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My Dearest President,

Warm greetings from a saturated coast.

I know my folks have been in touch recently with both you and Hillary, but I feel you will never hear from us too much until this is resolved. If you in fact have no intention of assisting in our plight please let us know that your offer to help no longer stands so that we won't be wasting your time with correspondence.

I'm pleased you had an enjoyable holiday season. I was thankful for your trip to Bosnia. I pray that the conflict that festers deep within the ages of those countries is channeled into a global consciousness before it's too late.

This comes to you as yet another request for a presidential appointed "ADVOCATE" to work with the families affected by the crash of the CT-43 on 4/03/96. I'm becoming more disillusioned than ever as year two raises it's miserable head and we have yet to see any indication of change within the sanctimonious corporation we call the military. Adding insult to injury 1996 was documented as the worst year for civilian death caused by "gross negligence." The recent incident in Italy causes me more pain than can ever be verbalized. How many innocent people must be sacrificed before this immoral attitude is rectified? What is it going to take before we insist on accountability and retribution in the military? They are the only American institution accountable to no one, including the Commander and Chief.

The inevitable fact that you will no longer hold the Presidential seat in two years brings me great anxiety. Adam has been dead for two years. When I reflect on the time period we're dealing with I'm overwhelmed. The realization that my brother died in vain after all that he gave to his country and as much as he believed in her morality is absolutely heart-wrenching.

I would like straightforward conversation in your next correspondence regarding your intent on assisting our families. Specifically, will you assign us an advocate; also will you see that HR1334 does not find further complications when it arrives in your path.

I would like to request an appointment with you at this time. My parents will be in Washington for the dedication of the Brown Memorial which is tentatively scheduled to take place around the anniversary date. I am not planning on attending but would arrange to be there at that time if you will be in town and that is an available time period for you. Please do not delay in response to this matter as it is fast approaching and I would need to make flight reservations.

In closing I would like to extend my appreciation for the fine job you are doing amid all the "media attention."

Please acknowledge the urgency of my letter and respond accordingly.

As always,
Apolitical Darling
Denise L. Wyldbore

P.S. Please note my address is Merrill St. not Merritt St.

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Italians decry 'recklessness' by U.S. plane

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CAVALESE, Italy -- The U.S. Marine jet that severed a ski lift cable, plunging 20 people to their deaths on a snowy hillside, violated Italian air safety regulations with its "tragic recklessness," the country's prime minister said Wednesday.

In Washington, the Defense Department acknowledged that the American military jet appeared to be flying far below the authorized altitude for training missions.

The Italian defense minister said the American pilot should be prosecuted, several influential lawmakers said U.S. bases in Italy should be closed, and Italian and American investigators started looking into the accident at this Alpine ski hamlet.

"This is not about a low-level flight, but a terrible act, a nearly earth-shaving flight, beyond any limit allowed by the rules and laws," said Premier Romano Prodi.

Prodi visited the accident scene Wednesday, accompanied by several of Italy's justice and defense ministers and made the accusation that "tragic recklessness" was the primary cause of the accident.

Asked about Prodi's statement, Defense Department officials said initially that it was too early to draw conclusions about the accident. Pressed for a response, they said, "We cannot dispute that."

Witnesses said the Marine EA-6B Prowler from the Aviano Air Base swooped through the valley just above the treetops Tuesday. Its tail severed two, fist-sized, steel cables, sending a gondola full of European skiers and the operator to their deaths.

Startled by an unusually loud boom, 66-year-old Carla Naia looked up and saw the jet "coming at me at an incredible speed."

"I've seen lots of planes and I've often cursed them," the Cavalese resident said. "But this one seemed completely out of control, far lower and faster than the others."

Marine Corps officials in Washington disputed reports from Italian news organizations that local officials there had complained repeatedly of low-flying American military aircraft, including instances in which jets attempted to pass beneath the cable lines on their way back to the base at Aviano.

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by ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (Feb. 5) - U.S. military accidents have killed an average of 31 civilians a year worldwide in the 1990s, often in vehicle wrecks and sometimes in spectacular aircraft crashes, according to Defense Department statistics.

One of the disasters on a scale of the Marine Corps incident this week in the Dolomite Mountains in northern Italy in which an EA-6B electronic warfare plane severed a ski gondola cable, sending 20 skiers plunging to their deaths.

In fact it was the first civilian fatality involving Marine Corps aviation in the past 10 years, according to Navy statistics released at the Pentagon Thursday.

In 1997, 13 civilians were killed in U.S. military accidents worldwide, and in 1994 there were 10 - the lowest for any year in this decade.

One of the worst years was 1996. In April 1996 an Air Force jet carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and other civilians crashed into a mountain in Croatia, killing all 35 aboard, including the crew. Also that year an Air Force U-2 spy plane crashed into a parking lot in Oroville, Calif., killing the pilot and a woman in the lot.

Also in 1996 an F-16 fighter that had fled Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., to avoid Hurricane Bertha crashed into a house in Pensacola, Fla., killing a 4-year-old boy.

The worst year of the decade was 1991, the year hundreds of thousands of American troops mobilized to fight the Persian Gulf War. Sixty-nine civilians were killed that year in military accidents, including some in road accidents in the Gulf.

On October 1992 a Kentucky Air National Guard C-130 transport plane slammed into a motel and restaurant in Evansville, Ind. Five crew members and 11 people on the ground were killed.

On May 1995 an Air Force T-38 training jet crashed into an apartment complex in Wichita Falls, Texas, killing two elderly visitors.

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This is a piece I came across & wanted you to be once again reminded of the accident rate the military is responsible for.

Dear President Clinton,

^{Super w/ pro}
This is a note to let you know how much all of us appreciated the opportunity to be part of the Press Conference announcing your ^{High Hopes} for College Initiative.

I thank you again for extending this mentorship opportunity to students nation-wide, and especially for the positive effects that this will have on communities of color in urban and rural areas of the country.

From my own experience, I know that mentors change not only the minds of students, but indeed shape their lives.

Like you, in my family there was never a question that I would go on to college, in spite of the fact that no one in my family had graduated from college. We were fortunate because we were truly the success of our parents' and community efforts.

Thank you again for your commitment to access to higher education for lower income students.

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- Margaret Mead

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Sincerely,

Abiola
Apollon

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever does."

Margaret Mead



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Molas are one of the most beautiful forms of Indian art in the Americas. They come from the traditional blouses of the Kuna Indians of the San Blas Islands of Panama. Incredible energy and spirit go into their creation as they are worn with great pride. Brilliantly colored and imaginatively designed, such expert sewing skills as reverse applique, applique and embroidery techniques are used. The variety of subject matter is endless and anything a Kuna woman sees or hears can become inspiration for a Mola. As an indigenous art form, Molas are some of the most diverse and exciting textiles being created today.

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Memorandum

February 19, 1998

To: Nancy Hernreich
Fr: Estela Mendoza Press Office
Re: "Thank You" note attached

Fabiola Tafolla, the student who introduced the President at the High Hopes event, wanted to make sure that the President saw her personal note of the thanks. The event meant a lot to her and the Latino community who benefits greatly from his education proposal.

I've attached the note and would greatly appreciate your help in passing this on.

Thank you very much.

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bill Clinton:

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to a program that I believe is long overdue. That program is the "Homeless Project". This particular program is not only to help care for our homeless population, but it is also the avenue to bring back a sense of self-reliance and dignity to its Homeless participants.

Within the pages of the enclosed manual, you will find interesting, as well as enlightening information. So, I am in hopes that you will find this program to be a worthwhile program to study and promote nationwide.

I have enclosed two manuals for you, and anyone else of your choice, to look at. I am very interested in hearing from you as to what your response is in regards to this program.

Sincerely,

La Verne West

La Verne West
Author and Publisher

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(A Plea to All Caring Communities)

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CHAPTER 1

TO START WITH



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to see my life as a favor.

Please make phone be read
this letter and article

Deport Request

[Signature]

Anthony Lynn

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No ☐

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Dear President Clinton

I only wish you could know
the pain I have gone through in the
last two years of my life on the
Eastern Shore of Maryland.

I am a farmer who lost two
years here dominated by flooding rains
and then drought.

My wife and I can here to
start a new life together.

I know you have a lot on your
plate with your world problems,
But I hope I am not too small
for you to ignore.

Simply put, I am not able to
to pay this year because I have
exhausted all of our life savings
and credit, and have no place to
go for help.

I told my wife I was and
cannot tell her that we will
probably have to declare bankruptcy
some time this year, all I can
want, was a chance to make
or honest living.

Government programs have been to help
me, they either are too slow or I
am not eligible to receive these
programs.

The President with a budget
surplus for the coming year why
can't I get a low interest loan,
He gave other countries aid, I
need your aid in saving my form & family.

If you would ask my reason for
your help, I would answer you with
this thought, you have received help
in your life and I am sure you know
what a helping hand feels like,
all I am asking for a helping hand too.

In your state of union speech your
message was little living with help
from our government and self actions.

I am not begging you just looking
for guidance and help to start my
life for my wife and my self.

This letter do not convey my
need for urgent help, I am sorry
that my skills to compose my
thoughts in a clear and concise
way are not adequate.

Enclosing the President of you get
to read this letter I have gathered
further than I thought I would.
I enclosed you will read an article about
myself.

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Patricia Downs and Anthony Guessregen want to produce 3,000 hogs near Millington, Md. The mayor of the town, among others, says the town does not want the farm there. (Photo by Mark Powell)

Petitions oppose hog farm

Operation would be biggest in Kent County, Md.

By MARK POWELL

This could be the All-American story.

Here's how it starts. A Long Island commercial fisherman works hard everyday puffing in the whiting, cod and other fish from the once-rich waters off New York and New Jersey. The son of a mechanic, he calls his boat "Integrity."

The fishing business gets more and more difficult. The fisherman

blames the government and over-fishing the stock with ultramodern boats. The fisherman, Anthony Guessregen, meets and falls in love with Patricia Downs, a farmer's daughter whose farming husband has passed away.

They decide that they will get married and turn to farming. Anthony worked as a child for a neighboring farmer. He says he enjoyed the work. Pat wants to have land to

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Md. sheep fest draws 40,000

Wild Wicked Women tops in

By CARYL VELISEK

More than 40,000 people attended the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 3 and 4, at the Howard County Fairground.

On May 3 at 9 a.m., the parking lot was half full. By 11 a.m., the parking lot was still pouring rain as more cars lined up on the roads leading into the festival grounds.

Skies did clear by early afternoon and the weather was just what was needed for the most popular agricultural event.

"The weather was probably a factor in why we had so many people," said Caryn Ginsberg, who is the publicist for the festival.

"Usually, the knitters, spinners and weavers come in the morning to get the best wool and fleeces," Ginsberg said. The Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival is the premier event of its kind in the country, some of the 1996 sheep shows came from 20 states and as Vancouver, B.C. and England.

Va. Tech research sights on gray

Disease goes with use of no-till

By CAROL KINSLEY

Along with increased use of no-tillage in the last two decades has come increased incidence and severity of gray leaf spot (GLS) disease, according to Dr. Erik Stromberg of Virginia Tech's plant pathology, physiology and weed science department. GLS, first identified in 1925 in Illinois, is now considered the number one foliar disease in the Corn Belt.

GLS is caused by the fungus *Cercospora zeae-maydis*, Stromberg explained, which survives in infested corn debris present on the soil surface. Planting corn on corn exposes crops to high levels of disease inoculum carried over from the previous year.

"The Midwest has just begun to use no-till in the last five or six years," Stromberg said. "They are not as far down the road as we are." He noted that no-till corn production started at Virginia Tech in the 1960s, and some spots have been in continuous no-till corn since 1963.

With increased conservation tillage required by the government on erosion-prone fields, nearly 70 per-

NOT WELL-SETTLED FARM

Hog farm ...

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call her own again.

So, they look south for farmland. They look at Virginia, but finally settle on a tract near the town of Millington, Md., in Kent County. It's 328 acres surrounded by other farms in an area zoned for agricultural use. "It was love at first bite, so to speak," said Guessregen.

They call it Millington Willow Pond Farm. Last year, the soon-to-be-married pair relocated to the Eastern Shore to get their new dream farm ready. Pat Downs loves the pond.

They're putting up a house on it. Now, the pair have to decide what to produce on their land to pay the bills. They look into chicken farming. They decide against broilers. Instead, they choose hog production. They say they want to finish out 3,000 head of hogs under contract. A little over two herds a year of 50 pound pigs would be brought in, raised to about 260 pounds and then shipped off to market.

But — this is where the All-American dream runs into reality — some folks don't like the sound of 3,000 hogs.

There are petitions against the building of the hog operation, potentially the largest in the county, posted in the Millington pharmacy and the local pizza place. A local

newspaper, *The Town Crier*, had an article in its April 19 edition under the headline "Concerned Citizen Alert!" announcing a public hearing on the proposed hog operation.

Guessregen and Downs are worried that, even though they have received the approval of the county planning commission, a May 20 public hearing before the county's board of appeals at the Chestertown court house may go badly.

They are required to go to the board of appeals because feedlots are a "conditional use" in the county's ag zone. The board of appeals can accept their application to build the pig farm. Or they can accept it with stipulations. Or they can deny it.

"It is inconceivable that they wouldn't give it to us," said Guessregen. But, still, they worry.

Dennis Hager, the Millington mayor and operator of the town pharmacy, said he is opposed to the creation of this new hog operation.

"And, I'll tell you why," he said in a telephone interview. "I grew up on a pig farm."

A North Carolina native, Hager said he believes the small-scale problems associated with large hog farms would not make the Guessregen-Downs operation a good neighbor. About a decade ago, the people of Millington were confronted with a fly population explosion, Hager said, resulting from the former DeCoster egg operation. (In 1994, the DeCoster farm was cited



The "X" in the photograph above which the 3,000 hog barn would be located of the cleared space in the center portion

for alleged violations of Kent County health and zoning ordinances. No penalties were ever applied.)

"There's no guarantee that that kind of thing won't happen again," Hager said.

And, the mayor's also worried about a potential for water quality problems from the farm. The Guessregen-Downs farm is upstream from the town of Millington. Because of that, Hager said a problem with hog manure lagoons could mean waste would flow down to the town. Hager, adds, though, that most of what he's heard is rumor.