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GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD DINNER / THE VISTA HOTEL
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1990 / 8:20 P.M.

THANK YOU, DAVID [HUMPHREYS]. GALEY COLEMAN, AND SHELDON COLEMAN... SENATOR BURNS, CONGRESSMEN ROTH, MARLENEE AND HILER... DERRICK CRANDALL, STU NORTHROP, DICK NUNIS AND JEFF NAPIER... IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT -- AND A REAL HONOR TO ACCEPT THE SHELDON COLEMAN GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD. SHELDON WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO MANY -- AND A GREAT FRIEND OF NATURE.

HIS INFLUENCE IS STILL WITH US, IN SO MANY PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE OUTDOORS HE ENCOURAGED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. LIKE THE LANTERNS THAT BEAR HIS NAME GLOWING BESIDE TENTS AND R.V.S ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, THOSE PARTNERSHIPS SHINE BRIGHT WITH PROMISE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WE SHARE.

I'M DEEPLY HONORED THAT YOU'D CONSIDER ME WORTHY OF THIS AWARD. OH, I IMAGINE THERE WAS SOME CONTROVERSY. SOME MIGHT SAY THIS AWARD SHOULD'VE GONE TO A MORE ACCOMPLISHED OUTDOORS PERSON.

[[PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW WHO CAN FISH AND READ AT THE SAME TIME -- BARBARA BUSH. \\

BUT I DON'T WORRY WHEN SOMEBODY REACHES INTO THEIR TACKLE BOX AND PULLS OUT A LURE LIKE A MEPS SPINNER, OR A JOHNSON SILVER SPOON. I'VE GOT THE SILVER FOX.

LIKE EVERY PURSUIT IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS, FISHING IS A GREAT EQUALIZER -- WHETHER I'M OUT THERE WITH AN OLD FRIEND, A HEAD OF STATE, OR ONE OF THE GRANDKIDS.

YOU GET OUT THERE, AND LOVE IT -- JUST LIKE THE OTHER SIXTY MILLION AMERICAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO FISH FROM BOATS, BEACHES, BRIDGES AND RIVERBANKS ALL ACROSS THIS GREAT COUNTRY. [[ONLY DIFFERENCE IS, I HAVE TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE PRESS THAT FISHING IS MORE THAN JUST CATCHING FISH.]]

ALL OF YOU UNDERSTAND HOW TIME SPENT IN NATURE -- CAMPING OR HIKING OR FISHING -- FREES UP THE MIND, RESTORES THE SOUL, AND MAKES MEMORIES.

TRANQUIL, PEACEFUL, WONDERFUL MOMENTS THAT STAY WITH YOU THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. AMONG THE GREATEST JOYS BARBARA AND I HAVE EVER KNOWN HAS BEEN EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS WITH OUR KIDS AND GRANDCHILDREN. LOOK AT THE MAJESTY OF THE GRAND TETONS THROUGH THE EYES OF A 13 YEAR OLD GRANDSON -- OR TEACH A GRANDKID A FEW OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE OCEAN -- AND YOU'RE POWERFULLY REMINDED THAT OUR CHILDREN WILL, INDEED, INHERIT THE EARTH.

AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LEAVE HOME. EVERY SUMMER ON VACATION I PUT UP A TENT OUTSIDE OUR HOUSE. I GET A TREMENDOUS KICK OUT OF HEARING THE NIGHTTIME GIGGLES OF THE CAMPING GRANDCHILDREN. IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM READING BY A LANTERN, AND HEAR THEM WHISPERING TO EACH OTHER JUST BEFORE THEY DROP OFF TO SLEEP.

MOMENTS IN THE OUTDOORS ARE SPECIAL. SO PRESERVING NATURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS DEMANDS SPECIAL EFFORT.

I'VE BEEN HAPPY TO SUPPORT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THE WALLOP-BREAUX TRUST FUND TO PROTECT OUR WETLANDS, AND PRESERVE AND ENHANCE BOATING AND FISHING. AND BY ENCOURAGING PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS LIKE DUCKS UNLIMITED, AND GROUPS LIKE THE AMERICAN RECREATION COALITION, AND THE RECREATION ROUNDTABLE, TO ENGAGE THIS NATION IN A NEW SPIRIT OF RENEWAL.
WE'RE DOING OUR PART TO BUILD THAT SPIRIT.

IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, WE INCLUDED FUNDS TO HELP SAVE THE EVERGLADES, TO IMPLEMENT THE HISTORIC NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND TO STOP THE TRAGEDY OF THOUSANDS OF BIRDS DYING AT THE STILLWATER WILDLIFE REFUGE. BUT THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR PROGRAM WAS SOMETHING CALLED AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL -- TO EXPAND OUR PARKS, FORESTS, AND WILDLIFE REFUGES; TO PROMOTE RECREATION; AND YES, TO PLANT A BILLION TREES A YEAR IN AMERICA.

TONIGHT, I WANT TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I'VE SEEN TOO MANY BUDGETS FRITTERED AWAY ON OTHER PRIORITIES. WE ALL AGREE THAT TREES ARE GOOD FOR OUR WATER, GOOD FOR OUR AIR, GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. SO TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: DON'T LEAVE OUR TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE OUT ON A LIMB.

GROUPS LIKE THIS ONE ARE HELPING US BUILD A NEW ETHIC OF STEWARDSHIP IN AMERICA. AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE REASON TO BE HOPEFUL.

THIS YEAR, IN A TRADITION THAT DATES BACK TO PRESIDENT TAFT, I WAS PRESENTED WITH THE FIRST SALMON CAUGHT IN THE 1990 SEASON IN THE PENOBSCOT RIVER IN MAINE.

IT WAS A TRADITION THAT DIED IN THE 1950S BECAUSE THE RIVER HAD DETERIORATED -- BUT THIS YEAR, A STATE FISHERIES SPOKESMAN SAID THEY HAD THE BIGGEST OPENING DAY HE COULD RECALL.

AND HERE IN WASHINGTON, THAT ONCE-POLLUTED POTOMAC RIVER IS NOW A SITE FOR FIRST-CLASS BASS FISHING TOURNAMENTS.

WELL, I'M HONORED THAT YOU'D GRANT ME THIS GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD, IN THE MEMORY OF SHELDON COLEMAN. HE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ME. I KNEW HIM PERSONALLY AND LOVED HIS REMARKABLE SPIRIT. I SALUTE HIS MEMORY.

BUT I'M ALSO HERE TO TIP MY HAT TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICA -- LIKE YOURSELVES -- WHO ARE RAISING AWARENESS, RAISING MONEY, AND SOMETIMES RAISING HELL TO PRESERVE OUR NATURAL HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

SOMETIMES, THAT MEANS CONFLICTS. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE EFFORT WE PUT INTO FINDING CONSTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WILL TAKE US MUCH FURTHER THAN DEBATE AND CONTENTION.

WE NEED TO SPEND LESS TIME ARGUING, AND MORE TIME WORKING ON SOLUTIONS.

ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT HAVE THE CREATIVITY, THE WILL, AND THE LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS TO CREATE NEW PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO PROTECT THIS NATION'S NATURAL BEAUTY. SO LET ME ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU: HELP US BUILD MOMENTUM FOR A NEW SPIRIT OF AMERICAN STEWARDSHIP. THANK YOU -- AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD DINNER

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June 19, 1990

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His influence is still with us, in so many partnerships for the outdoors he encouraged throughout his life. Like the lanterns that bear his name glowing beside tents and R.V.s across this country, those partnerships shine bright with promise for the environment we share.

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Like every pursuit in the great outdoors, fishing is a great equalizer -- whether I'm out there with an old friend, a Head of State, or one of the grandkids. You get out there, and love it -- just like the other sixty million American men, women and children who fish from boats, beaches, bridges and riverbanks all across this great country.

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And you don't even have to leave home. Every summer on vacation I put up a tent outside our house. I get a tremendous kick out of hearing the nighttime giggles of the camping grandchildren. It's wonderful to see them reading by a lantern, and hear them whispering to each other just before they drop off to sleep.

Moments in the outdoors are special. So preserving nature for future generations demands special effort. I've been happy to support public-private partnerships like the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund to protect our wetlands, and preserve and enhance boating and fishing. And by encouraging private partnerships like Ducks Unlimited, and groups like the American Recreation Coalition, and the Recreation Roundtable, to engage this Nation in a new spirit of renewal.

We're doing our part to build that spirit. In this year's budget, we included funds to help save the Everglades, to implement the historic North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and to stop the tragedy of thousands of birds dying at the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge. But the cornerstone of our program was something called America the Beautiful -- to expand our parks, forests, and wildlife refuges; to promote recreation; and yes, to plant a billion trees a year in America.

Tonight, I want to ask for your help. I've seen too many budgets frittered away on other priorities. We all agree that trees are good for our water, good for our air, good for our communities. So take this message to the legislative branch: Don't leave our tree planting initiative out on a limb.

Groups like this one are helping us build a new ethic of stewardship in America. And you know, we have reason to be hopeful. This year, in a tradition that dates back to President Taft, I was presented with the first salmon caught in the 1990 Season in the Penobscot River in Maine.

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BYLINE: Barbara Reynolds

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BODY:

Derrick Crandall, 38, is president of the American Recreation Coalition representing about 110 national groups. He also served on the President's Commission of the American Outdoors. He was interviewed by USA TODAY's Barbara Reynolds.

USA TODAY: Some environmentalists challenge President Bush's claim to be ''the environmental president.'' Does he deserve the title?

CRANDALL: Absolutely. George Bush has changed the discussion of environmental policies dramatically since he has taken office. He has taken 13 years of dissension and lack of forward progress on the Clean Air Act and converted it into a historical accommodation between the need to continue to have a strong economy and the environment.

USA TODAY: Critics charge the clean air legislation tilts too far toward industry.

CRANDALL: The proposal he came out with in 1989 created the forward momentum that made possible the Senate compromise, which is a wonderful progressive step to ensure that America is a world leader in protecting a public resource - our air.

USA TODAY: Does the Clean Air Act represent all the president's accomplishments on the environment?

CRANDALL: He has shown his absolute support for programs such as the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund. This was created in 1984 with George Bush's personal help and now provides $ 300 million a year for boating, fishing restoration and enhancement. The restoration includes the purchase and protection of wetlands, which are important for fisheries and nurseries.

USA TODAY: Critics also suggest chief of staff John Sununu has blocked progress on the environment?

CRANDALL: I have talked to Bill Reilly of EPA, and he has told me that most of the publicity that puts black hats on some people and white hats on others is both an over-simplification and in many cases flat out wrong.

USA TODAY: Industrial pollution, spills and waste dumps have uprooted

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communities, spoiled beaches and jeopardized our health. How much can the federal government turn the clock back?

CRANDALL: All of us have reason to be horrified by what we've all done in the past, whether it's the Love Canal or Superfund sites. Those are the product of insensitivity as well as lack of awareness, lack of knowledge.

USA TODAY: What is to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself?

CRANDALL: We do have laws on the books and the Reagan administration - and even more the Bush administration - have shown every indication that they will aggressively pursue enforcement actions against toxic waste and hazardous chemicals.

USA TODAY: Will that ensure compliance?

CRANDALL: When people start fearing going to jail or paying the price for insensitivity that results in environmental damage, then we've gotten the attention of the business community. But we also have to recognize we are worried about sins of the past.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO; b/w (Derrick Crandall)

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"THE OUTDOORS PRESIDENT"

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The Outdoors President
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"For me, and for many Americans, recreation isn't a luxury, but a necessity..."

...It recharges our batteries and keeps us going, both physically and mentally."
Trailer Life, October 1982

"Recreation has to be regarded as one of the most productive aspects of life."
Trailer Life, October 1982

RIGHT SCREEN

"I support many of the recommendations made by the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors..."

...for example....the encouragement of public-private partnerships for recreation..."

LEFT SCREEN

...and the creation of greenways and the strengthening of our urban parks."
Seattle, May 16, 1988

"I want to preserve our scenic byways...These are the roads Americans love."
Richmond, June 21, 1989

RIGHT SCREEN

"More can and should be done to ensure quality outdoors opportunities exist for our next generation...."

...I'm committed to doing all I can to preserve our beautiful wilderness areas, our parks and our rivers..."

...It's nothing less than our duty to do all we can to pass this beauty on to our children and grandchildren."
Jackson, Wyoming, June 7, 1987

PHOTO SLIDES

RIGHT SCREEN

1) GB standing in forest near tent
2) fishing from canoe (front view)
3) fishing from canoe (side view)

4) at the helm of powerboat
5) relaxing in powerboat

6) GB & BB in outdoors setting
7) GB sitting against tree

LEFT SCREEN

8) GB talking with Stu & Charles
9) Scooping a fish, Natl Fishing Week

10) Hiking in Glacier NP sequence
11) #2

RIGHT SCREEN
12) #3
13) #4

14) Bushes coming out of RV
15) Posing with Hodels in Tetons

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16) Fishing sequence
17) #2
18) #3

19) Creek Overlook sequence #1
20) #2
21) #3 with Senator Simpson

22) #4 stooping to get a close look
23) Family pic. near falls
24) Family closeup at campfire
25) Group around campfire

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BODY:

Grieg Barker, a salesman and avid fisherman, caught the first salmon of the 1990 season in the Penobscot River early Tuesday and it will be presented to President Bush in a tradition that dates to President Taft.

Barker, 49, of Medway, an industrial salesman, was one of many fisherman along the banks of the Penobscot at dawn in hopes of hooking a salmon, which swim upstream from the Atlantic at this time of year.

The 7-pound, 28.5-inch salmon struck Barker's line at 5:05 a.m. at a spot on the river known as the Pipeline Pool. He landed it 10 minutes later, according to Paul Fournier, a spokesman for the state Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

''There were at least 30 salmon taken before noontime,'' Fournier said. ''It was the biggest opening day that I can recall.''

Officials of the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission took the fish to their Bangor office, where it was frozen. It will be presented to Bush at a White House ceremony as soon as details can be worked out with White House staff, Fournier said.

''It was confirmed as a bright salmon, fresh from the sea,'' Fournier said. ''That is opposed to a black or kelt salmon, which is a salmon that stays in the river over the winter. Kelt salmon don't qualify as presidential salmon.''

The tradition of presenting the first Penobscot River salmon to the president began in 1912 when William Howard Taft was in the White House. Fournier said the tradition was interrupted in the 1950s because of the deteriorating condition of the river.

''The tradition continued until the Eisenhower administration, when pollution and dams stopped the salmon runs,'' Fournier said. ''Back in the early 1980s millions of dollars were spent to clean up the river and millions of salmon were stocked. In 1982 enough fish were coming up the river that the old tradition was revived.

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE SHELDON COLEMAN GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD INVITED

Washington, D. C. (October 26) -- Nominations for the second annual Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award are now being sought by the award's sponsor, the American Recreation Coalition. The award will be presented in Washington, D. C. on June 19, 1990. This prestigious award was created in 1989 to recognize an individual for outstanding efforts to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities. ARC will present this award annually in honor of the late conservationist, Sheldon Coleman. It was first presented to F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

"Sheldon loved the great outdoors and was a leading figure in the recreation industry for more than five decades prior to his death in September 1988. He was grateful for America's beauty and grateful to those who dedicated their efforts to help preserve that beauty and help others enjoy it. It's fitting to have an award in Sheldon's name which will recognize the rare combination of vision and action which Sheldon himself always demonstrated," remarked Derrick Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition.

Any individual may be nominated for the award for personal actions which have had a demonstrable effect on regional or national outdoor recreation opportunities. Submissions must include the nominee's name; address, phone number; a summary description of the actions prompting the nomination not to exceed one page in length; supporting materials (optional); and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two individuals well acquainted with the nominee.

NOMINATIONS FOR GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD INVITED

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All nominations must be received by April 20 and should be sent to:

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For more information on the Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award and dinner contact the American Recreation Coalition, (202)662-7420.

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PLANS FOR SECOND GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD

DINNER UNDERWAY

Washington, D. C. (October 26) -- The Second Annual Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award Dinner will be held at the Vista International Hotel in Washington, D. C. on June 19, 1990. The prestigious Great Outdoors Award, recognizing outstanding individual efforts to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in America, will be presented at this black tie affair.

The award was created to honor the late Sheldon Coleman, whose life was dedicated to enjoying, enhancing and protecting the many recreational experiences that this great land has to offer. President George Bush wrote: "Sheldon's legacy inspires us as we continue working to protect the environment and enhance outdoor recreation . . . I am pleased to know that his spirit will live on in the Great Outdoors Award of the American Recreation Coalition."

The first Great Outdoors Award dinner, held in June 1989, was an outstanding success. Some 300 persons attended, including Members of Congress, representatives from key federal departments and the White House and a diverse group of recreation industry leaders and guests.

The initial award was presented to F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Robertson became the 12th Chief of the Forest Service in 1987 and within two years, according to David J. Humphreys, Chairman of the American Recreation Coalition, "a new firestorm of enthusiasm and initiatives permeates the agency. Dale Robertson's energies and vision started this fire and helped spread its flame. Recreation opportunities in the national forests are improved already and further improvements in scenic driving, trail, river and other recreational experiences are underway."

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1990 GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD NOMINATION

NOMINEE: Honorable George H.W. Bush

NOMINATOR: American League of Anglers and Boaters
Family Motor Coach Association
2 recreation industry executives

JUSTIFICATION:

President George Bush was nominated for his actions prior to and since assuming the office of President of the United States of America. He is credited with a personal role: in the creation of Big Thicket National Preserve (a component of the National Park System in Texas); in the 1984 enactment of the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund and its subsequent protection from attempted diversions; in the creation of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors; in encouraging expanded recreation on federal lands through speeches, displays of personal interest and budget directions; and in using his position to aid recreation initiatives ranging from scenic byways to rails-to-trails conversion.

As a Member of Congress, George Bush was a leading advocate for the creation of Big Thicket National Park, eventually authorized as a "national preserve" in 1974. In 1979, he began a championship of enhancing fishing and boating opportunities through expanded user fees. Because of his support, expansion of the Sportfish Restoration Account was endorsed by the 1980 Reagan/Bush campaign. His personal efforts on behalf of this expansion helped achieve House action in 1983 and Senate action in 1984 to create what is now commonly called the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund. The Fund provides nearly $300 million annually for boating and fishing enhancement -- all funded by taxes on fishing tackle and motorboat fuel.

In 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989, President Bush took direct actions to oppose Administration efforts to divert and withhold Wallop-Breaux funds; his action in 1989, along with a boost in requested dollars for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, showed the Congress and interest groups the priority the new President placed on recreation. The President also demonstrated his support for the program by making reference to it in one of the nationally-televised debates during the 1988 campaign.

Beginning in 1983, then-Vice President Bush lent support to efforts to create a commission to review the nation's outdoor recreation needs and policies. His support was critical to the decision of then-President Reagan to create the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors by executive order in January 1985. His continuing involvement included a role in shaping the composition of the well-received commission, periodic updates on its work and praise for its recommendations beginning in 1987.

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He has subsequently assisted in realizing the commission's recommendations. The FY90 and FY91 budget proposals include substantial increases for recreation programs of the federal land managing agencies. He has championed stewardship and ethics in highly publicized trips to national parks and fishing sites. In an appearance before a recreation organization in June 1989, he endorsed scenic byways, rails-to-trails conversions and action on acid rain, which has major consequences for recreation.

The President was named "Sportfisherman of the Year" in 1989 by the Sport Fishing Institute and will be presented with major national awards in June 1990 by the Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS) and by the American League of Anglers and Boaters. He has also been honored recently by the Boone and Crockett Club for his support of wildlife habitat enhancement, including his support of the conservation reserves element of the 1985 farm bill.

SHELDON COLEMAN GREAT OUTDOORS AWARD FACT SHEET

Background

Sheldon Coleman (1901-1988) was Chairman of The Coleman Company of Wichita, Kansas. His talents as an engineer, as an advocate and as a marketer have helped millions enjoy the outdoors. During his lifetime, Sheldon received numerous awards and honors and contributed his energies to a host of conservation causes, including service on the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors (1985-1987).

To some, Sheldon Coleman was the "lantern man." His lanterns -- and the millions of tents, sleeping bags, coolers and stoves and dozens of other outdoor products sold by his company during his six-decade career -- are ubiquitous across America. Others knew Sheldon Coleman the visionary, championing volunteerism and partnerships for the outdoors, or as a motivator, one who understood the power of praise. The Great Outdoors Award was created by the Board of Directors of the American Recreation Coalition in 1989 to commemorate and to continue Sheldon's work by honoring special Americans whose personal efforts have enhanced opportunities for others to enjoy the outdoors.

Selection Process

Nominations are solicited and received from public and private sector conservation and recreation organizations and from individuals. Nominations are reviewed by a seven member judging panel comprised of:

- Honorable Lamar Alexander, Former Governor, State of Tennessee;
- Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman, National Geographic Society;
- Honorable Donald Hodel, Former Secretary of the Interior;
- Patrick Noonan, President, The Conservation Fund;
- Stuart Northrop, Former Chairman, Huffy Corporation;
- Sally Ranney, President, American Wildlands; and
- F. Dale Robertson, Chief, United States Forest Service.

Award

The Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award is a unique work of art incorporating a Steuben crystal "Waterbird" in flight on a wooden base crafted by Prince George's Woodcraft. The award is displayed in a location selected by the recipient. The initial winner of the award, presented on June 20, 1989, was F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the United States Forest Service.

Sponsor

The award sponsor is the American Recreation Coalition, a non-profit federation of more than 100 organizations and companies seeking to expand the quality and quantity of recreation choices in America. ARC has offices at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 726, Washington, D. C. 20004, (202)662-7420.



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This is an old saying when the fishing is poor, my guide in the keys, George Hommell uses it on me occasionally, it is " You should have been here yesterday." Well in one case this person should have. A game warden came up to a 16 year old boy who was fishing on a lake and he had a nice stringer of fish plus had one on. He said boy, you should have been here yesterday. The boy replied, I don't know about that, look at this nice stringer of fish. The game warden replied, it still would have been better yesterday, the season was open then.

Send it to
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Langer —

(1) Here is the program for the slides — you may want to refer to pictures that the audience just saw. I will ask the Committee for more details on the various outings shown in the right column.

(2) Here's an interview (from last summer) by the outdoor media.

(3) McBride is supposed to call me back @ 120.

Still waiting for Committee to call so I can get more info on Mr. Coleman & the award itself.

Carley

June 14, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: MARK

FROM: CAROLYN

RE: COLEMAN DINNER

Unfortunately, Sheldon Coleman and POTUS never spent any time in the outdoors together though they did know each other well.

--They lunched together in VP Bush's office in 1983.

--They spoke often by phone before and after VP Bush's trips to Glacier National Park and the Grand Tetons. The Coleman Company had provided all the provisions and equipment.

******In 1983, VP Bush and Mrs. Bush and their entire entourage went camping in Glacier National Park. Sheldon sent two eighteen wheelers loaded up with lanterns, tents, sleeping bags, and all the camping paraphenelia needed for the trip. He was supposed to go too, but was called away on a business trip.

VP Bush, to show his appreciation, signed a Coleman lantern for Sheldon saying "I've signed a lot of things...but never a lantern!"

Sheldon loved that lantern and it was one of his most prized possessions. He kept it on a shelf in his office. That lantern will be on the stage at the dinner.

President George H. W. Bush Remarks for
Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award

Friends and fellow lovers of the outdoors, it gives me a special pleasure to be here tonight to accept the Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award. Sheldon was a wonderful, concerned American who felt blessed by his intimate knowledge of the outdoors. I remember our discussions over breakfast one morning in my office about the challenges and the opportunities facing us regarding America's Great Outdoors. His passion was unmistakable and his ideas for action were abundant, and with this award the American Recreation Coalition is perpetuating his passion and imagination.

The importance of the outdoors in our lives is great. I've said before that my time fishing and boating, running and playing tennis helps me recharge my batteries, to relieve the stresses of today and to prepare me for the challenges of tomorrow.

Fortunately, we are blessed with both a nation of immense physical beauty and diversity and a heritage of wise conservation of these natural assets. We have the world's oldest national park system -- and the world's best. We have a large and well-managed national forest system and a growing and invaluable national wildlife refuge system. Our other public lands also contribute to our outdoors wealth.

No man could ever create the Grand Canyon or Old Faithful, but Americans acted to protect these treasures. Their gift of vision and action has produced a national legacy which enriches each of us. And it is our duty to safeguard this legacy and to contribute in our own way so that our grandchildren will enjoy the outdoors as we do today.

I feel we are taking steps in this direction, and I am proud to have played a role in some of these efforts. More than 10 years ago, I joined others in a campaign to increase the scope of the Sportfish Restoration Fund. In 1984, the expansion was accomplished through the creation of the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund, a program which is improving boating and fishing opportunities across the nation today and which should be both an inspiration and a model for other programs to enhance the outdoors and recreational opportunities.

Just last week, Secretary Yeutter released the 1990 Resources Planning Act Program document, laying out a long range strategy for managing our national forests. The strategy calls for significantly increased emphasis on recreation and wildlife programs. Other federal land systems are similarly increasing their recreation emphasis. My Fiscal Year 1991 budget proposal called for important increases for outdoors programs.

And we have made real progress on environmental issues affecting the outdoors, including acid rain and urban smog.

Yet more can and should be done.

Just one year ago, I addressed a crowd of recreationists in Richmond, Virginia. I told them that they needed to do more than just stop to smell the flowers across our wonderful land; they needed to do something to help the flowers grow. Across America, I see this happening as people join together to plant trees, to clean up a river, to take economically disadvantaged youths out to enjoy the Great Outdoors.

We also need to look for ways to integrate our concerns for the environment, our efforts to assure a vital economy, and our nurturing of people. We need to avoid single purpose programs that may achieve their primary goal but which yield undesirable and unintended other problems. Therefore, I have a high level of interest in programs such as the conservation reserve program under the farm bill, and the barrier islands legislation of the mid-1980's.

During the 1988 campaign, I talked about the importance of recreation and about specific initiatives such as rails-to-trails, greenways, outdoor ethics and education, scenic byways and improved access to public waters. We've made some headway. A national scenic byways study is underway in the Department of Transportation. We've boosted spending through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to buy parklands, especially in urban areas. Take Pride in America -- a major ethics and education campaign --is alive and well. And we have launched America the Beautiful, a program which incorporates parkland acquisition, tree planting and capital investment in visitor facilities on the public lands.

We hope that America the Beautiful will grow in size and scope, and invite your help in making certain this happens. In opening the America the Beautiful umbrella, we should keep in mind the wise recommendation of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors, on which Sheldon Coleman served: "Local concern and investment will do more than anything else to preserve outdoor opportunities for Americans tomorrow. In the past many have looked to the federal government to provide recreational facilities. But since recreation is needed close to home, the best ideas should originate there. . . . The President should light the fire and lead the crusade. But most of the actions should be *community by community*."

Finally, let me address one issue which colors our outdoors issue development. We do have a serious budget problem. It doesn't make me happy to have to say no to spending requests that I agree to in principle, but I have no choice. Much like a family; when there isn't enough to do everything the budget allows, we have to decide on priorities. Buying the new car may mean fewer new clothes. There may be some family members who don't agree with the priorities, but the overall family needs must come first.

INFORMATION FROM RAY SCOTT
(CHAMPION BASS FISHERMAN AND FRIEND OF POTUS)

--Sheldon Coleman was a BIG fisherman

--The Bushes went fishing with Ray last Christmas in Alabama. ((See Nexis article of that trip...POTUS was teasing FLOTUS about her being a fishing novice and then she caught a bigger one than he did.))

Mrs. Bush in fact caught the fish while reading! It was a huge bass, even by professional standards...6 pounds, 12 ounces. The President is fond of saying that "Barbara is the only woman I know who can read and fish at the same time.

--Fishing spots of POTUS
Kennebunkport
the Potomac
the Florida Keys -- Islamorada --boneyfish
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Iceland
Pintlala, Alabama
Jackson Hole, WY

--When questioned about his reading habits, POTUS has said that his favorite magazine is the fishing journal Bass Master. He is also a lifetime member of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (since 1968)

Sheldon was also an RNC Eagle and a STRONG supporter of the GOP and of POTUS. He was a leader of the Conservation and Environment Coalition during the '88 Campaign. Prior to that, he was instrumental the creation of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors.

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POTUS is fond of telling the story of the time he took his grandson George P. from Florida to Grand Tetons National Park. The kid lives in Florida and had never seen mountains. They were riding in an RV and stopped at an overlook near Grand Teton mountain to admire the view. George P. had a completely blank and surprised look on his face...slowly, a smile broke over his face as he looked at the mountains in awe.

POTUS likes to say that when he remembers George P.'s smile, he too breaks out in a smile and thinks of how he loves the great outdoors.

OTHER:

Derrick Crandall says that they would like to hear POTUS speak a bit on partnerships for the environment. "All of you here tonight possess creativity needed to establish these important partnerships as well as the love of the outdoors needed to accomplish this. Let's work to establish more of them so that all Americans can enjoy the great outdoors." ((see his draft remarks that I gave you yesterday.))

Derrick says he's worked w/you before & remembers you well. He'd like you to call him if you'd like more info & to chat about the speech...

he is on a business trip but is calling in for msgs & will call back asap.

His name & #: Derrick Crandall
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johnson silver spoon

"A lure w/ the tenacity
to sneak up on that
fish in the weeds...
and really allure
that fish."

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June 11, 1990

Tetons → Keys (range)
w/ world leaders (personal)

personal.
Why I love the outdoors
down-to-earth
Keys → been fishing @ Keys
caught 30 @ Camp David

MEMORANDUM

TO: MARK LANGE

FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY

RE: SHELDON COLEMAN DINNER

EVENT:

The Sheldon Coleman "Great Outdoors Award" Dinner
(POTUS is this year's award recipient)
Tuesday, June 19
8:00 p.m.
The Vista Hotel

slideshow on 12×12 screen
quote/fact sheet please

Contact: Derrick Crandall
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June 12, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: mark

FROM: carolyn

RE: coleman dinner

The Sheldon Coleman "Great Outdoors Award" Dinner
Tuesday, June 19
The Vista Hotel

Attendees: 350

Acknowledgements: TBD. We know now that Dale Bumpers and Malcolm Wallop are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Dinner. There will be no headtable -- POTUS will be sharing a table with 13 other people including Sheldon, Jr., Galey (widow), some members of Congress, and some people from the Admin. There will be many friends of POTUS there -- Crandall will flag them for us when he sends a guest list.

Introduction: POTUS will be introduced by David Humphreys. He is the Chairman of the ARC and has spent a lot of time outdoors with POTUS.

Decor: on the tables: coleman lanterns & pine boughs.

Past Award Recipients: Sheldon Coleman just died in 1988 so there has only been one past recipient. He is Mr. Dale Robertson, Chief of the US Forest Service.

More on Sheldon Coleman:

Sheldon spent six decades with his company. The company began when he started experimenting with pressurized gas lighting systems for farmhouses; he then turned the company into the preeminent outdoor recreation company.

Sheldon had a great love for the outdoors all his life. As a teenager he was a mountain climbing guide in Colorado and also guided canoe trips in Minnesota and Ontario.

His zest did not slow as he aged. At the age of 81, he broke his arm testing a product. He didn't think that a new cooler product was strong enough -- so he took it camping and jumped up and down on it. It broke and he broke his arm. It cost him a year of tennis.

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Bonefishing a true test of character

BYLINE: Jim Myers

DATELINE: ISLAMORADA, Fla.

BODY:

George Hommell, the optimist, says it's time to catch fish. The day is glorious. Everything is blue.

Hommell is a man with great friends. George Bush, the president, is one. Hommell is also a man with great talent - for a testing sport called bonefishing. Bush loves it.

Hommell, his mentor, recalls a memorable day - it was Jan. 14. Bush, about to be inaugurated our 41st president, caught a 13-pound bonefish on Florida Bay. Mention that among the knowing; mouths drop. Hommell was there. So was a fleet of federal agents guarding the First Angler.

Hommell, 63, says Bush often gets quiet when he fishes.

Bush says: ''It sounds funny to say this, but I get almost as much pleasure fishing if I don't catch fish as if I do. It's the going after them ... all of it is freeing up the mind, restoring the soul. It's tranquilizing, it's marvelous.''

That's the proper attitude for bonefishing, a challenge that begs frustration. Bush has the bonefish thing; fishers of bonefish always note how nice the scenery was. And in the Florida Keys - the only place in the USA where bonefish are found - it's always nice.

Bonefish aren't big. Or tasty. They're all bones - and fast. And the devil to find. They prefer water above 68 degrees; that's when they tend to show up with an appetite for shrimp. May is one of the best months. The season - call it the less trying bonefishing season - runs through about November.

Florida Bay, a bonefishing paradise, is a vast expanse of emerald, burgundy and blue water shimmering between the Keys and the mainland. It's easy to get disoriented, even lost out there - and never see a bonefish. Bonefishing requires a guide who knows the bay's hidden secrets and a flat-bottom boat. The going rate for both: $ 250 a day.

Hommell gets the highest accolade a bonefishing guide is likely to hear: People say he thinks like a bonefish. Since 1949, his mind has roamed the intricate maze of underwater banks, flats and channels where bonefish dart. In

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1970, he opened a tackle and tour business, but he still ''fishes,'' as guides always say, friends like Bush, Treasury Secretary Nick Brady or Jack Nicklaus.

Hommell is ever optimistic about catching fish. Frustration? Never. ''If you ever catch one,'' he swears, ''you'll never go for anything else.''

The Keys are full of anglers to second the premise. Dan McCarthy, 38, chucked a job in a New York to move here: ''It was bonefishing that did it.''

McCarthy caught only one in six months trying. ''I've hooked two,'' he said, ''but I've only landed one. It requires a perfect cast, a perfect everything.''

In the unique way anglers seek bonefish, the guide stands on a platform over the boat's outboard, pushing the boat along with a 20-foot pole, while the angler scans the sea.

''You have to hunt the fish before you can catch it,'' says Bush. ''The great bonefishing is where you see them coming up the flats with their tails up out of the water, mudding ...''

That's bonefish lingo. The fish follow incoming tides in the bay to feed on shrimp and crabs on the shallow flats and banks, where the water is about two feet deep. When they feed, their tails break the surface; it's called ''tailing.'' And they stir up mud on the bottom; that's mudding.

Seeing either demands a sharp eye and enough patience to fill an ice chest. Jim Albright, 74, considered the dean of Keys fishing guides, says: ''Patience is the big thing.''

On this fine, blue day, Hommell has recruited Kenny McKenney, three-time winner of an annual Islamorada (pronounced, ''EYE-la-morada'') bonefish tourney, to demonstrate the joys of the sport.

McKenney, 43, owns Theater of the Sea, a marine life show that also includes live bonefish he caught. They glisten silver in the sun with tiny gold specks on their backs. Their pointed noses, clean lines and nervous energy makes them nature's perfect underwater projectile, capable of hitting 60 mph.

But McKenney's captives lack the spookiness. Untamed bonefish, sensing anything odd, are gone in an instant.

Hommell and McKenney head for the spot where Bush caught his fish (and let it go, the custom). Bush used shrimp bait and eight-pound test line. The record bonefish on eight-pound test was 13 pounds, 15 ounces; Bush was close. The largest bonefish ever, caught off South Africa, weighed 19 pounds.

Bush's triumph came on his fifth trip here. He must lead a charmed life. ''I'd say the odds on a fish like that are 100,000 to one,'' says Richard Stanczyk, owner of Bud N' Mary's Fishing Marina here.

The exact location of Bush's triumph lies 20 miles northeast of Islamorada, halfway across the bay on a shallow called Ninemile Bank. It is wonderful, a place of haunting solitude. The horizon is a vague line where blue meets blue.

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Hommell says the day with Bush had a mysterious, providential quality even he can't quite explain: ''I saw more bonefish than I've ever seen. There were schools of them, like many years ago.''

McKenney describes actually hooking a bonefish as ''happiness.'' When the fish feels the hook, it takes off with all that speed, tearing 150 or 200 yards of line off the reel. It's so fast, the angler must hold his rod aloft, keeping as much line out of the water as possible. That prevents the line from snapping as the fish tugs it across the water.

Out at the Bush fishing grounds, the two men study the water. What a scene: Giant tarpon splash; sting rays stir up mud; barracuda pass within feet of the boat; a shark - that ominous fin - circles. But no bonefish appear. ''You don't see any,'' says Hommell, the optimist. ''Then all of a sudden it opens up.''

But it doesn't. They adjourn to another likely spot ... at the fifth likely spot to which they adjourn, a bank near Lignumvitae Key, McKenney finally sees some mudding - three or four bonefish, he says.

Which brings up the next testing moment in bonefishing: The angler must cast the bait six or eight feet in front of a bonefish. Too close, and the fish spooks. Too far away, and the fish doesn't find it. Bonefish are notoriously finicky eaters. They don't eat just anything like sharks or barracuda.

McKenney does everything right; Hommell says so.

''They're looking at it,'' McKenney whispers. ''They're smelling it ...'' (Pause.)

''They were all over that bait but they wouldn't pick it up - three big fish.''

''They've got lockjaw,'' Hommell suggests.

In eight hours, at seven different spots - all beautiful, all good for the soul - the two experts catch no bonefish.

To a bonefisherman, this is supposed to be no big deal. A day like Bush's, with hundreds of bonefish about - that's news.

Another Bush friend, Jim Gilmore Jr., (best known as the owner of the racecars A.J. Foyt drives) recalls that Bush arrived back at the pier on Jan. 14 with a certain playful joy: ''I'll be you guys couldn't do that well,'' Bush said.

Still, McKenney is chagrined; it's only the third time he can recall being shut out. But Hommell remains optimistic, sure that bonefish will bite off Key Largo, 20 miles away. The next day, he and McKenney catch an 11-pounder there - a decent fish.

Bush, meanwhile, has been hanging around Washington, D.C., a place that might have boneheads, but no bonefish. It should also be noted that Bush has been very patient. No quick trips down here to restore the soul.

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BODY:

BUT CAN HE FISH? Ever since George Bush got himself elected president and went off immediately on a fishing trip, this question has plagued the angling community.

The problem was, someone apparently either dragged from the photo files or snapped anew a shot of the President-elect fishing with spinning tackle, only he was holding the rod upside down, with the spinning reel pointed up instead of down, which meant he had to turn the reel handle backwards to bring in a fish.

To anyone schooled in the fine art of angling this is a sure sign of an amateur. Fishermen wanted to know, was this fellow just trying to curry favor with the piscatorial public on the eve of ascending to the highest office in the land, or was there some logical explanation?

The latter, says Bob Boiland, a fishing guide from Biddeford, Maine, who says he long has guided Bush for bluefish and striped bass. "I was there when they snapped that picture," said Boiland. "The thing is, George was using some of my spinning tackle, which he doesn't normally do. Usually he uses conventional casting reels. Anyway, he's lefthanded, so the reel was on the wrong side for him. I offered to switch the handle over, but he said since it was only for a few minutes, he'd just turn it upside-down and fish backwards."

Somehow, someone got a picture, Boiland said, and that started the great Bush fishing debate.

TURNABOUT: Elsewhere on the political scene, the American League of Anglers and Boaters is angry about a Reagan administration budget effort to divert half the annual $ 200 million Wallop-Breaux Fund for general revenues.

League president Mike Sciulla said that under 1984 legislation, special federal taxes are collected on fishing gear and boat fuel. The money is distributed to the states to apply to fish propagation, conservation, boating access and safety programs.

Said Sciulla, "The Reagan administration has been pushing 'user fees' for years and anglers and boaters agreed to them to support programs they want supported. Now, the administration is breaking its promise by trying to divert half the proceeds.

"We hope the incoming Bush administration reverses this raid," said Sciulla, who said local projects that might be affected by cutbacks include a new boat ramp on the Anacostia River and planned fishing and boating improvements on

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the upper Potomac River at Sniders and Taylors Landings and on the lower Potomac at Point Lookout. For information, write Sciulla at Boat-U.S., 880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va.

HELP WANTED: Chesapeake Sailing School in Annapolis is looking for part-time and full-time instructors at all levels for summer sailing programs. Applicants need a natural ability to sail and the ability to work with people. For information, write Duncan Hood at Chesapeake Sailing School, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd., Annapolis, Md. 21403.

PADDLE TALK: The Canoe Cruisers Association's meeting this month features an address by river rescue expert Les Bechdel, who will show slides of his canoe and kayak adventures in Idaho, Alaska, Costa Rica, Bhutan and Chile, and talk on the art of lifesaving in rough water. The meeting is 8 p.m. Thursday in the Red Cross Building, 2025 E St. NW, and the public is welcome.

The CCA's winter kayak rolling sessions continue every Sunday for the next couple of months at Silver Spring YMCA (4-6 p.m.) and at Reston Community Pool (10 a.m.-noon). For information call (Silver Spring) Bill Carr, 530-2959; (Reston) Tom Roger, (703) 729-8000, ext. 6345.

Finally, the Pittsburgh Council of the American Youth Hostel's updated and expanded "Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia" is available. The guide, now in its seventh printing, is up to 300 pages, almost double the size of the last printing. For a copy, send $ 5 plus $ 1 postage and handling to Pittsburgh AYH Books, 6300 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232.

DISABLED SKIING: Area handicapped skiers will gather Thursday and Friday at Ski Roundtop in Lewisberry, Pa., for one of 18 national races in the Chap Stick Challenge Series. Top finishers qualify for the National Disabled Alpine Ski Championships at Winter Park, Colo., March 26-April 1. The races at Roundtop start at 10 each day, with slalom competition Thursday and giant slalom Friday.

For information, call Frank Stowell at (301) 261-5075.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, GEORGE BUSH WADES INTO THE SURF BEFORE WADING INTO HIS NEW JOB. AP

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LUCK IS WITH BUSH ON FISHING OUTING

BYLINE: From Times Staff and Wire Reports

BODY:

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HEADLINE: George Bush, the Reel McCoy

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Donnie Radcliffe, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

A fishing pole is one thing French President Francois Mitterrand won't pack when he heads to Florida next week for a rendezvous with George Bush. Mitterrand likes the water all right -- indeed, in the past year he's met Bush at Kennebunkport on the Atlantic and St. Martin in the Caribbean -- but for all his efforts to protect the environment, he is not that big on back-to-nature power politics.

No, it will be Bush and one of his own kind who climb into the 17-foot skiff Backlash at Islamorada, Fla., after the meeting with Mitterrand in Key Largo. Capt. George Hommell, 64, will be working as guide, as he has every trip Bush has made there since 1980 when crony Nicholas Brady, now secretary of the treasury, called up Hommell to inquire if he wanted to fish with the next vice president of the United States.

Hommell sure did and quickly discovered that this was no bush league fisherman for whom he had forsaken self-imposed "retirement." As head of Worldwide Sportsman, Hommel oversees the firm's retail sporting goods business and arranges fishing trips for the rich and famous but leaves the guide work to others.

That first day, Bush landed a 130-pound tarpon and a 60-pounder. Through the years, other successes followed, including a notable one in January 1989 when President-elect Bush caught a scrappy 13-pound bonefish, twice the average size.

"They're difficult to get, spooky like a deer. They're sensitive to noise so you must be extremely quiet. You've got to cast just right, not too close so you hit the boat and not too far," Hommell recalled yesterday.

A Bush fishing trip finds the president rising early, waking up others in the party, making his own breakfast (dry cereal) and staying out on the water seven or eight hours at a time.

"He's very conscientious about throwing back his catches once he's measured and weighed them. He loves the water. Sixty million men, women and children in this country fish from bridges, boats, the surf and riverbanks," Hommell said. "We're very fortunate to have George Bush as president."

Old presidents never truly die. As likely as not their successors welcome them back to the White House.

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HEADLINE: Fishing is Serious Business for Vacationing President

BYLINE: By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: PINTLALA, Ala.

KEYWORD: Bush-Notebook

BODY:

Fishing is serious business for President Bush, so it was no laughing matter on New Year's Day when wife Barbara reeled in a bass and called out across the choppy waters of Cloverhill Lake, " George, what's the matter with you?"

Bush, whose fishless skein in Kennebunkport, Maine, made headlines during the dog days last summer, actually had reeled in a little 1-pound bass not long after he and Barbara set out in separate boats on Monday.

But her taunt did not go unchallenged.

"That's a cute little one Barbara got, a nice little fellow. Ahhh, a sweet little fish. Nice going. That's wonderful, darling," said the president, laying it on thick in his best Cary Grant imitation. "That's wonderful. I'm so proud of her."

The first lady, taking the bait, fired back as Audrey Hepburn might, "So jealous!"

Did George want a picture of this trophy, she asked.

"Nobody wants to take a picture of a little minnow," shot back her partner in this comedy played out on a frigid lake for the benefit of the White House press corps.

"Would you like to hold it?" she fired back.

The first lady got the last laugh. At day's end, the Bush party - including national security adviser Brent Scowcroft in a third boat - had tallied 50 fish, with Mrs. Bush landing the biggest: a nearly six-pound bass. Bush's best was five pounds.

"They had a friendly argument about it, but clearly she won out," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

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During the last administration, former President Reagan and his wife Nancy spent every New Year's Eve ensconced in the privacy and luxury of a black-tie party at the palatial Rancho Mirage, Calif., estate of Walter Annenberg.

The Bushes did New Year's Eve their way: alone and tucked away in bed at their suite at the Houstonian in their adopted hometown after a takeout Chinese dinner by candlelight.

"We stayed up 'til 9:30 - that's Central Standard (time)," said the president, who got up before dawn as usual on the first day of the new year and the last day of his Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Bush said they ate by candlelight "only because someone gave (the candles) to us." There was also chilled champagne in the presidential suite, but they never popped the cork.

"We were the earliest people in bed in America, I think," the first lady told reporters. "I haven't seen midnight in (on New Year's Eve) for 40 years."

Bush said when he arrived in Corpus Christi Wednesday for his annual post-Christmas hunting trip to South Texas that he had worked "pretty hard all year long" and intended to enjoy this vacation.

He did, from the hunt for quail on his friend and financial adviser Will Farish's Lazy F Ranch to shaking virtually everyone's hand at a barbecue dinner for 800 in Beeville to 36 holes of winter golf at the Houston Country Club.

He got in his last round in the chill of a Sunday afternoon with temperatures in the mid-40s and barely another soul on the course except him, Scowcroft and Houston oilman John Ashmun. They finished as darkness fell.

Putting is Bush's nemesis and it was no different Sunday on the 18th hole when he pushed a long birdie putt three feet beyond the hole.

Holding his elongated putter up to his chest, the president chided the photographers in his media gallery to be still. "I can't do it with the flicking of the cameras. It makes me very nervous, very nervous indeed," he admonished them.

Then, talking out loud to himself, he lined the putt up anew, saying, "Last putt of the year. It's an omen for next year."

A stroke, and the ball inched past the hole. Bush bellowed out a pained "OWWWWW!"

"It's an omen," a reporter reminded him.

"On putting," said the president.

Before touring two military hospitals in San Antonio to visit U.S. servicemen wounded in Panama, the Bushes attended a worship service on Sunday at a chapel

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HEADLINE: BUSH CONFIDENT TEXAS VACATION IS APPROPRIATE;
PRESIDENCY: THE PRESS ASKS ABOUT HIS ENJOYING HIMSELF WHILE U.S. TROOPS FIGHT IN PANAMA. 'I THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND,' HE REPLIES.

BYLINE: By JAMES GERSTENZANG, TIMES STAFF WRITER

DATELINE: BEEVILLE, Tex.

BODY:

Two snapshots from one day of the George Bush presidency:

-- Challenged to prove his prowess as a fisherman, the President Wednesday displayed a redfish caught during an afternoon of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. It is a proud moment of success after a summer of well-publicized fishing failures off the coast of Maine. The President bragged: "I was the only one to catch an elusive drum (commonly known as a croaker). Very difficult to pick one of these up."

-- On that same day, 1,800 miles away in Arlington, Mass., a presidential honor guard of young, grim-faced sailors carried the flag-draped coffin of a Navy lieutenant killed in the invasion of Panama -- the first major military operation that Bush has ordered. "We grieve at the loss of young American life -- and, frankly, I grieve at the loss of innocent Panamanian life, caught up in this battle," Bush said.

At the end of his first year in the White House, as he vacations in Texas, these images of Texas folklore and military funerals run in tandem. They present the reality of a presidency that has been tested in the crucible of tough decisions and is now at ease.

To the suggestion when he arrived in Texas that his leisure-time activities might be sending an improper signal while U.S. troops fight in Panama, Bush scoffed.

"No, I'm not concerned about that at all. Why should I be? Things (in Panama) have gone well. It's winding down. I am in close touch by telephone, by secure links, and the secretary of state is here, and we have important things to go over."

Indeed, Secretary of State James A. Baker III is a long-time partner in Bush's annual year-end vacations here and has joined him for the fishing and quail hunting expedition.

The idea that there might by anything wrong with his taking a vacation "never occurred to me," Bush said.

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HEADLINE: Bush recreation campaign tells Americans 'play hard'

BYLINE: Paul Bedard; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

BODY:

Take a seat, Jack LaLanne. Shuffle back to your den, Smokey the Bear.

Iron Man and sportsman George Bush is touting his "work hard, play hard" attitude in a new drive to encourage Americans to trim off flab and turn off TVs in favor of the outdoors.

Taking over for the fitness enthusiast and National Park Service spokesbear, Mr. Bush - the most physically active chief executive in recent memory - will increase his efforts to show Americans the benefits of physical exertion and the great outdoors, according to aides.

In doing so, Mr. Bush hopes critics will get off his back and stop accusing him of "playing hooky" when he fishes, tosses horseshoes or jogs.

Nevertheless, even within the White House, the president isn't immune from comments about his vacation schedule. After it was announced that Mr. Bush was extending this year's summer vacation, one White House official, careful to request anonymity, jokingly suggested a new title for his boss: "Not the 'environmental president.' Not the 'education president.' Just call him the 'vacation president' from now on."

Beginning this weekend when he goes fishing in Florida, however, Mr. Bush will exhort fellow Americans to follow his lead and take up an outdoor hobby that draws attention to the beauties of the country, aides said. The campaign will culminate on May 1 when the White House hosts a huge physical fitness fair.

Recreation, Mr. Bush said, "ties into the wellbeing of the nation, and I think it ties into fitness." Hoping to pull more Americans off the sofa and outdoors, he also is shrugging off calls to limit the numbers of people who travel though the nation's traffic-clogged parks.

"I don't want to go to the extreme on these things because I think Americans, the more they get out and the more they enjoy the great outdoors, why, the better it is for our country," he said in an interview last week.

Mr. Bush's new physical fitness push stems from his lifelong "competitive spirit," according to spokeswoman Alixe Glen.

Since childhood, she said, the 65-year-old president has engaged in sports and today he spends mornings in the White House pool house working out on a weight system designed by muscleman Arnold Schwartzenegger while his wife,

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Barbara, does laps in the pool.

Consider a recent Saturday at Camp David with guest George Plimpton: It included a three-hour game of wallyball (volleyball in a handball court), horseshoes, skeet shooting, walking on a treadmill, weightlifting "and even tiddlywinks," she said.

Last Saturday, following an 18-hour day of summiting in Bermuda with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Mr. Bush rose at 6 a.m. to play a three-hour round of "aerobic" golf with his chief of staff, secretary of state and national security adviser - in rain and 30-mph winds.

"You've got to have a mix of work and recreation," he said before teeing off. "It refurbishes the spirit." Then he walked off into the wind and rain.

His daily activity, sometimes including 30-minute jogs at lunchtime or tennis with world class pros, also helps clear Mr. Bush's mind, an aide said.

Mr. Bush told outdoors writers last week that he winces when he reads attacks on him for spending time outdoors.

"I'd like some understanding and sympathy when I'm out fishing," he said as the White House announced that his traditional August vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine, will be five days longer this year.

"I am determined to go fishing and I think people understand," said Mr. Bush, who spends his vacation running between his speedy fishing boat, the golf course and the tennis court.

"I work like hell around here," he said. "I get to work at seven in the morning and I'm going to continue to do that. But I'm going to play hard, too."

One aide said Mr. Bush's public playing sometimes gives the impression that he isn't doing enough work, a charge leveled by critics last summer when the president appeared to be ignoring the rapid changes in Eastern Europe during his three-week break in Maine.

"He is sensitive to any public perception, via the media, that he's playing a lot," said the aide. "But he thinks the public appreciates it and doesn't ignore the time he spends working."

"What they don't understand," Mr. Bush said, "is if you fake it - if you say, 'I'm on a working vacation,' and then they can see you out fishing."

This weekend, Mr. Bush will test his theory when he attempts to tie his bonefishing trip to the Florida Keys to Earth Day.

Mr. Bush said that after making a couple of political stops, including a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand, he will "then kind of phase into this sports fishing trip and because of Earth Day at least try to put in a little environmental component."

He may try again closer to home later this spring or summer when he goes fishing with outdoors editor Gene Mueller of The Washington Times in the once-polluted Potomac River, now host to yearly bass-fishing tournaments.

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BYLINE: By Susan Cornwell

DATELINE: JACKSON HOLE, Wyo.

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BODY:

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze pulled on waist-high waders, strung a fly on his rod and got a free license from the state of Wyoming to go fishing for Rocky Mountain trout.

But American know-how paid off and Secretary of State James Baker won the superpower fishing competition Sunday, reeling in three trout from the Snake River.

All the white-haired Shevardnadze got for his 90-minute efforts was a memorial plaque from the Grand Tetons National Park and a fishing rod.

"I can use this in Moscow," he joked to reporters, gripping the light graphite rod and adding sheepishly, "I'm no professional."

After two days of intensive talks in Jackson Hole that produced a series of agreements on a superpower summit and arms control, Shevardnadze and Baker decided to enjoy their spectacular surroundings and go fishing.

But fish can be counted as easily as nuclear weapons, and the outing quickly became a superpower race for superiority in stockpiles of the native cutthroat trout, named after the bright orange mark below its gills.

Baker, sporting waders, a fisherman's jacket and a cowboy hat, waded confidently into the river and caught three fish within ten minutes.

Shevardnadze, who wore an Alpine Tirol-style hat and padded jacket, stayed on the brushy bank, pacing back and forth and casting his line uncertainly into the ater. Occasionally he stopped to listen to hints from a park guide.

"He looks kinda new at this," said Bill Holda, a park ranger standing nearby.

k officials said the biggest fish caught by Baker was a 9-inch cutthroat
"respectable" catch would be a 15-incher, said district ranger Doyle
on but he hastened to add, "That's just an opinion."

cials denied rumors that they had stocked the river for the occasion,
y admitted one ranger had gone out to test the waters several days
find the best fishing holes.

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They chose a secluded bank near Cattleman's Bridge- used for cattle crossings before the area was turned into a park--at the foot of a low, evergreen-covered mountain.

As the two men cast their lines in the early morning mist, several otters swam by and waterfowl flew overhead. Further off, the spectacular Tetons could be seen rising abruptly from sagebrush flats as golden aspens shimmered in the morning sunlight.

Baker, a native Texan who owns a ranch in Wyoming, brought his own fishing gear along. But the park had to supply Shevardnadze with the waders and special waterproof boots although in the end, he did not venture into the river.

"What size of waders does he wear? That's classified information," Nelson said.

Another ranger, Don Cushman, said before the fishing started that Shevardnadze should not feel badly about his performance if he did not do well.

"The worst day of fishing is better than the best day of working," he said.

Baker declined to gloat about his catch, telling reporters, "I'll tell you how many (I caught) if you won't tell the president."

That was a gibe at George Bush, who, during his summer vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine, took 15 days to catch a single fish.

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HEADLINE: Bush Passes His Fish Crisis

BYLINE: By Susan Page. Newsday Washington Bureau

DATELINE: Kennebunkport, Maine

KEYWORD: GEORGE BUSH; FISHING; PERSONAL

BODY:

Finally. A fish.

A bluefish just shy of two feet long, with blue-gray scales and a dirty-white underside, caught with a green plastic lure and worth its weight in gold.

For this was the fish that got President George Bush off the hook, fulfilling his promise Thursday that he would catch a fish - any fish - before ending his summer vacation today to return to Washington.

He succeeded yesterday after attending services at St. Ann's Episcopal Church and then donning battle fatigue pants and a navy blue cap that read, "USS Bluefish." "This is the morning," he told reporters as he left on the 18th fishing excursion of his vacation. "I can feel it."

A quarter-hour later, he pulled the 9to 10-pound fish into his boat, Fidelity.

It was 11:32 a.m.

At 11:39, the official beepers worn by dozens of journalists on duty here began chirping all across Kennebunkport. Into the speaker system a White House staffer triumphantly announced: "He caught one."

Thus ended the saga that had spawned a new species of Bush jokes and a popular local line of T-shirts that show a drawing of a bluefish crossed with a slash and the words, "Presidential Fish Watch."

Even Vice President Dan Quayle joined in the teasing, offering Bush a jar of pickled quail eggs and recommending he dip his bait in them to make it irresistible to fish.

During the 20 days at his family's compound here, the president had played endless rounds of golf and tennis, pitched horseshoes, swam, jogged, boated and even hit a double in a pick-up softball game.

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But could he catch a fish?

News photographers and reporters were summoned to the dock yesterday to see the proof when Bush returned holding The Fish high in his right hand as he unsteadily steered the boat to the landing with his left.

"The jinx is broken," he proclaimed to applause and cheers.

On the rocky beach, he used a knife with a 10-inch blade to gut the fish, slice off two filets and then hack off the head - "for chowder" - before throwing the remains back to sea for the gulls.

"Is that dinner?" a reporter asked Barbara Bush, who did not look pleased by the prospect.

"Somebody's," she said dryly.

GRAPHIC: AP Photo-A relieved President Bush with his long-awaited catch, a bluefish.

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'' George Bush accepted the first salmon on behalf of President Reagan at that time,'' Fournier aid.

Fournier said Barker has fished the Penobscot on opening day for several years but has never caught an opening day fish before. He said Barker is president of the Northern Penobscot Salmon Club and a member of the board of directors of the Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation.

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HEADLINE: A church witnesses act of reel charity

BYLINE: Gene Mueller; THE WASHINGTON TIMES

DATELINE: PINTLALA, ALA.

BODY:

If someone needed to raise $100,000 to kick off the building of a church sanctuary in a town so small its one traffic light turns green only on Wednesdays, would an exclusive fishing tournament on a lake (appropriately named the George Bush Reservoir) turn the trick?

As improbable as it sounds, that's exactly what happened when one of the members of the Pintlala Baptist Church recently depleted his bank account by $50,000 and sent out word that the money would be up for grabs as a prize purse. Invitations were mailed to only 20 anglers, among them the top bass fishing tournament professionals in the country.

All responded positively.

Each of the fishermen paid a $5,000 entry fee and, just like that, the church had $100,000 to begin construction.

Then, during the fishing competition, one of the contestants landed the biggest largemouth bass hooked in the history of tournament angling. In addition, the other 19 hotshots of bassdom couldn't believe they each set hooks to 30 and 40 bass in an event that lasted a scant five hours.

Of course, when church member Ray Scott, the man behind the Pintlala Invitational Bass Tournment, does anything, it is never second-rate. Scott is the founder of the international Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) and a friend and occasional host to the man who lives in the White House.

President Bush has fished in Scott's well-stocked 55-acre lake that sits on Clover Hill, Scott's manicured country estate not far from the Alabama capital, Montgomery.

When the $5,000 entry fees for the tournament that would benefit the Pintlala Baptist Church were received, the signatures on the checks read like a who's who list of the bass fishing world. Among them were former bass fishing world champions Jack Chancellor, Rick Clunn, Paul Elias, Tommy Martin and Larry Nixon, plus the reigning champ, Hank Parker, and the BASS Angler of the Year, Gary Klein.

Also on hand were a batch of big-time bass tournament winners such as Ken Cook, Guy Eaker, Charlie Ingram, Woo Daves and Charlie Campbell, as well as

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TBS TV's fishing show host, Orlando Wilson.

For the Pintlala event, Scott's lake was marked off with buoys into 10 sections, promptly dubbed "holes." Ten two-man teams drew for a starter hole, fished there for 30 minutes, and, at the sound of a shotgun blast, moved on into another marked area. Each team had a chance to fish the entire lake during the five-hour competition. The psychological edge went to those who would not be mentally affected even if they knew others had just left the location after pulling five bass out of the water.

To add spice to the tournament, each team was limited to eight bass that would be kept in special aerated live-wells for the official weigh-in. Culling of fish was prohibited. A competitor had to gamble whether the two-pounder he had caught should be kept, or released in hopes of finding a bigger one later. Such tournaments are becoming increasingly popular because they can be held on smaller waters than the usual big-buck outings and the public can watch the goings-on as it does a golf match. There even has been talk of groups, such as BASS, building special lakes, stocking them, and holding championship events on the same sites every year.

At the Pintlala Invitational, three-time world champion Clunn and Klein, both of Montgomery, Texas, wasted no time putting fat bass into their boat's live-wells.

Clunn, using a 10-inch-long Culprit Red Shad plastic worm, caught a 13-pound, 15-ounce largemouth bass that turned out to be the biggest bass ever landed in a cast-for-cash event (previously, the biggest bass ever caught under tournament conditions was believed to be nine pounds). Klein, no slouch himself, added to his team total by latching on to a nine- and seven-pounder. By day's end the Texas duo brought eight bass to the scales that totaled 36 3/4 pounds. As in all bass contests, the fish were released, hopefully to be caught another day.

The Clunn-Klein team total came to 4 1/2 pounds per bass - an astounding average. It was enough to earn the two men $25,000. Clunn also got a $1,000 bonus for big-fish honors.

In second place - good for $15,000 - was Cook, of Meers, Okla., and David Gregg, of Bedford, Texas. They weighed in eight bass that totaled 34 pounds, 10 ounces. Most of their fish were taken on a lure known as a pig 'n jig, a rubber-skirted jig dressed with a chunk of dyed pork skin.

Third place was good for $10,000 and at least one of the members of the "show" team, Johnny Morris, of Springfield, Mo., didn't really need the money. Morris is the millionaire owner of the national mail-order firm, Bass Pro Shops. His partner, Campbell, of Forsyth, Mo., is famous for his fishing prowess with a topwater lure known as the Zara Spook. This time, however, the two Missouri anglers used mostly plastic worms for their 34 1/4 pounds of bass.

Washington-area favorite Daves of Chester, Va., and his partner, Asa Godsey of Mechanicsville, Va., came in fourth with eight bass that weighed 31 pounds, one ounce. Daves was out of the money, but he and Godsey apparently didn't mind. "As long as this church gets its new building, I'm happy," he said. Godsey nodded in agreement.

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And where will the rest of the money for the church addition come from?

"We'll have another Pintlala Invitational," said Scott. "And if necessary, another and another until the bank loans are paid."

Around here, everyone knows Scott delivers on his promises. "He's the most impressive man I've ever met," said church member Johnnie Frizzell.

Do we hear an Amen on that?

GRAPHIC: Photo (color), Three-time bass fishing world champion Rick Clunn, left, of Montgomery, Texas, shows off the biggest largemouth ever hooked in tournament fishing, a 13-pound, 15-ounce behemoth. Clunn, with partner Gary Klein, also from Texas, won the Pintlala (Ala.) Invitational Bass Tournament., By Gene Mueller / The Washington Times

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA CEREMONY

The South Lawn

2:00 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Please, be seated if there are chairs out there. For those who have no chairs, eat your heart out. It's warm. (Laughter.) Let me first thank Lee Greenwood and the Moodys for being with us today, and salute all you distinguished guests and the award recipients. Fellow citizens of what a child once called "the nearest thing to Heaven -- this America. Lots of sunshine, lots of places to swim, and peanut butter sandwiches.

I want to welcome you to the White House and to a city which takes pride in its contrariness. Only in Washington could they call the office that manages the great outdoors the Department of the Interior. (Laughter.) And in particular, I want to thank the man who superbly leads that Department -- Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan. And also Secretary Derwinski, the head of our Veterans Administration. And then I saw our able Peace Corps Director over here, Paul Coverdell. But most of all, each of you who've taken pride in America -- and whom we take pride in saluting now.

Last month we celebrated the volunteer spirit which is as timeless as America and as timely as today. For by launching the points of light initiative we sounded a nationwide call for each American to engage in community service.

Well, this afternoon we renew that call in the cause of conserving our national and cultural resources. And of enshrining our parks, forests, wildlife, waters, and monuments. For the great outdoors is precious, but fragile. To preserve it, we must protect it.

And now, as you may know, I, too, love the outdoors. Always have. Love to hunt and hike and go fishing in the Keys or out West. And you can just ask the honorary chairman of Take Pride In America, Barbara Bush -- she might feel that she's a fishing widow at times, but she, too, loves to fish. And, in fact, she's the only person I know who can read and fish at the same time. (Laughter and applause.) You might call it reading between the lines. (Laughter and groans.) I knew that was risky. (Applause.)

You know something? Among our greatest joys has been exploring the outdoors with our kids and our grandchildren. And seeing the Grand Tetons through the eyes of a 13-year-old grandson. Or teaching our -- George's twins, Jenna and Barbara, six years-old, about the mysteries of the ocean. For it's at times like these -- seeing the wonder in their eyes -- that we are overwhelmed by nature, when we realize, more than ever, that our children will, indeed, inherit the Earth.

And today, it is for them -- America's children -- that we've gathered here. For we know that our pride in America is central to their future in America. And that future demands that anyone concerned about America's quality of life must be concerned about conservation. For America can only be as beautiful as her people are vigilant.

You know that. And so did one of my favorite presidents. Over the years, I've often talked about Theodore Roosevelt. A vital man, a visionary, and one of America's great conservationists. It was Teddy who called our lands and wildlife "the property of unborn generations." And he had this to say about America's redwoods and sequoias: They "should be kept as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral."

Well, that's where you come in, the winners of the Take Pride ceremony -- Take Pride in America Awards. Two years ago when I hosted the first Take Pride ceremony out at the National Arboretum, there were only 38 top winners. You know this year's number? One hundred and four. And let's not forget the other thousands of program participants in 48 states. Military and Peace Corps volunteers and veterans. Eleven agencies of the federal government. Churches and businesses. Inner-city groups and garden clubs. Groups and individuals -- volunteers all.

I think, for example, of how in Page, Arizona, volunteers rally every year to clean up the nearby Glen Canyon Recreation Area and Navajo Reservation. Or -- how's this for a tongue-twister? -- in Craig, Colorado, the High Country Cactus Kickers preserve archaeological sites. In Lilburn, Georgia, 12-year-old Vanessa Cline is passing out Pride in America brochures to "each person around my neighborhood," she says. "I want people to get the message." And in Kansas City, that message has moved Phillip Mendenhall and his best friend, Nathaniel Riley, both 11 years old, to start a conservation club. "We formed it," Phillip writes, "because we wanted to help our public lands."

Today, across America, millions of kids of every age have gotten "the message": protecting -- and preserving -- America's cathedral of the outdoors. And they're restocking our forests and wildlife refuges, and helping from campgrounds to playgrounds. And in rural and urban areas where the environmental ethic and personal commitment are restoring the purity of our air and our waters and the beauty of our land.

For that, I thank you -- I thank you for protecting the bounty of America -- our soils, lakes, and forests, its teeming fisheries and mineral reserves. And yet, I also challenge you: Challenge you not to rest, but to move onward, always upward, preserving the splendor of America.

I began with a fishing reference. So, not surprisingly, I'd like to close with one. It concerns Mark Twain, who loved to brag about his fishing exploits.

He once spent three weeks fishing in the Maine woods, ignoring the fact that the state's fishing season had closed. He had a great catch and, like all fisherman, couldn't wait to find someone to tell all about it.

On the train back to New York, Twain got relaxing in the club car. And it was there that he came upon a stranger. And as he began to describe his catch, this stranger appeared at first unresponsive, then positively grim.

"By the way, who are you, sir?" Mark Twain wondered. And the stranger answered, "I'm the state game warden. And who are you?" (Laughter.) And with that, America's greatest writer nearly swallowed his cigar. "Well, to be perfectly truthful, sir, I'm the biggest liar in the United States of America." (Laughter and applause.)

Well, Mark Twain loved to brag. But then, he had much to brag about. And so do you. For you are helping to reclaim and recover America's precious environment. For our posterity and for our children.

More than 130 years ago the poet Walt Whitman said, "I hear America singing." And perhaps he was talking about Big Hole River in Montana. Or Pelican Island in Florida. Or treasures from Big Sur in California to the rocky coast of Maine.

And today, each of you is helping America sing. Through your caring and your sacrifice. And through deeds that are making America a more pristine and glorious place.

To every award recipient -- my heartfelt congratulations. And let me leave you with these familiar words of Irving Berlin: "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America -- my home, sweet home."

God bless you all, and thank you for taking pride in this country and enriching the beauty of this great, good and beloved home -- the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

END 2:10 P.M. EDT

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INTERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT
BY
OUTDOORS MEDIA

The Roosevelt Room

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THE PRESIDENT: We just presented a couple of fishing awards in there -- one to Senator Kasten and one to Ray Scott. And I say that because I -- not only do I enjoy that, but I want to, in any way we can from here, support the great outdoors and recreational use of lands and sports fishing and hunting and whatever it is. And I think there's -- I sense a good feeling in the country in terms of commitment to these things, including a better environment. And I just want to be a part of that from the Oval Office.

And so I say that knowing the line of work you all are involved in, and if we can be helpful from time to time here by taking time off to enjoy the facilities of the great outdoors, wherever else, why, send in your suggestions. I want to do as much as I can. In fact, the trouble will be getting permission and getting free to do as much as I'd like to do.

But anyway, open house here, and I'd love to hear from you or try to respond to any questions you might have. Simply to say thanks to Clare and many others. I want, without politicizing this nonpolitical meeting, to say thank you to you and others here -- many, many for support.

So, who wants to start? George?

Q I'd just like to congratulate you, Mr. Bush, on your recent European tour.

Q Amen.

Q I think everybody here has been talking about it, and you did such a fantastic job -- and I think you deserve to have a few days off fishing. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, where do you have in mind? (Laughter.) Three guesses.

Q Anyplace you want to go, we're ready.

THE PRESIDENT: I would like Hummel to certify that I caught a 13-pound bonefish. He weighed it, so there wasn't any cheating on that one.

Q Absolutely.

THE PRESIDENT: But I don't know whether -- maybe you gave me a pound or two.

Q No, sir. Not at all.

THE PRESIDENT: No? But I've been fishing on the flats down there with George several -- many times, I guess -- I don't know how many now -- four or five --

Q Five.

THE PRESIDENT: -- and will plan to go back every year for that recreation. It is marvelous. And I'm worried about the Everglades. Last time, given his interest in conservation, we met with people from parks, and I hope that we can be helpful in terms of the environmental degradation to the Everglades.

But I'm going to continue that, just as I have hunted quail every year for the last 25 at the same place, same time -- I'll keep doing that in this job. There are just certain things I have to do. And then I was fishing with those saltwater fishermen off the Maine coast with a spectacular lack of success for three days, the minute I got back from NATO. So we will keep doing that and showing the interest of the White House, certainly this President, in sports fishing.

Q Mr. President, we appreciate your support -- continuing support for the Wallop-Breaux, and those dedicated funds that we hold so -- cherish so much. And your saving them from the axe over at OMB -- we'll never forget that one.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we're in tough budgetary times, and long ago, Ray and I and others around here, we talked about it when it was back to Dengle Johnson. And I do think that the funds, having been earmarked and committed to a certain purpose, that to the degree it's possible, we should protect those commitments. And in this one, we have done that. I think it's got a fairly significant budgetary impact. I can't remember the exact number, do you? Is it --

Q Over $200 million.

THE PRESIDENT: It's a lot of money. But I think it's the right allocation. It was put into effect to be -- to have the funds earmarked. I had a letter, incidentally, from one of the governors the other -- just in the last couple of days reminding me of the importance to the states and to their facilities -- all sports facilities and for fishing -- and he was very complimentary on the decision.

But I don't want to underestimate the budgetary constraints we're on, which affects parks; it affects all kinds of things. But that one was one we were able to resolve satisfactorily, keep a commitment on.

Q You said during the campaign a couple of times that the time for study and talk about such problems as acid rain and other environmental problems was over and it was time to have timetables and goals. Can you tell us more about your timetables now?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. We're having a meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with the congressional leadership, and that's the final step before I have to make a decision on acid rain, on attainment, and on several other key environmental matters. But there will be specific goals and timetables in whatever it is I propose. I'm not prepared to say the details on it yet because I think it is proper to consult with certain members of Congress. They'll all be down -- the normal -- those who have shown the traditional interest in this subject -- but I will go forward with the program that I hope will keep that commitment. I know it will keep the commitment.

Then the question is, getting whatever it is we decide through the Congress. It may be amended. There's a dispute in how much and how many -- what tonnage of emittants you specify, and that's a lively dispute. I just had a call, incidentally, from Senator Byrd expressing his heartfelt, and I'd say traditional reservations, about how we treat the high-sulfur coal. But I will go forward with that, and it will be specific and it will be very soon.

In fact, I hope to have all the decisions made by Monday of next week, hopefully get it up to the -- what's the timetable right now?

MR. PORTER: The timetable is to make an announcement next Monday.

THE PRESIDENT: And it's not -- for benefit of everybody here -- it isn't easy accommodating the various interests here. I mean, don't want to throw America out of work. I don't want to say to the blue-collar bass fisherman who gets off on the weekend who is working in a plant someplace -- hey, these standards are so strict that your plant's got to fold. But I do -- I am committed to the environment, and so we're trying to find reasonable answers which are going to require a compromise on several sides. But in terms of your question, I will do that which I said -- times and amounts.

Q In your introductory remarks, you indicated there was a lot you wanted to do. Could you perhaps be more specific with us and share with us some ideas of what you would like to achieve for the outdoors and the environment during your three and a half or seven and a half years?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'd like to see the enactment of a new -- of clean air legislation. I'm not one who feels that we can afford to have an enormous new commitment of resources to the wilderness, but I want to be sure that we protect our parks. I think that our previous administration got good marks. Derrick probably can speak to that more objectively than I, but I think we've got good marks there. But I think the preservation, the stewardship of the parks themselves, is vital. Clean air and clean water, I might say, are important. I'd like to see us do a better job in terms of our beaches, and that means offshore pollution, offshore dumping.

There's the specific problem of tracking down those who dump these insidious syringes and needles on the beaches. So it's preservation -- I'd put it this way -- preservation, reasonable balance between growth and conservation, and some specifics. Yesterday -- I think the statement was yesterday -- maybe it's to be today -- on the elephant, for example. I know people are getting concerned about it, and I think justifiably so. And so we have banned the import of ivory into this country. And that's -- in terms of the overall problems that you write about and that have to be concerned about, that -- some might consider it small. But I think if we can show a proper environmental concern there to -- preservation concern -- so much the better.

And I'd like to see a climate in which hunting and fishing are even more respected. And we're in some legislative areas -- this assault weapon thing is controversial with the National Rifle Association, but I fashioned what I think is a reasoned, carefully-drawn plan as a lifelong hunter that will not impinge on my rights or anybody else's in terms of legitimate hunting requirements. I raise that one because I know there's probably controversy right around this table on it. But damned if I don't know one hunter that goes out hunting with an AK-47. (Laughter.) You'd have a little tail left, maybe a couple of teeth of some animal that you blow away with that -- (laughter.) I don't think that, by having some reasonable restriction on foreign import, that that is getting across the line of the right to bear arms.

So we're in a little battle with some of my best friends in Congress about it, but I also have a responsibility to some of these police chiefs. I've been up to New York and put my arm around the widow of a police officer who was felled -- admittedly, in this case, not by an AK-47 -- but the plea was to do something. And we've take a reasonable step there and I would solicit support, although I expect I might get more debate than support from some here. But I udnerstand that.

But I've got to do what I think is right, and we'll have a good fight on. But those are some of the objectives. But I really -- you know, growing up as I have at the seashore -- just in the summers -- but now that's our -- like anchor to windward -- you see a plastic cup float by, or you see some kill that comes from wanton offshore dumping, and maybe it's that I'm getting a little older, but I take it very personally. It offends me deeply. So we ought to do more in terms of biodegradables, encouraging the use of agricultural product to replace some of these environmentally insensitive articles that simply offend people who love the sea or love the lakes. I think we can do a lot more.

But a lot of it is not legislative. It is using this place as what a great environmentalist president, Teddy Roosevelt, called the bully pulpit. So I will try hard in that respect.

Q Mr. President, those of us here in Washington profit from Lyndon Johnson's wisdom 20 years ago when he said -- put his mind to making the Potomac clean by -- I forget what his date was. But he's done a good job, whether he reached his target date or not. I see the cleanup of the Potomac as a symbol of the kind of thing that the federal government can do when it puts its full energies and its mind to it. And I wonder if you have in your mind any symbolic strategies? For example -- forgive me for this -- maybe cleaning up Boston Harbor, or applying the resources of the --

THE PRESIDENT: That's what I think Boston ought to do.

Q Or maybe applying the enormous federal resources to the Chesapeake Bay or to Long Island Sound, which I was in a week ago and found it to be appallingly degraded.

THE PRESIDENT: The Sound?

Q Yes, Long Island Sound.

THE PRESIDENT: I thought it was coming back.

Q The Audubon Society is launching a major effort, but it's in bad shape. You can see it.

THE PRESIDENT: I haven't focused on a symbolic one. We've given rhetorical support, and I hope more than that, to cleaning up the Chesapeake. And I can't give you the figures, but it's one that I talked about, and we went down there during the campaign, so I expect to follow up on that. But I worry if you do too much of that whether you're exclusionary. But I am pleased that things seem to be going forward on Boston Harbor. But it's being done at the state and local level, predominantly.

My argument on Boston Harbor was when we were back in history, it was not priority in terms of using federal funds when federal funds were available. Now we've got a resource crunch that makes some of these programs regrettably -- sets back some of these programs. But if I had to focus on one, I think the commitment about the Chesapeake Bay, I'd like to see federal help in that, not federal -- taking over the whole cleaning-up of the Chesapeake.

Q Mr. President, do you have any specific feelings about how the parks and the forests -- the management of the parks and forest -- federal lands have responded in the past many years to the increase in the use of -- in vehicular camping, specifically recreation vehicles, which have been the dominant change in camping in the last 20 years?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't, to be honest with you. I know a president is supposed to have an answer to everything, but I don't really have a view on that. I hope our experts do.

Q Beyond that, from the standpoint --

THE PRESIDENT: What -- I'm interested in what drives the question -- as to whether there is too much use of recreational vehicles? Is that your question?

Q Well, I think it's a trend that has been increasing for -- very visibly for the last 15 to 20 years, and to a large degree, the parks -- many of those designed 30 or 40 years ago weren't designed --

THE PRESIDENT: They can't compensate for that.

Q Right, they -- well, they don't -- they do very well in most cases. It's just a question of where we go from here, whether we're going to increase the recognition that vehicular camping -- the age of this nation is getting a little -- is increasing or whether vehicular camping is going to be a more increasing trend -- we think it is.

THE PRESIDENT: I would think it would be. I missed your question because I -- you've got a population that's aging. You've got a population where the demographics are such, there are going to be more and more retired people living longer. And it would seem to me that there would be a very bright future for that. So, environmentally, the question is how do you accommodate for this? And I think our Park Service people and others have to be highly sensitive to those requirements.

And yet -- I thought you were talking about do we let snow mobiles go through the wilderness, because you've got a lot more -- and I draw the line on abuse of --

Q You'd use some of these vehicles as part of your campaign --

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think it's growing and I think it should. I mean, the mobility of the population is terribly important I think in this country. For people to be able to go in a recreational vein or anything else -- just from one place to another and enjoy the great outdoors. So I think we'll see a lot more of that.

Q The trend is growing from the standpoint of use of the vehicles. The question was relating to how the federal lands will accommodate those on an increasing basis.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, as I say, on the specifics of how that's going to work, I don't know. But a lot of that's self-sustaining so it's a question of facilities that are made available. A lot of it, through fees, they pay their way.

Q But it's your thought that it is a legitimate trend that should be accommodated?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. It's a trend that I don't think the federal government should try to abort, try to stop. I mean, as people get older they're entitled to their recreational days ahead.

Q The western lands, the grazing lands particularly are in bad condition. Have you heard of anything in the way of programs to start renewal projects on reviving the western grazing lands?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, there are some test programs, as you know. But I don't know whether we're going to have a major program on that.

Q The water problems are extensive out there as well as the grazing quality.

THE PRESIDENT: Of course, on the water, I'm one who believes that the states should -- I don't want to have another Sagebrush Rebellion on my hands. We've got enough problems. And that means that I favor the states' control of the water -- I'm not sure that's the question you're asking, but as much as possible, the states must be able to control the water rights. That throws a disproportionate responsibility on them in certain aspects of water.

Q I know I've talked to western cattle people and leaders in the business and they're concerned about the range quality and then about water -- well, they've run into a lot of rights questions between various claims for the water. In the state of Washington, as I recall --

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, yes.

Q -- there's native competition for water, threatening to put people out of business in the ranching area.

THE PRESIDENT: Had that thing in California --

Q Right. We have this question coming up, competition for water and grazing.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the federal government sometimes has to be involved, but as much as possible, I like to see these things resolved at the state level -- only because I think they should control the water rights.

Q We had a lot of problems with native rights in Wisconsin this year. Did you follow those?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no.

Q Near riots over --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we've had them in Seattle -- we had them in the state of Washington. We had them in the state of Maine. And it seems to be more and more. And, very candidly, some of the claims are so extravagant that I don't think that the federal government is going to be able to do as much as take care of the claims through negotiations. Some of them are pretty high. A lot of it is, as you know, against the states. But it -- this trend does seem to be -- I would be very wary of giving back half the land in South Dakota to the Indians. I took a position against that.

And I know that some feel that there's an existing treaty that should give most of the Black Hills back to the Indian tribes. It is very serious. But I don't believe that that should happen. I think we have a custodianship of the lands and I think they're for all the American people. And I'm not about to get into arguments that legitimately should be solved in the courts -- people are entitled to a fair day in court -- but on that one, I stood out against it because -- and I think it's probably an extreme example of what you're talking about.

Q Another question. Recently, we've had problems with drift net fishing off the west coast. In fact, one of the, I think, Korean trawlers cut his lines and ran, although we caught him.

THE PRESIDENT: Got apprehended.

Q That's right -- your people got him.

THE PRESIDENT: Did the Coast Guard get him?

Q The Coast Guard I think --

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I think so.

Q Yes. But that is causing a lot of concern. They claim they're fishing for squid, but they're actually taking salmon and -- any thoughts about how we can --

THE PRESIDENT: Strong support for the Coast Guard; vigorous enforcement of existing law. I think the laws are there. And I think we just have to do -- and again, we get into resources because we're getting into an allocation of resource on the Coast Guard that is a serious problem.

I happen to be a strong supporter of the Coast Guard. I used to fight with them when I was in the offshore drilling business about application of the Jones Act. That was back in 1955, '6,'7, '8 -- in those days. And I will maintain that some of the regulations in those days were too heavy, too much. But I am a -- that's history, and I am perhaps the strongest supporter of the Coast Guard that's been in the presidency. And the reason I feel so strongly is because, not only of their mission in terms of safety and life, but this interdiction in narcotics.

But that is putting a tremendous strain on the Coast Guard. And some of the mission of enforcing law has been diffused, you might say, because of resource allocation. We've got major cutters steaming in the Caribbean area and I hate to pull them back, even though the other mission is important to them.

Q One last question. I know a lot of people have questions here, and I tried to save all mine up, fellows, so if you don't mind. Did I determine from what you were saying about the assaualt rifle thinking that you have, the plans that you have for establishing some sort of control, that any other kinds of legislation that might come down regarding, say, handguns or long guns you would oppose?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, and always have.

Q I think the American public --

THE PRESIDENT: But I'm not oblivious to the arguments on the other side of the question, but I just think we have to take action against imported automatic weapons or AKS's and leave it there. And I -- also I would reiterate my opposition to handgun control and to control of long guns, rifles and shotguns, things of that nature.

But I have an obligation under the law to look at and to take action on the suitability -- I think the wording is "suitability for sporting purposes." And the decision has not been made with finality. It's being studied by the experts in Treasury. But if they say unsuitable for sporting purposes I'm going to follow through with what it is I proposed. But I don't see anything that would trend from there towards restricting handguns and restricting -- and I would resist that. I just would disapprove of it and veto it and not condone that.

But I'm glad you raised it because it's important to, in my view, separate out these modest steps we've taken -- and incidentally, the Crime Package has been -- 95 percent of it is against the criminal, against the -- tougher sentencing and that kind of thing for crimes committed with guns.

Q Too much focus has been given to your position on assault and not enough on the other.

THE PRESIDENT: And I want to do more to be sure I correct that. But I'll tell you something. I took a poll -- had a commission in Wyoming and in Idaho, and I'd like -- I don't know if you saw it -- but 70-some percent of the people in those two states supported my position on this. And that is -- we selected those two

states because I have great respect for the sporting-hunting ethic in those two states. And this was recent. This was only within the last -- how many days?

MR. PORTER: In the last -- about two or three weeks.

THE PRESIDENT: Two or three weeks ago. But I'd like to show it -- and again, I know that many here have traditional positions on this that I respect. But I also -- I would make this request, that everybody, as leaders in this whole field, find ways to accommodate the interests of the police chiefs and the sportsmen. I mean, they're the same kind of people, they've the same kind of values. And to see the sporting -- the NRA opposed by and opposing police chiefs, I just find it something that I'd like to be a catalyst to work out the differences between them.

We did do it on detectability, and that was resolved to the satisfaction of the police chiefs and the sportsmen. So my appeal would be, please help by editorializing or by whatever you can do to get these two strong-willed groups together, because they're good people. The people that are talking about getting rid of AK-47s, these are not dewey-eyed nuts out there. These are people who are protecting the lives of our kids and families every day. And so I'd like to think we can get an accommodation on this question that has divided us.

Q First of all, we're delighted that you're going to go back outdoors. You look pretty good outdoors. I don't know if you recall this picture in '83, but you did have some pretty good company on that trip. But we're also really appreciative of the fast start you've gotten -- a lot of talk has been about how things are not out of the blocks as fast, but when you think about going through Wallop-Breaux, on urban parkland acquisitions, on the no net loss of wetlands, and a number of other initiatives, we really applaud your initiative on that.

Manny Luhan spoke to a number of us at breakfast today and told us about a new initiative for the Pittman Robertson, to make it more parallel to the Wallop-Breaux, and to make it a trust fund and use the interest from that sum to advance wildlife purposes, which we applaud.

During the campaign, you talked about building a legacy in both the personal ethics issue and also something called a national endowment for the environment. Is your government at work at all trying to flesh out the proposal specifically for those two areas?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we are, and I think we're going to have a good -- well, in a broader sense, a good, strong, overall environmental program. Our appointment of Bill Reilly has been very well-received. And this one -- Roger could tell you -- but they are working on a full package of specifics to go with all of this.

I was going to say something -- oh, I want to mention Alaska because we took a couple of shots here on that allegedly drunk captain not being on the bridge and the result was horrible. But I believe that -- well, I know that our Coast Guard Commandant Paul Yost and our Secretary of Transportation and our head of the environment, Bill Reilly -- EPA -- responded, and they responded promptly. And to the degree they were critical of the Exxon Company, I think -- having just had lunch with Skinner -- that a lot of the concerns that we expressed have been resolved.

The early indications are that nature is pretty powerful and seems to be -- Mother Nature is showing her strength in that area. I'm not saying everything is fine because we still have some major esthetic problems in terms of oil removal from rock. But I think what I want to do is have an environmental report card come fall and see -- and report accurately on it. Here's the degradation;

here's the damage; and here's the future. Or here's the present and here's the future. Because I do think that in some areas, including protection of the fisheries, avoiding of damage to Kodiak, perhaps -- and maybe it's too early to say -- the salmon catch, there's going to be some reasonably encouraging news. And that isn't to apologize for what went wrong, but I -- we have a very delicate problem in this country, and that is our natural resource base, our energy base, and how do you accommodate nature in terms of our energy requirements?

And I must tell you I have not changed my view on the need to increase our domestic production, because I do not want to see our country depend more and more on uncertainty, on foreign oil. And we're up close to 50 percent now on imports. And that means that in terms of prudent, environmentally sound search for energy, we're going to have to do it. Talking about hydrocarbons, oil and gas.

But this environmental disaster up there in Alaska has been very bad, but I simply don't want to see that used to say to me as President, you cannot develop any further resources offshore or in Alaska. Because I have a responsibility for the energy base in this country, and I'm old enough to remember -- and some of the rest of you all so-and-so's around this table -- to remember gas lines or rationing. And the way to get the American people upset is to let them have to wait for 20 minutes in a fuel line for gas.

So I will prudently go foward when we can politically. But I just want to assure you as custodians of the environment that I don't want to do it in a reckless fashion and I don't want to do it without learning from our mistakes. And there have been some big mistakes in terms of preparedness to respond to disaster in terms of Alaska.

So we're learning, but we've got to keep the country going forward.

Q Mr. President, one more question. How is it possible to write you and get a letter through? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: That's a very good question. (Laughter.) I get some of them. I mean, some of it -- you're talking about thousands of letters. But if you try to put "personal" on it -- that seems to work.

Q Can we go on meeting like this?

THE PRESIDENT: I want to do more of these. And how soon we can do it again, I'll leave that for the "handlers," as we call them. But they know of my interest in this. They know of my appreciation to those around this table. So we'll do it again.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END 2:00 P.M. EDT

Sheldon

Coleman Dinner

Tuesday, 6/19, Vista Hotel, 8:00 pm

Dale Bumpers
Malcolm Wallop
} Hon Co Chairs

1400
1430

Coleman family
Sheldon Jr.
Widow (Daley)
1 Congress
Admin. (14)

Ellen Wilson

Audience # 350
History of group
Who in attendance
acknowledgements
intro — Devia Humphreys 620-6003 Linda Cross
Ch of ARC → camping '83 glacier
87 Tetons

theme
great Outdoor

HUMOR

Cole lantern pins

who else got award
Dale Robertson-ch of Forest Svc.
POTUS sent letter
see about Sheldon
His award
Conservation
volunteerism
partnerships
for the outdoors

6 decades
press gas lites
favorites →
pre-war outd rec co.
teenage - outdoor CO
camper MNL
trips

President's Commission on Americans Outdoors
lobbied for it
Baker -

Medals - tent - where
canoe - "
glacier NP
family

- Cornell engineer = cons prod for rec ind
  devd stove lantern
- 81 - broke even testing cooler products
  cost yr of tennis

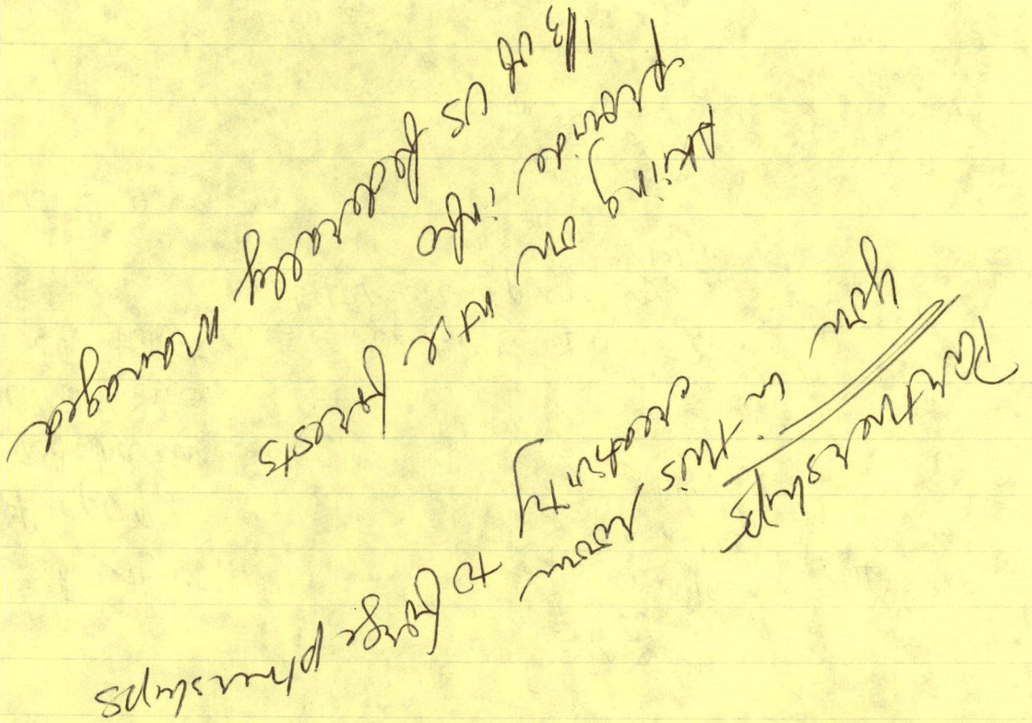
RNC Eagle
Pres Conserv Env Coalition in campaign

87 GT NP
George P.
first time mtns.

riding in RV - stop @ overlook near GT mtn.

GP blank ⇒ smile
watched it: smile on his face

[East Rm - Tourism
87-VP
[Ducks Unlimited?]
wetlands



Reading habits – fav mag was the
my journal "BassMaster Mag"

Life member Bass Anglers Sportsman Society
since 1968

Wilson
as I client ⇒ Scott's 10 yr – most prized possession
little tackle box –
ng cleaning early morning
to give to POTUS

found cure out

Coleman

Tim Crandall

1:30

Tony (804) 398-5269

Tim

Will Farrish - hunting

Ray Scott -

george thummel - the Keys guide
Islamorada
Wrld Wide sportsman
(305) 664-4615

Don - camping?
- '87 - Tetons; grandson w/ George P for first time

hunting / Skiff in K.B.

b

Ray Scott

-- Coleman → big fisherman
[Sheldon, Jr → together]

- Ray Scott + Coleman in Mexico

- Dyes fishing buddies
my & Xmas - most recently
Alabama w/ Bar - 6 lb 12 oz bass (PROTUS - 5½ lbs)
The my
o save me fish & read @ same time

Kennebunkport
Ozarks - 350 mi
FL Keys - ~~Marco~~

Potomac
Arkansas
Texas
Iceland - 1981 or 2

Pinellas, FL
Big Blue, MO
Jackson Hole, WY

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To some, Sheldon Coleman was the "lantern man." His lanterns — and the millions of tents and sleeping bags and coolers and stoves and dozens of other outdoor products sold by his company during his six-decade career— are ubiquitous across America. Others knew Sheldon Coleman the visionary, championing volunteerism and partnerships for the outdoors, or as a motivator, one who understood the power of praise. The "Great Outdoors Award" seeks to commemorate and to continue Sheldon's work by honoring special Americans whose personal efforts have enhanced opportunities for others to enjoy the outdoors.

The Great Outdoors Award



SHELDON COLEMAN (1901-1988)

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The Sheldon Coleman "Great Outdoors Award" is presented annually by the American Recreation Coalition in honor of Sheldon Coleman (1901-1988), long-time chairman of The Coleman Company of Wichita, Kansas, and a champion of the outdoors. His talents as an engineer, as an advocate and as a marketer have helped millions enjoy the outdoors. During his lifetime, Sheldon received numerous awards and honors and contributed his energies to a host of conservation causes, including service on the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors.

The Honorable Dale Bumpers
and
The Honorable Malcolm Wallop
Honorary Co-Chairmen
request the pleasure of your company
at the

Sheldon Coleman
"Great Outdoors Award"
Presentation

Tuesday, June 19, 1990

6:00 p.m. Reception
8:00 p.m. Dinner

Vista International Hotel
1400 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Black Tie
RSVP
(202) 662-7420

Kathy

American Recreation Coalition

Dedicated to the protection and enhancement of every citizen's right to pursue health and happiness through leisure-time activities.

June 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sara Maltby
Kathy Jeavons

FROM: Derrick A. Crandall

SUBJECT: June 19 Events

1) The Recreation Roundtable session on June 19 at the White House would be easiest for us at 2:00pm, 2:30pm or 3:00pm -- but we will do everything possible to adjust to the President's schedule for the day. We do have a lunch with a speaker which would be moderately difficult to rearrange. I am attaching a listing of expected attendees, showing their addresses. By the end of next week, I'll supply you with a final listing which will include brief descriptions of the companies, notes about any prior contacts the individuals have had with the President and birth date/Social Security data.

2) Kathy and I had talked briefly about the dinner logistics. Fortunately, both John Keller and Cheryl Kienel attended last year's dinner, so I have some expert counsel to draw upon. The planned program was as follows:

• 6:00 pm	Receptions	Hotel Mezzanine Level
• 7:30 pm	Forest Service/Plymouth Scenic Byways Program	Ballroom Foyer
• 8:00 pm	Dinner Begins	Ballroom
• 9:25 pm	Program Begins with A/V on Coleman Award Purpose	Ballroom
• 9:35 pm	Recognition of Recipient	Ballroom
• 9:40 pm	Remarks by Recipient	Ballroom
• 9:55 pm	End Dinner	

The hotel is alerted to the new challenges we will be throwing at them, and is allocating space for a holding room. I assume the President will eat elsewhere; we would certainly be delighted to guarantee a broccoli-less meal, if he'd care to spend a course or two with us!

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My major challenge will be carving out media space, should a full media corps come along. We certainly want to have some coverage; the question is whether it can be a pooled situation, since the dinner was a sell-out <u>even before</u> word of the President's selection and acceptance. But we'll come up with something!

We're really excited, and appreciated your help and advice!

One final note: I will be working on the video tape script this weekend. Barry Tron had also contacted me on the taping; I'll share my suggestions with all three of you next week.

DAC/epw

COLEMAN AWARD DINNER
PROGRAM SEQUENCE

7:50 pm	Ballroom doors open	Slides and music, lighting by lanterns
8:00 am	Welcoming remarks by Derrick Crandall	Lights up
	Announce presentation of the Colors (Coast Guard?) Pledge of Allegiance	
8:05 pm	Invocation by xxxxx	
8:07 pm	Explanation of ARC and GOA by Derrick Crandall	Lights dimmed in front, slides
8:12 pm	End of opening program	Normal lighting, spots on award and stage
8:15 pm	Arrival of the President	
8:20 pm	Announcement of 1990 Award by Dave Humphreys, ending with a few glimpses of our "Outdoor President"	
8:23 pm	A/V Presentation: slides of George Bush outdoors, selected quotes, Humphreys stays at podium and ends show by saying "Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in thanking the President of the United States of America!"	Darken house
8:28 pm	President advances to stage, stands by award, then moves to podium.	
8:30 pm	Presidential remarks	
8:40 pm	President concludes, selected photos taken and departs	

8:00 pm	President arrives and enters holding room on ballroom level. Greeted by Stu Northrop, Jack Reichert, Sheldon Coleman, Dick Nunis.
8:10 pm	All depart except Coleman, Northrop.
8:13 pm	Depart holding room for entry into room.
8:15 pm	Take seat at Coleman family table.
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