. President—
these students would
be a wonderful group
to include in one of
the special events you
hold from time to
time. Gol

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON FREE TV AND CAMPAIGN REFORM
EAST ROOM
June 27, 1997

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Good morning. Today I am speaking to you from the East Room of the White House, where I am joined by hundreds of America's brightest high school students. These Presidential Scholars are here in our nation's capital to learn how our democracy works. And we know we can make it work much, much better. I want to talk to you about steps I am taking to open up the airwaves so voters have the loudest voice in our democracy – and about Congress' responsibility to clean up the campaign finance system.

America's democracy is the oldest and most successful in the world. But we know that there is something deeply wrong with the way we pay for elections. Our campaign finance laws were last rewritten 27 years ago. For a long time, those laws worked well. But they have been overwhelmed by a flood of money. Spending in Congressional campaigns has risen six-fold in the last two decades. That's over three times the rate of inflation. Now both political parties are locked into an ever-escalating arms race, as they compete to raise more and more money. It takes too much time that should be spent on the public's business. And it raises too many questions.

In my State-of-the-Union Address, I challenged the Congress to act to stem this rising tide of campaign money, by passing comprehensive, bipartisan campaign finance reform by July 4 – the date we celebrate the birth of our democracy. Unfortunately, Congress has made little progress toward reform since that time, and it is clear that legislation will not pass – will not even be voted on – by Independence Day.

We shouldn't wait for Congress to act – and I'm not waiting. Within my power as President, I have acted to advance the key elements of reform, and I will continue to do so.

First, I have petitioned the Federal Election Commission to ban so called "soft money" contributions – the large contributions from corporations, labor unions and individuals that both parties raise. The FEC will begin formal proceedings on my request next month.

Second, our Justice Department will fight in the courts to uphold efforts to limit campaign spending. We know how a spending spiral can have dangerous consequences. But for two decades, court cases have made it very hard to enact tough limits. Right now, strong spending limits passed for local elections in Cincinnati and judicial elections across Ohio are being challenged in the court. We believe spending limits are constitutional, and if we need to, we will make that case to the highest court in the land.

And we are acting to address the greatest single reason for out of control costs: spending: on

TV. In 1972, candidates spent \$25 million for political ads; in 1996, \$400 million. We're the only major democracy that does it this way – and it doesn't have to be this way. We can make our most powerfully effective medium a powerful force for expanding democracy. Free TV time can help free our democracy from the grip of big money. For years, I have supported giving candidates free time. In fact, Vice President Gore proposed legislation to do that a decade ago. Now we are working to make it happen.

In March I called on the Federal Communications Commission to require broadcasters to give candidates free time as a condition of receiving a new, lucrative license for high-tech digital TV. That's the least we can ask of broadcasters, who are given access to the public airwaves at no cost, with only the requirement that they meet a basic public obligation.

Today I am appointing two distinguished Americans to lead a commission that will help the FCC decide precisely how free broadcast time can be given to candidates, as part of broadcasters public interest obligation. Les Moonves [*moon-vess*] is the President of CBS Entertainment and one of America's most prominent and creative broadcasters. And Dr. Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, is one of America's best known political scientists and a renowned expert on campaign finance reform. Their commission will explore the details of free time for candidates -- and other public interest obligations, such as children's broadcasting, which may need to be updated.

All of these steps are important. But they are no substitute for legislation. Congress must act to pass comprehensive bipartisan legislation. Senators John McCain and Russell Feingold, and Representatives Chris Shays and Marty Meehan, have strong legislation that would limit spending, end soft money, ban foreign contributions, and give candidates free or reduced rate TV time. I am pleased to report that Senators McCain and Feingold have announced they will bring their bill to a vote later this summer. This will be a chance to see who's for real on the issue of reform. Needed change has been filibustered to death in every Congress for a decade. Now the same people who filibustered reform before – whose obstruction gave us this system – have vowed to do it again. Let's not let them get away with it. When Senators McCain and Feingold try to bring their bill up for a vote, I want every senator to realize that a vote for a filibuster is a vote to continue undue special interest influence – soft money contributions – and out of control spending.

When it comes to fixing our campaign finance system, let's make this summer a time of not of talk but of action . . . not of recriminations, but of results. We have a rare chance to restore the trust and earn the participation of the American people. The way we pay for elections is broken: it's high time we fix it. I ask for your support. And thank you for listening.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/27

To: Jim Donskinal

From: The Staff Secretary

POUS should respond to him. He can thank
group for wanting to give him award and
refer it to scheduling/Stephanie. But
~~we can't~~ the donation can't be in his
name. See Rob Weiner's ask. We should
language similar to the Leah Robin letter
and the college in Connecticut (I think)
re: "longstanding WH policy prevents me..."
Call + we can discuss. DC Sig Phil

FROM THE DESK OF '97 JUN 27 AM 10:00

Robert Weiner

Phil -

They can accept the
award, but no donation
may be tied to it, or
attributed to POTUS & FLORUS
in any way. As to the ~~donation~~^{award},
we should make sure Concordia
is not for profit & that it is vetted.
R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/25

To: Bob Weiner

From: The Staff Secretary

Before a reply is drafted to this, could you give some advice ~~to~~ about corporate donor donating 25k in POTUS' name to Concordia.

Chelsea spent several summers at this camp.

I assume POTUS can accept Citizen Award but what about 25k? Please advise.

Thanks,

Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6/20

Nancy - I thought
I would send this
to you first. I
don't know how
personal a response
is required. As you
may know, Chelsea

Pam

went to this camp for
more than a few summers.



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17 June 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Clinton:

Congratulations to Chelsea on her recent graduation from Sidwell Friends. We feel privileged to have played a part in her "growing-up" years, as she has become such a well-spoken young woman. We hope that she will continue her language studies at Stanford and wish her the best of luck as she goes west!

This letter comes to you for two reasons.

First of all, we invite both of you to accept the first international award of Concordia Language Villages, *The Global Citizen Award*.

The Global Citizen Award recognizes the achievements of those who exemplify the characteristics of a responsible global citizen. The mission of Concordia Language Villages is to prepare young people to achieve that end...to understand and appreciate cultural diversity, to communicate with confidence and cultural sensitivity in more than one language, to think creatively and critically about issues that transcend national boundaries, to express empathy for our neighbors in the global village and to promote a worldview of peace, justice and sustainability for all.

We respectfully request that you accept *The Global Citizen Award*. In addition, a corporate donor will present a \$25,000 contribution to our villager scholarship fund in your names. Having the First Family of the United States accept this award will truly be an honor for all of us at Concordia Language Villages and will, for all past, present and future villagers, validate their goal of becoming responsible global citizens.

As your schedules permit, we will be happy to arrange a date in 1997 for you to accept the award, should you choose to do so. We anxiously await word of your decision.

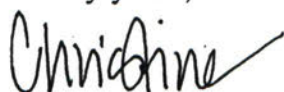
Secondly, we are pleased to announce that President Roman Herzog of the Federal Republic of Germany has just recently agreed to become the official patron of the German Language Village. With this gesture, he conveyed his appreciation for the outstanding effort that Concordia Language Villages is making towards enhancing proficiency of German in this

country, as well as knowledge about modern Germany and understanding and friendship across the Atlantic. He is considering a trip to *Waldsee* at the end of July during his state visit.

We have enjoyed strong support from German Ambassador Juergen Chrobog, as well. This spring he endorsed our program to the German corporate community in Washington, D.C., thereby enabling us to raise sufficient scholarship dollars to send 12 inner-city children from the D.C. area to a two-week session at *Waldsee* this summer.

As always, we appreciate the connection that we have to you both and to Chelsea. We recall fondly your many visits to *Waldsee* and sincerely hope that you will find your way to northern Minnesota again. Language and laughter is ever present on the shores of Turtle River Lake.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Christine Schulze
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 6/27

To: Jim

From: The Staff Secretary

Pls talked to Mary about this.
We should respond, although it should be
similar to the other letter - "we've
referred it to Secy Bobbitt" for response.
This can be shorter than the other. X Sir.

Phil

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Mrs. Peggy Maruther
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Dear Peggy:

Naturally I am disappointed with the results of the effort to prevent the destruction of my home at 100 Conway Terrace in Hot Springs. I am certainly not disappointed in your efforts or the efforts of Congressman Jay Dickey in trying to resolve this matter, but it appears to be bogged down in the beaurocratic regulations. ✓

As you know, the entire city is focused on efforts to improve the north end of the city of Hot Springs and specifically the Park Avenue area. It is crucial to that effort to maintain the quality of homes on Circle Drive, Conway Terrace and the adjacent city streets. This is the only way that we can really combat the rise in crime and immoral activity in this part of Hot Springs.

I would propose one more effort to try to obtain the return of this property and would propose that I be allowed to reacquire the property by payment of \$150,000 to the National Park Service or the appropriate governmental entity. As you know, I have spent thousands of dollars in maintaining and improving this property during the past 18 years and major maintenance is needed at the present time but I simply cannot justify continuing these types of expenditures if the property is going to be simply destroyed in the next couple of years.

I would be happy for you and/or Congressman Dickey to tour the premises at any time and I am sure you could readily understand my dilemma in this regard. I believe my offer would generate funds for the government

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Can we do anything?

and certainly there can be no gains by the government or the public from the destruction of this home. ✓

I truly appreciate all of your efforts and the assistance of Congressman Dickey, and frankly I am amazed at your energy. Both of you should be commended and I certainly will always remember this kindness.

Sincerely,



Q. Byrum Hurst, Jr.

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May 13, 1997

Dear President Clinton,

I am now the City Director for District 1, which includes your "old" neighborhood. My objective is to turn around the neglect and decline of "our" neighborhood. I am working day and night in an effort to secure the positive features which we have and convert the negative into a positive. As you know Bob Hanson and the "Clinton Connection" have worked unselfishly to fix up your old home. I am working with code compliance to help beautify the property across the street and to "rezone" Park Avenue so as to discourage the drugs and prostitution that has bred in our local motels on Park Avenue. Mr. Q. Byrum Hurst helped me secure my office by agreeing to be my campaign manager and I won. During the last election I won again and have, like you, four more years to complete my job. I now need some help to save Q. Byrum's (Jr.) home. He has three more years and it's gone. His dad during a low point in his life agreed to sell it to the National Park. Q. Byrum and Rita have raised their family there and of course, you know that is the home in which he was raised. He wants to buy it back. That one home remaining could not possibly hurt any environmental situation. His dad did not HAVE to sell and if he didn't the home obviously would not now be doomed. But it was a low point in his life and he did. I am asking that you help Q. Byrum Jr., our neighborhood and therefore the City of Hot Springs by sparing this one home and allowing the government to receive some monies from a "good neighbor" who loves where he lives and brings history and stability back at a time when we SO need it. Thanks for your consideration. Kumar & I are praying for you and your family, they have been so unfair to you.

Sincerely,



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