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To: Jan. 13, 1997

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That vendor is Mark Weiner, a prominent Democratic fundraiser who was forced to quit his job as head of the Rhode Island Democratic Party in 1992 after a fund-raising controversy involving an \$11,000 contribution made to his ally, Gov. Bruce Sundlun, by a company that later received a state contract.

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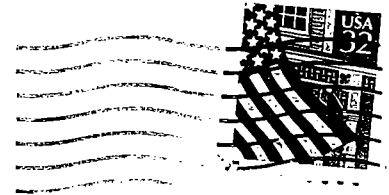
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To:
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To the President
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Jan 3, 1997

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Dear Mr. McCurry;

As the President's Press Secretary, I realize you don't have a minute to yourself, so I am honored that you would take the time to read my letter.

As the enclosed "Boston Globe" article indicates, I am a sports agent, doing autograph shows and TV spots with many Hall-of-Fame athletes. As a result of my job, I collect autographs as a hobby. I have enclosed a color photo of President Clinton, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope and magic marker. Could you possibly have Mr. Clinton sign the photo "TO PETE"? I realize you receive thousands of these requests, but if you will honor mine I will send you one. Mr. Clinton signed photos of such luminaries as Larry Bird, Bobby Orr, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Michael Jordan... just as a way of saying "Thank you" for having honored my request for a signed photo. As a measure of good faith, I already have Roger Clemens and Larry Bird signing photos which I will forward to your attention.

No job is busier than a Presidential Press Secretary, and I am grateful for your consideration.

Warmest Regards-

PETER HAYES
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1990 "BOSTON GLOBE" ARTICLE

ABOUT MY SPORTS BUSINESS. IN ADDITION TO THE ATHLETES MENTIONED HERE, WE HAVE WORKED WITH LARRY BIRD, CLEMENS, TED WILLIAMS & MICHAEL JORDAN

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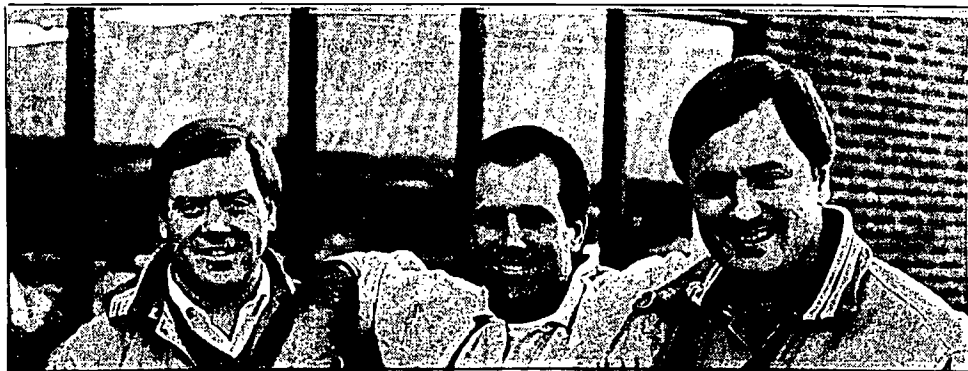


PHOTO COURTESY NEW ENGLAND SPORTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

In scrapbook photo, Red Sox second baseman Marty Barrett poses with Larry Stevens and Peter Hayes.

Promotions men trade on sports

Firm provides big-name athletes to drum up business

By Amy Callahan
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

BRAINTREE — At Bickford's restaurant, over three cups of coffee, Larry Stevens and Peter Hayes showed off their scrapbook.

There were pictures of them smiling with Dwight Evans, posing with Dennis Johnson and a real nice one with Marty Barrett standing between them, his arms on their shoulders.

Lucky dogs? In one way, yes. But it is not just luck that hooked up Stevens and Hayes with these sports idols. It is their job.

Their company, New England Sports and Special Events — a division of Jardin, Lawrence & Wald Marketing and based in Plymouth — is in its fourth year of selling promotional packages that feature professional athletes.

They have worked with Evans, Johnson and Barrett as well as with Jim Rice, Steve Grogan and Mike Boddicker and legends such as Carl Yastrzemski and John Havlicek.

"It's a thrill to be able to work with the teams that we grew up with as boys," said Hayes, who is vice president of New England Sports and of Jardin, Lawrence & Wald.

And the work is not exactly boring. The public can get a little nutty when meeting their idols.

"We had a lady. . . . It was funny," Stevens recalled, trying to stifle a laugh. "She was standing in line holding a dog — a small white dog — and a big Magic Marker. She asked the athlete to sign his name on the dog.

"And he did."

Stevens, who is president of the division and the parent company, and Hayes say theirs is the only company of its kind to offer appearances in a package. For between \$4,000 and \$8,000 the client receives: a two-hour appearance by the athlete, a camera-ready advertisement of the event, 1,000 fact sheets that fans can have signed and bring home, color photographs of employees with the athlete, all fees, publicity coordination and the flashy arrival of the athlete in a stretch limousine.

"Ultra-stretch I guess they call it," Hayes said. "We use Cadillac and Lincoln ultra-stretch limousines."

It really adds to the excitement of the event, Stevens said, to have the athlete arrive in luxury. They are, after all, celebrities, whom the fans have stood in line to see.

Thousands turn out

"We had one lady say he looked like a movie star,"

Hayes said, recalling an appearance by Red Sox right fielder Dwight Evans that drew 3,000 people to a bank in Rockland. "They were treating him like he was Charles Bronson or something."

And these sports stars do not have to be at the height of their careers to draw big crowds.

Near the end of his career, Bob Stanley was often the leading whipping boy on the Red Sox pitching staff.

"Yet 1,000 people at this bank on the Cape got up to the table and positively gushed over the guy," Hayes said.

Hayes and Stevens said that sports stars in New England are almost universally known and liked and that many of them, such as Barrett, have "squeaky clean" images with which businesses want to be associated.

"It's good, clean fun for the whole family. Young and old, everybody enjoys it," Stevens said.

Businesses use the athlete appearances to highlight events from bank openings to store relocations to get people through the door.

"What we wanted to do was to draw attention to the move and have our customers and people in the community see our new location," said Paul Riemer, vice president of the Falmouth National Bank. His bank was the one that hired Stanley and attracted 1,000 people last year.

'A steady stream'

"There was a steady stream for two hours," Riemer said. "He was great. He was signing autographs, talking to people, asking kids their names."

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To Mr Mike MC Curry, Spokesman of the President

Dear Mr Curry,

Last month we, my family and I, stayed for 9 days in New-York. During our stay we made a one-day trip to Washington arranged by Gray Line. Washington is a nice city but we were very disappointed that we couldn't take a close look of the White House. The bus driver told us that for security reasons it was forbidden to stop close to the white house. We couldn't even take a picture.

We have full understanding for the safety problem especially since two times a lunatic has shot on the White House.

I hope you will also understand that we as fans from the president were very unhappy with this situation. We went to Brussels when the president visited NATO. He was very nice and even visited in the evening a typical Belgian café.

We also followed the complete presidential campaign on CNN. Mr Clinton is a born campaigner.

Please can you send us, as a kind af compensation for our bad luck, some documentation of the White House . Photos of the President (also of Hillary Clinton) are very welcome (signed if possible).

We would also be very happy to get the photo we saw here in Europe several times on TV : President Clinton with the Russian president, Boris Jeltsin, both laughing till the tears came. Splendid !!!

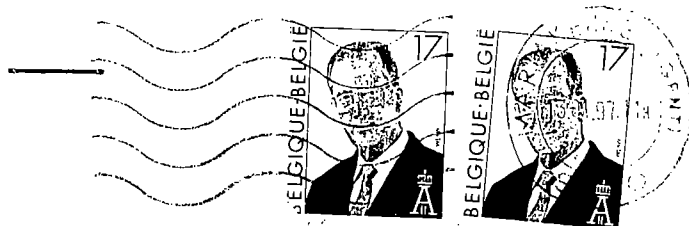
Can you let us know what the possibilities are for visiting the White House and other well known institutions as the Capitol, the Pentagon etc... So for an eventual next visit we can bear in mind your recommendations.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and remain, dear Mr Curry,

Yours faithfully.



Hubert Vernaeeve



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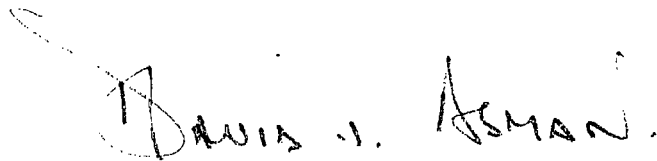
January 25, 1997

At your early convenience, please send, or cause to be sent to my attention at the address indicated above, a copy of President Clinton's **Inaugural Address** as delivered to the nation on January 20, 1997.

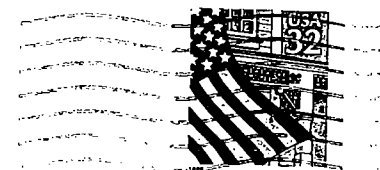
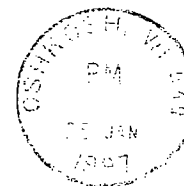
And for one, I happen to think that the President's address was far, far better than certain political pundits and self-styled experts have been suggesting or expressing!

With my thanks for your very kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

David F. Asman.

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January 27, 1997

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To whom it may concern,

May I please have copies of the following speeches delivered by President Clinton:

- *1995 State of the Union Speech
- *09/02/96, Labor Day Speech, Green Bay WI
- *10/22/96, NATO, Detroit, MI
- *12/11/96, Democratic Leadership Council, Washington, D.C.
- *01/21/97, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter. I sincerely appreciate your efforts.

Regards,



Ray Cowart

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TO: MIKE McCURRY
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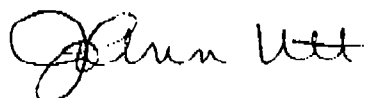
Dear Mr. McCurry:

Hello again! I know you're thinking, "Oh no, another letter from that pesky person in Alaska!"....Just two more favors - would it be possible to receive just two more items for my history collection?

- 1) Copy of Inaugural Speech.
- 2) A swearing-in photo.

Thank you from your little political pest from Alaska. Here's to another great 4 years!

Sincerely,


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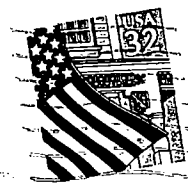
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DEAR MR. MCCURRY:

PLEASE SEND ME COMPLETE TEXT
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ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON.
THANK YOU.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
Mr. Frank Rodio, Jr.
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SECOND HELPING

January 27, 1997

TO: White House Press office

FROM: Paul Rolandelli
Manager, Second Helping

Re: Request for information
Request add to mailing list

FAXED 202-456-6210

Second Helping, the prepared and perishable food rescue program of the Maryland Food Bank has received a poor copy of the Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Promoting Food Recovery Activities to Help the Hungry. It was issued for immediate release from your office on November 23, 1996. Can we please get a clear copy.

It would be helpful to have a copy of the document on letterhead when we talk to the food service managers. While a broadcast distribution is efficient, and chain of command is wonderful. Nothing beats having the charity put the document in the hands of the food service manager that has the food.

If possible, we would also be interested in being added to a mailing list for any food recovery, hunger, or poverty related issues from the White House.

Paul Rolandelli
Second Helping Manager
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phone 410-947-4442
fax 410-947-1853

Thank you for your assistance.

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P H O T O G R A P H E R

10 January 1997

Press Office
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Greetings,

As you will note in the enclosed letter, I am assisting the curator of photography in a major project relating to photography at The Institute of Design. Harry Callahan was a major force at the school for many years and we are attempting to amass as much material about him as is possible. The recent award of the National Medal of Arts is certainly an important part of this. Could you please send me any photographs, programs, etc. relating to the event? Because The Art Institute will likely have video tape or CD ROM as well as the book, a tape of the event would be very helpful.

Mr. Callahan has many times been voted, by his peers, the greatest living artist/photographer and those of us who were fortunate to study and work with him hold him in the highest possible esteem!

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,


Joseph Sterling

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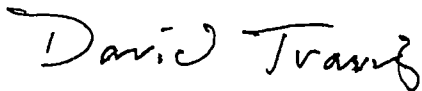
Dear Joe,

Please use this letter as a way of introducing the research project that The Art Institute of Chicago has initiated towards an exhibition and catalogue on the photography made in connection with the Institute of Design. We are seeking both cooperation and funds for an exhibition to be titled *Taken by Design: Photography from the Institute of Design, 1937-1971*.

Particularly helpful in our research will be interviews we can make with teachers, administrators, and students of that period. Besides works of art, we are seeking materials relating to the classes and any other activities. All kinds of materials prove to be important from snapshots and home movies to diaries and registration records.

We very much appreciate your encouragements and many efforts in helping us identify people and materials so far, and are glad that you will continue to be a member of our research team now that the exhibition is a reality.

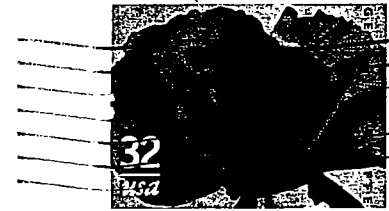
Yours sincerely,

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Curator of Photography
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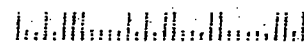
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For Immediate Release

October 10, 1997

PRESS BRIEFING BY
MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

1:22 P.M. EDT

MR. MCCURRY: Is Julie Green refusing to come out here?
By popular demand, Julie Green.

I'm starting with some happy news today. The President today named Amy Weiss Tobe to be Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy White House Press Secretary. Amy, please stand up and introduce yourself.

Those of you who don't know Amy, she is currently serving as the Communications Director for the Democratic National Committee, where she manages the communications and press staff -- (laughter.) And as you can imagine, she is especially delighted -- (laughter) -- that she will be coming to work here. She'll be coming here to the White House to work, taking over from many of the duties that Lorrie McHugh used to handle. So she'll be getting to know your Correspondence Association and all of you who have all the problems that I have not been dealing with very effectively in the time since Lorrie departed.

Q She answers questions, too? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: She does, although, as you know from

Lorrie's role, Lorrie worked more on the operations side of the White House Press Office, and Amy will have that function now. She has had a long distinguished career here in Washington. She worked for Congressman Synar for a number of years, worked as Director of Communications for the Campaign For America Project, which a national meeting and grass-roots campaign that Mike Synar devoted a lot of his time and energy to in a very heroic way. She served as Press Secretary for the Clinton-Gore Campaign in '92 in Oregon, while I was in Colorado doing the same thing, so we were colleagues at that point. And she was Communications Director at the Center for National Policy from 1988-1993. And we first met when we worked at the DNC a long time ago.

So it is a pleasure to welcome her to the White House. And she will start on October 27, which is a very significant day for many reasons.

Q What?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, let's put it this way. She will be a very special birthday to the Press Secretary to the President of the United States.

Q Awww.

Q Twenty-nine again. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: That's right.

Now, good news always is followed by somewhat less happy news, challenging news. But Julie Green, who has been our Assistant Press Secretary here in the Lower Press Office and done a great job and has made what we call the grand circle here of starting off in the Upper Press Office, going over to Media Affairs, doing very good work there, and then coming back, promoted along the way, to be the Assistant Press Secretary in Lower Press, has been snatched from us. And if it weren't for the fact that the snatcher was a fellow South Carolinian, the Secretary of Education, I don't know I'd be wild about this. But Julie is going to be the new Press Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education. It's a very good opportunity for her and she will be serving Secretary Riley, and starting soon there.

Julie, before working here at the White House, worked for Senator Joe Biden, worked for former Governor Bruce King of New Mexico. So she brings a lot of interest in education issues and a lot of skill in dealing with the press to what is one of the frontline assignments in our government, in a department that deals very much with issues that are at the top of the President's agenda. So we're glad that we will have someone that we know and trust working in that department, where they will be of service to all of

you.

And I'm pleased to announce that we will be naming to replace Julie, Nanda Chitrey, who worked in the campaign, most recently in the Clinton-Gore '96 press office, and worked at the State Department's Bureau of Public Affairs in the time that I was at the State Department. She's really a delightful and very talented, competent press spokesman. And she'll be taking over -- we'll make the swap later on this month. We look forward to having these new faces and saying goodbye to someone that we very much appreciated here.

Q Mike, the Speaker is quoted as saying about the IRS reform plan that the administration's IRS reform plan is so skimpy if it were a person wearing it on the beach he'd be arrested for indecent exposure. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Well, that's cute, but this is about the business and hard work of reforming an agency. It's not about public relations. And the Speaker should know better, to know that something that has taken five months of hard work by the Department and has a lot of seriousness attached to it should not be dismissed with something that's a little bit on the silly side.

Q On President Clinton's trip to South America, with the Hispanic community interested in knowing which members of American citizens of South American background that know of the sensitivities, idiosyncracies and needs of the South American countries are accompanying President Clinton on this mission, as compared to our dear friends of the Mexican, Puerto Rican and Cuban background -- of course, the rest of the Anglo Saxon --

MR. MCCURRY: Do you have a question? Who's going on the delegation?

Q The question is, who of South American background, American citizens --

MR. MCCURRY: We'll be able to provide you a delegation list later on.

Q What does the President think of President Yeltsin deciding to sign the land mine treaty? Has he been in touch with winner?

MR. MCCURRY: He has not had an opportunity to personally congratulate Ms. Williams, but he certainly does congratulate her and the international campaign to ban land mines for the receipt today of the Nobel Prize.

This President has done significant things when it comes to the elimination of land mines. We have destroyed 1.5 million mines from our own arsenals. We have committed, I believe it's accurate to say, more money than any country in the world in the act

of demining of mines that have been placed around this world. As the President announced September 17th, that's a program that we're now going to expand by 25 percent. Now, that is clearing the mines that are out there that have caused the carnage that causes so much heartache.

At the same time, the President, as you know, has launched an effort within our own military to field alternatives to the antipersonnel land mines by the year 2006, which is a commitment we've made and we are working very hard now in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva to advance our own ideas about a global ban on land mines.

President Yeltsin's statement today may prove useful if we see how it is refined and developed in the conversations in Geneva. The Russian Federation was not present in Ottawa during the Ottawa process and we will attempt to learn more about the position that the President articulated today.

Q -- says it's an embarrassment for the President that they got this award for their work on a treaty that he won't sign. What's the reaction to that?

MR. MCCURRY: My reaction to that is we worked very hard to get a treaty we could sign; that the United States of America has unique responsibilities in this world assigned to us by the international community. And you don't have to look any farther than the demilitarized zone in Korea to understand exactly the importance of the assignments that we have, where we have to protect the people of South Korea from a very large armed deployment to the North, and that is one special circumstance in which there has to be some accounting for the requirements of our role of global leadership in this world.

Now, at the same time, we have developed the technologies that make it possible to have personnel land mines that are safe because ours in our arsenal now deactivate in a period of time and they are used in circumstances, war-fighting circumstances, in which the President as the Commander in Chief needs to protect our men and women in uniform.

Think no farther than Barry McCaffrey's left hook around the Republican Guard in Iraq if you want to know the importance of the deployment of land mines in a battlefield situation. We've had a recent experience in which we needed these for military purposes.

At the same time, our government is committed and is doing the hard work diplomatically of building international support for a regime that will include countries like Russia, China, and perhaps even eventually countries like Iran that are the leading exporters and manufacturers of those devices.

Q Mike, you said the President had talked with her, but she said on the morning shows that she was going to try to call

him. I don't know, is this a call he might be interested in taking?

MR. MCCURRY: I'm not aware that they have spoken yet.

Q Two years ago the President supported the core efforts of the Million Man March. Two years later there's an anniversary and this time it's branched into the Million Women March. What are the President's thoughts at this time about the Million Women March as well as the Million Man March?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, I have not heard him say anything recently on the subject, but he has commented about -- last week when the Promise Keepers were here and it was reflective of what I think he said at the time of the Million Man March, that when people of goodwill and intention take responsibility for their lives and express that and express that together, that is a positive thing. He said much the same thing at the time of the Million Man March. You can see the good that is expressed by those who want to reflect on their faith and on their own personal commitments, and you can see the good in that without necessarily subscribing to every aspect of every agenda advanced by groups that sponsor activities like that.

You know, the President has always sought to acknowledge the spirit that moves people to express their own convictions when it comes to personal morality, personal responsibility, and he applauds that.

Q Mike, on that same thing, does the White House or the President have a view on Louis Farrakhan's call for a day of atonement?

MR. MCCURRY: The view -- I haven't heard the President express it recently, but it would be very similar to what he said on that same subject at the time of the Million Man March.

Q Which was?

MR. MCCURRY: We can get you a copy of -- he gave a long speech on it at that time.

Q Does the White House intend to respond today in part or in whole to the Senate subpoena for additional tapes or documents?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we have been responding by working with I think members of the staff from the Senate, the House, obviously the Justice Department to cooperate fully with them in responding to the subpoena request. I think all three of those entities have a good understanding of where we are in the work we're doing and they know that the President has ordered that we be responsive and produce those materials. As a practical matter, I'm not aware that it's going to be done today because I just don't think logistically it can be. But I know in each case, those who are seeking this material, we've had discussions with them to let them

know where matters stand.

Q On the line item veto, what do you expect on defense appropriations and when? And also, in terms of military -- what does the President -- how does he feel about getting not complete information from the Pentagon?

MR. MCCURRY: I dealt with that subject this morning and don't really have anything new on that. On the general issue of defense appropriations, the President will be receiving some sort of recommendations from his advisors, most likely next week on the trip, and he will deal with whatever recommendations he gets. I can't say anything here that would indicate we anticipate specific action or not. I mean, he may get a recommendation -- he could conceivably get a recommendation that would indicate that he does not need to exercise authority. He could get an indication that he needs to consider that exercise of authority in a number of instances. We'll just have to see what happens. Nothing before we leave.

Q Okay. And this morning wasn't on tape. I just wanted to ask you --

MR. MCCURRY: Well, as I think a number of others have already said, the President had very clear criteria and acted on that criteria based on the information we have from the Pentagon. Now, if the Pentagon revises that information based on looking at it more carefully, that will happen. I think the President, as a general proposition, would rather err on the side of taxpayers and their interests than go ahead and commence with projects that were not clear need to be in the pipeline at that point. But if there are a handful of projects that need to get another look-see by the Pentagon, we hope that they will then work with Congress to reappropriate.

Q On global warming, do you know why the energy tax isn't an option under consideration now, as Gene Sperling indicated?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, there are a number of options under consideration. I think he was trying to cool down everyone's fervor on that particular option.

Q -- Cabinet members or senior advisors are recommending it.

MR. MCCURRY: That's correct. But at the same time, there's been no decision at all about the options that have been presented. I expect the President to work on that issue more with his advisors and be in a position for the United States government to advance its position more clearly as we go into the discussions in Bonn at the end of the month.

Q So there's a possibility that it still could be

advanced down the line?

MR. MCCURRY: I think Gene was giving you good guidance on what the current thinking is inside the government. But I just want to make it clear that we haven't necessarily ruled in or ruled out any option at this point and no decision. There's just not -- as he said, I don't think there is anyone who has advocated that particular point.

Q Michael, did the President have any reaction to the Reagan tape in which the President was shown making a direct appeal for funds?

MR. MCCURRY: I did not talk to him directly about it. I was told that he was interested in it and wanted to know what kind of event it was, and he was told it was an event in the East Room in which the President was seen thanking his supporters and asking if he could count on them for the help.

Q He enjoyed it, in other words? (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know that he -- I think that we've said here that it has not been uncommon for Presidents to have donor maintenance events or thank-you events at the White House for people that are supporting the political efforts of the President, and I guess that tape sort of bears that out.

Q Could you also tell me if the President had any reaction to Harold Ickes' testimony before the Thompson committee?

MR. MCCURRY: I think the President thought Harold gave zesty and candid answers.

Q Best defense is offense.

Q Zesty and candid. (Laughter.)

MR. MCCURRY: Zesty is a word that they didn't let me use over at the State Department. (Laughter.)

Q Beyond a timetable of during this stuff over to Thompson, Burton and others, including the Justice Department, can you give us an update on what they've found so far?

MR. MCCURRY: I think they've found, not unexpectedly, a lot and probably hours of Bill Clinton talking at fundraising events. When you do the search a lot of what the material is, is similar to what you already know of yourself, because they're events at which your pool was present. There are probably other occasions, too, and they're still going through it. I'd be remiss in trying to characterize it any more than that because they're still looking.

Q Has there been any effort by the Counsel's Office to try to get the committees to narrow the scope of the subpoenas?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we have tried for a long time to get these committees to narrow the scope of their subpoenas, not just with respect to this matter, but across the board. I told you the other day we were laboring against an extensive volume of requests and we sometimes don't get a clear sense of what the priorities are of the committee. But I think that's why it's useful for counsels to be in contact with each other, and I gather they are in contact, particularly on this matter, so that everyone has got an understanding of what the process is.

Q Mike, what is the President supposed to do with the Treasury appropriations bill? Is he going to sign it anytime soon?

MR. MCCURRY: I can't -- can I answer that and then -- I'll bust the embargo.

Q Is he expected to sign it today or tonight? Is he going to sign it tomorrow?

MR. TOIV: No, no, I don't think we can embargo that.

MR. MCCURRY: Oh, okay. He is going to sign it today and one aspect of that bill will be the subject of the radio address that he gives tomorrow. And specifically the subject is our efforts to combat drugs, because there are some things, important things in that bill that address our nation's effort to combat drugs.

Also, just as we kind of wrap up the week here, we're going to try to get a lid on very soon. I do expect the President very shortly to veto the partial birth abortion bill. That will be done and we will issue a written statement on that once that happens. It will be very consistent with what the President has said all along, what the President said in his letter to the Hill earlier in the week. The President will regret the fact that there hasn't been a narrowly tailored exception for those rare cases in which the health of a mother needs to be considered.

Q Mike, on the IRS reform measures they were talking about this morning, is there a legislative timetable? Is there legislative language and a target date to get some stuff up to the Hill?

MR. MCCURRY: There will need to be. I did not hear Dr. Summers say one way or another when they would develop that -- presumably next year. I don't think they set a specific date, but I would anticipate it would be they would work on it this year develop that -- presumably next year. I don't think they set a specific date, but I would anticipate it would be -- they would work on it this year with the goal of seeing if they couldn't present more concrete language next year.

hope and pray that it brings a very sad chapter in the history of this White House to a conclusion, as it should, and as it should have long ago.

All right. We'll see you. Those of you on the trip, we'll enjoy your company and we'll be back here --

Q What is the President doing tomorrow?

MR. MCCURRY: -- the 20th.

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the fact Winnie Mandela is going to be keynote speaker for the Million Woman March?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know the President's thinking on that.

Q Are you going to be briefing on the trip during --because there will be many things happening next week that will --

MR. MCCURRY: We are always available -- I'll be on the trip.

Q Normal briefings?

MR. MCCURRY: We'll be doing our normal, customary briefings as we do when we travel, but we won't be doing it here.

Q Mike, the Cassini Probe is due now to be launched on Monday. Has the President given any thought to stopping it, as some members of Congress were voting to?

MR. MCCURRY: The President has a lot of confidence in the process that Dr. Jack Gibbons used. He has got the authority under Presidential Directive 25 to review the issues associated with the use of radioactive elements in a launch like that. Dr. Gibbons has looked at that upside down, sideways, every which way, and has gotten a lot of good technical reassurances from people who are working on the launch, and the President is very confident in the reasoning it was used. He didn't second-guess the decision made by Dr. Gibbons.

Q Is that a public document?

MR. MCCURRY: PD 25?

Q Yes.

MR. MCCURRY: Aspects of it are classified, but we did a whole -- when we announced that, we released a lot of information on it. It's about two years ago, I think. Maybe?

MR. CROWLEY: We'll find out.

MR. MCCURRY: P.J. can check on that for you.

Q Mike, Starr released his report on Vince Foster today. Does the White House have a copy of that, and is this going to finally end all the speculation?

MR. MCCURRY: I don't know whether we have received a copy or not. But based on the news reports we've seen, we certainly think there is nothing surprising about the report, but we certainly

Q Just on the partial birth abortion, is he confident that he can uphold this, even if the vote is close to election day next year?

MR. MCCURRY: The President is confident that when members stop and think about those rare cases in which this procedure needs to be available -- and they are rare, and they are -- we've heard dramatic stories that are so riveting about the reasons why they do need to be available -- I think that when members reflect on that, the President is confident his position can be sustained.

Q Mike, there was an administration official quoted in The Washington Times today as saying that the tapes might not be turned over until after the President returns from his trip to South America. Is that timing in accordance with what you have seen?

MR. MCCURRY: That doesn't fit with what I've heard, but on the other hand, I think they're working very hard to get it done, and they have to be complete and they have to be thorough and they have to get the work done. And I don't want to predict how long it's going to take, but I hadn't heard it was going to take that long.

Q Do you have some -- if you haven't heard it would take that long, is your sense that sometime next week it will be turned over?

MR. MCCURRY: I just don't want to predict, David. I mean, it's not fair to the people who are doing the work. And I think, also, we have an obligation to tell the Justice Department, the House and Senate investigators first, and I'm not privy to conversations that our lawyers are having with their lawyers.

Q Do you know how big a staff is working on going through this?

MR. MCCURRY: Well, we don't have huge staff in the Counsel's Office, but they've got -- they're trying to get those available who have been working on document production to work on it. Now, I'll tell you, I'll guarantee you two weeks from now we'll start hearing from Chairman Burton and Chairman Thompson about some other basket of documents that haven't been produced because -- you know, now we're going to do videotapes, and then they'll go back to doing what they were working on before.

Q Did anyone on the committee take you seriously yesterday about sending over 50 or 60 additional people?

MR. MCCURRY: Thankfully not. (Laughter.) I'm told that might have had certain separation of powers questions raised.

Q Mike, getting back to the Million Man March and the Million Woman March real quick. What's the President's thought on

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March 2, 1997

Dear Mike McCurry,

Ever since you sent me that wonderful note from The White House on my birthday--thus relieving me of the suspense of waiting to see if Willard would notify the President twenty-some years from now, God forbid--I have wanted to thank you. But I have stifled my impulse because I kept thinking you didn't need anything else to read. So, I held off through the Inauguration, the State of the Union Address, Newt's slap on the wrist by Congress, Paula Jones, the insane flap over the Lincoln bedroom (every President has had overnight guests, but a lot of them didn't have enough friends to make a dent in the mattress) and literally endless calls on your time.

I practised this admirable restraint despite daily reminders of you and the Christmas tree transaction, which resulted in a sort of magic tree. All sorts of wonderful things happened as a result of that tree; I just wish it would give up and go away. After all, it is March. But there hasn't been a day since it went out of here head first that four or five needles haven't turned up in unlikely places--the kitchen sink a couple of days ago, the basement floor, and next to a picture of my grandson. That tree wasn't anywhere near any of those locations. I don't know what's going on, but each time I thought of you. (It's enough to wake up to my radio quoting you, followed by you, live. That isn't spooky; the needles that won't go away are.) Also, my daughter, who lives in California, has serious doubts about my mental state since I told her you sold me the tree. "Mom," she said, in that quieting, very rational tone, "isn't it possible he just looked like Mike McCurry?" Intimations of Alzheimer's were coming across the miles. "Think about it, mom, why would the President's spokesperson be selling Christmas trees in Kensington?"

Through all these reasons for writing you I've held off. Until now. Three hours ago, I was driving down Viers Mill when I saw a man in an Isuzu weaving in and out of traffic, cutting in front of cars, and driving very "aggressively." I started to memorize his license plate number when he got stuck in front of me at a light, and then I noticed, among numerous stickers all over the pickup, one that read, "Support President Clinton." Well, obviously the poor man was hurrying to take his wife to the hospital where she was going to have their first baby. He seemed to be alone in the cab of the pickup, so she was probably lying on the flatbed of the truck. Never jump to judgment.

May you and your family--and boss-- have a lovely year.

The best--

Mary Gray

Dorothy Ertel
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February 7, 1997

Mike McCurry
Presidential Press Secretary
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Dear Mr. McCurry,

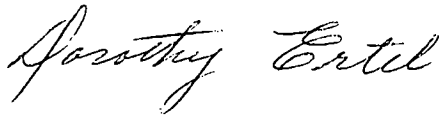
Just a note to thank you for answering my letter. Unfortunately, I didn't receive it until after the Inauguration when I returned home to California (it was postmarked January 21st).

It would have been really special if I could have said hello, however I was very proud just to have been part of history and equally proud of being part of the campaign to re-elect our President.

If I could ask a favor--would you please have President Clinton autograph my motorcade picture and enclosed Inauguration picture?

Keep up the good work Mike. !

Sincerely,



Dorothy Ertel

P.S. If you ever need another ride through Venice--I'm here!

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February 10, 1997

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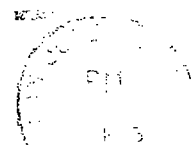
I am a foreign student at West Valley College. Since I am taking Political Science class, I am really interested in the United States Government. Since President Clinton has been re-elected, I know he has made some Cabinet changes. I would appreciate a list of his latest appointments.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Miss Yi-Chi Liu
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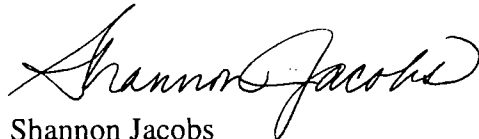
Dear Mike:

Hello, we briefly met a few weeks ago at the going away party for Rica Rodman. I worked on the Choose or Lose Bus with Dave Anderson, as well as with Joe Lockhart at Robinson Lerer Sawyer Miller. It was a pleasure meeting you, and because you were asking about Dave Sirulnick, I wanted to send you this photo (Sirulnick has the double). I took the photo in Cape Girardeau, prior to our interview with President Clinton.

The other photo I took in the press filing center on election night. I took the photo for two reasons, the first being that the lighting was so unusual; the second was because your casual leaning against the stage as opposed to standing behind the podium, to me, reflected the confidence felt that night by the administration.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you. I hope you enjoy the photos.

Sincerely,



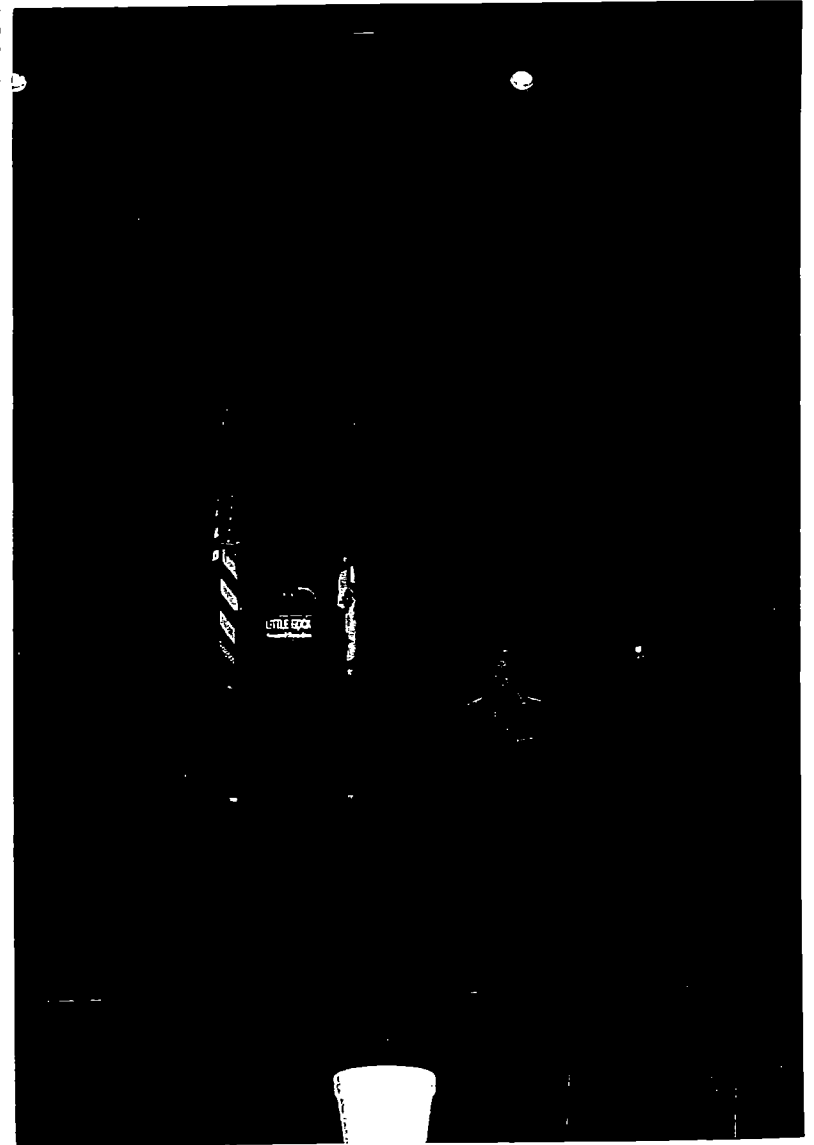
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Chief Executive Officer

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February 12, 1997

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Attention: Press Secretary to the President

Dear Sir:

Please read the article on page one of the enclosed Newsletter.

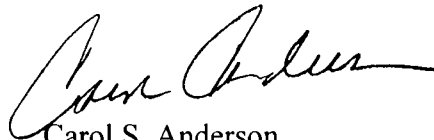
It would mean so much to Ms. Donohue if she were to receive a photograph of the President, especially if it were signed. Is it possible?

Her address is:

Ms. Evelyn M. Donohue
218 Tanners Lane
Hudson, New York 12534

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,



Carol S. Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

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The Capital Area ARCs Night at the Symphony Friday, March 14, 1997 8:00 PM Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

Albany Symphony Orchestra will honor the Capital Area ARCs with a special tribute to people with developmental disabilities who are served by the Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady County Chapters of NYSARC, Inc.

This event honors individuals during National **Mental Retardation Awareness Month** and is also a fundraiser for the benefit of each Chapter. A portion of the revenue of tickets sold by COARC will be retained by COARC to help fund programs for individuals with disabilities in our community.

The concert will open with The Star Spangled Banner, conducted by a participant from one of the Chapter's programs.

Tickets are \$27. per person for the concert (\$17. goes to COARC). A champagne reception will be held prior to the event from 6 to 7 PM. at Troy City Hall. (\$32 per person for concert and reception. Please call Deena Pewtherer at 518 672-4451 Ext. 3403 if you would like to attend.

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COARC Announces Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

Once again COARC is pleased to announce that this year we will award four scholarships to residents of Columbia County.

The Kathelyn Caswell Memorial Scholarship Fund will offer graduating high school seniors two scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500. Cognizant of the shortage of individuals entering the Human Services field, COARC initiated an incentive in that direction. The Scholarship is named in honor of the late Mrs. Caswell, who was a charter member of the COARC board of directors, and a special education teacher in the Hudson City School District.

The Mary Markowitz Memorial Scholarship Fund will offer adult applicants two scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000. and \$500. Applicants must have been accepted in an undergraduate college-level program of study leading to a career of service to the disabled (i.e: preparing to be rehabilitation counselors, special education teachers, or other allied occupations.)

Mary Markowitz joined COARC in November of 1978 and served as our Executive Secretary from July 1979 until her untimely death in December 1994. She was born in Columbia County, graduated from Germantown High School, and received her secretarial training at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Mary exemplified a consistent desire to expand her knowledge, as exhibited by the numerous awards and honors she earned from her fellow employees. She truly personified an employee who found joy in her work, as evidenced by her contagious laugh. Mary is a fitting model for the type of individual who wishes to expand their educational horizons and who we would hope to receive this scholarship award.

COARC awards these scholarships in order to defray tuition expenses. Academic performance and financial need are the primary criteria considered by our Education Committee in making the awards.

In addition, COARC will award a Summer Arts Grant in the amount of \$250. to a school-aged applicant meeting the required criteria: applicants must be residents of Columbia County, enrolled in a special education program in a public school, and declared disabled by their local committee on special education. Grant money received must be used to defray tuition or other expenses incurred in taking art, music, or dance lessons during the summer months.

All interested students are encouraged to apply. Applications are available from COARC by calling Joanne Loehner, Executive Secretary, at 518 672-4451. Applications must be received by COARC no later than April 15, 1997. The Education Committee will announce the scholarship winners and grant recipient on or about June 10.

Letter to the President

Concerned about possible reductions to Medicaid, Evelyn Donahue, who has worked at COARC for 8 years, wrote a 4-page letter to President Clinton. Excerpts appear below.

Dear Mr. President Clinton,

How are you, Hilary and Chelsea? I hope all is fine. I know you have a very busy schedule, but do you think I could have an autographed picture of you? I sure would appreciate it... I'm sorry you can't come to visit COARC where I work. I know you have a lot of commitments. I'm enclosing a brochure of COARC...it would have been an honor to have you, President Clinton, visit our COARC...I know you'll take good care of us senior citizens. I know you'll make sure ...we will always have our Medicaid insurance. With the high cost of doctors' visits and the cost of hospital stays. That's why Medicaid insurance is a blessing to us senior citizens. I'm 70 years old. Thank you very much, President Clinton, for making sure us senior citizens will always have our Medicaid insurance...I sing in the choir in my church...I've been singing in the choir for 18 years....Being a president isn't an easy job. You hardly get time to yourself. I'm glad you get to relax by playing golf. Well, President Clinton, I hope you and Hilary and Chelsea all have a healthy, happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Evelyn M. Donohue

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Deena Pewtherer, Editor

The COARC Newsletter is available with \$10.00 annual membership dues. If you would like to receive information on COARC programs, tours, or membership, we would like to hear from you. Please call or write.

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Chief Executive Officer's Report



For many years, we have looked forward to the release of the New York State Budget with some anxiety and even greater anticipation. That was until the past two years. Now our anxiety clearly outweighs our anticipation.

For fifteen years, we have seen in New York State a clear commitment to the closure of huge, and often brutal, state institutions. For the mentally retarded (if not for the mentally ill) deinstitutionalization was being done right because government was funding an expansion of community-based services concurrent with these closures.

Everyone seemed to acknowledge what advocates had been saying all along. Let disabled persons do real work — it will enhance their self-esteem, generate tax revenues, and increase our collective productivity. Provide early intervention services — the long-term savings are astronomical, not to mention the increased chance for a semi-normal life.

What happened?

The State developmental centers have always been cash cows for New York State. The maximization of federal Medicaid revenues for these facilities, (and local services developed under a new federal Medicaid waiver) drove the expansion of community services. The transition to community-based services could have been even greater, if not for the opposition of labor unions, who do not wish to lose their institutional employee members.

If everyone really cared about the employees, of course, the State could provide adequate funding for private agencies who could offer competitive salaries much closer to home.

The calls for privatization and local economic development just don't seem to include the not-for-profit agencies. And people living in institutions are being held hostage to all of the political shenanigans.

In analyzing the Governor's 1997/98 Budget proposal, (and the effects of the 1996/97 Budget), we find community services, in general, and non-Medicaid services in particular, continue to be frozen or cut, while the State grants increases to its most expensive ICF facilities in order to further milk the cash cow.

Extreme pressure is being applied by parents. Many, now elderly, are very fearful that the battle for residential placement for their adult children that they thought they had won is being lost. The 1997-98 Budget does appear to include some development money. Governor Pataki's first Budget included a freeze on development and last year's Budget included a small amount of development money, but nobody seems to know where the money went. **The amount of development funding must be increased.**

What we need now is some real political leadership. We need someone to do what is right — not politically and fiscally easiest.

Most of all, we need all of you who care to apply the pressure needed to save this battle. We haven't come this far only to retreat, and even the politically naive know that the squeaky wheel gets the oil.

The future of services for those who are not well-equipped to advocate for themselves depends on you!

Carol S. Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

1997 Membership Drive Set

COARC will launch its 1997 membership drive in March this year. In addition to our dedicated membership of 1995 and 1996, we will be striving to increase our membership base by reaching out to the broader community for awareness and support.

COARC is dedicated to providing essential programs and services in Columbia County in order to improve the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Programs and services focus on inclusion and integration in all aspects of community life.

Your support through membership enables us to encourage progressive legislation, and make the public aware of the needs, rights and abilities of people with mental retardation. Watch for our membership appeal and be ready to join or renew!

Newell Jenkins, conductor

Newell Jenkins, 81, founder and conductor of the Clarion Music Society and the Clarion Leaf Peeper Concerts, died on December 21, 1996.

The association of the Clarion Music Society and COARC dates from August of 1982, when Hillsdale resident Jenkins conducted a benefit concert for COARC at Catamount. From that beginning grew the distinguished annual series of autumn Leaf Peeper Concerts in Columbia County. In May of 1989, and again in May of 1990, the New York orchestra played for the benefit of COARC. The 1990 concert marked COARC's 25th year of providing services to people with developmental disabilities. As part of the anniversary celebration, all people with disabilities were invited as guests, with tickets available to other members of the general public for a fee. The anniversary concert was followed by a Desert Extravaganza, still well remembered by those who were fortunate enough to have attended. A memorial concert in tribute to Mr. Jenkins was held recently at St. Brigid's Church in Copake and was attended by many who have fond memories of Mr. Jenkins and the joy his extraordinary talents brought to all of us.

Board of Directors' Report

The importance of staying in touch with our legislators cannot be overemphasized in these tough fiscal times. Building relationships with our legislators and staff through our advocacy efforts is critical in that it makes them aware of our needs, and also allows us to understand the constraints that they are operating under.

On December 4, 1996, Governor Pataki's Program Director, Barbara Cohen, visited the Workshop in Mellenville, and The Starting Place in Hudson. After successful tours of both locations, Ms. Cohen met with several Board members, as well as Chief Executive Officer Carol Anderson and Director of Program Operations Carolynn Anklam. We discussed the scope of our operations, as well as both COARC's and Governor Pataki's plans for the future. We felt that it was a positive meeting, and appreciate Ms. Cohen taking the time to get to know us.

On Thursday, January 16, Board member Lenore Whitbeck, Carol Anderson



COARC seamstress Bertha Hackett presents New York State Program Director Barbara Cohen with a newly crafted canvas portfolio bag.

and I, as part of the Capital District Coalition, met with our State Assemblyman, Mr. John Faso, to discuss the direction that the state budget for next year will be taking in relation to our funding, and to stress the importance of our programs. The Early Intervention Program, as well as the need for group residences and beds in general, were discussed. In an odd coincidence, or perhaps it was a good omen, the new State Budget was actually announced that day. The Capital District Coalition consists of parents and officers from a number of different agencies, such as ROI, the CP Center, and COARC.

In all, it has been a busy two months, and each person that we met with told us the same thing: **keep those letters and phone calls coming**, as there are many programs and special-interest groups (some who have their very own PACs) competing for the same dollars. They need to know what is important to us, and if we don't tell them, who will?

Jennifer Harvey
Board Member

Decentralization Grant To Fund COARC Family Festival

We are pleased to announce that COARC has been awarded a cultural arts grant from the Twin Counties Cultural Fund Decentralization Program for Columbia and Greene Counties. The grant will be used to cover performing artists' fees at a gala **COARC Family Festival** to be held later in the year.

Envisioned as a county-wide cultural event, the **COARC Family Festival** will provide a delightful opportunity for families, children, senior citizens, and people with disabilities and their families to attend a local festival featuring performances by three local artists who usually appear independently. The central location of The Starting Place, at 65 Prospect Avenue in Hudson, is easily accessible, and will provide an excellent social and cultural opportunity for local families for whom transportation is sometimes difficult. **The Family Festival** will be a midday event on a weekend during the summer.

COARC's outstanding food service team, "Our Place", will provide an array of lunch selections, snacks, and beverages. Those attending the festival are invited to bring their own picnic if they so choose.

Performing artists will be:

The Storycrafters, Philmont, NY. Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns are known for their creative integration of ethnic and classical musical instruments into their stories. Their performance provides an opportunity for audience participation at all levels of ability. The Storycrafters have experience performing for a wide range of audiences and have delighted many of all ages throughout Columbia County and beyond.

The Puppet Tree, Harlemville, NY. Seasonal stories portrayed in a wide variety of puppetry styles and arts are performed. The visual setting is very colorful and fanciful, and the overall staging format is on a fairly large scale and generally visible, even for a large group. A family oriented puppet play will be selected from The Puppet Tree's repertory.

Rose Harmony Association, Chatham, NY. The Rose Harmony Association is dedicated to social renewal through work in the arts. They work with a variety of local artists and musicians to create special musical concerts aimed at bringing families and groups together. Music is often performed using handmade instruments not often seen or heard. Hand bells, flutes, and a variety of percussion instruments will be used.

Family Festival tickets will be \$2.50 for senior citizens and children 12 years of age and under. Adult tickets will be \$5.00. Tickets for individuals with a disability will be \$1.00. We have learned from our clients that a reduced ticket price is appreciated more than no admission fee. Everyone likes to feel included in some way, rather than being singled out. We will also offer a family rate of \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.

Watch for future announcements with details of this exciting new event!

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March 6, 1997

Mike McCurry
Assistant to the President
and White House Press Secretary
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Thank you very much for making the President available for an interview on Wednesday. As I am sure you can imagine, the editor and publisher here were very pleased.

I hope that you felt I treated the President and his comments fairly in the final article. I haven't heard from Harold, but my guess is that he appreciates the strong vote of confidence that the President gave him.

Perhaps we can get together informally for a meal sometime this month or next. If it's more easy on your schedule, I could come by your office some Saturday.

Once again, thanks for thinking of me and the Journal.

Sincerely,

Jim

James A. Barnes

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February 24, 1997

Mike McCurry
Assistant to the President
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Dear Mike,

In a few days, I will be leaving the Treasury Department and begin working for TSD, Inc., a firm specializing in information technology and communications strategy. As I begin this new challenge, I wanted you to know of my plans.

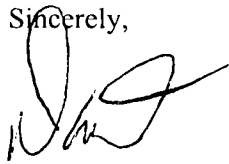
TSD is an energetic, forward looking company run by my friends Mark and Phil Steitz. They do strategic planning, message development and crisis communications for private clients and progressive causes. On the technology side, they develop custom decision support software, including Internet and Intranet applications.

After fourteen years of service on Capitol Hill and four years with the Clinton Administration, I'm excited about making this jump and joining forces with TSD.

I've had two great years at Treasury. We were the front line on a lot of critical issues, and Secretary Rubin asked me to take part in them all; struggling with Congress over the debt limit, resolving the Mexican financial crisis, fending off the political attack against ATF, and introducing the new currency and inflation indexed bond, just to name a few. Every day, Bob Rubin proved how good economics, good management, and exceptional public leadership could make life better for working families. He has been an inspiring teacher.

Starting March 3rd, my new task is to apply what I have learned these past years to the challenges I will meet at TSD. TSD is located at 1714 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 20009. My new telephone number will be 202-986-5051; the fax is 202-986-0014, and my email will remain ddreyer@charm.net. As I launch this new adventure (my first private sector job since I pumped gas in Amherst during the Bicentennial!), I hope you will be in touch with me there.

Sincerely,



David E. Dreyer

With Admiration for your
strength and dedication,
Best,
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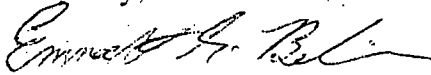
Mike McCurry
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February 5, 1997

Dear Mike,

I just completed a brief internship in the Lower Press Office. On my last day at the White House, Julie snapped the enclosed picture in your office. I would be thrilled if you would sign it and return it to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Emmett S. Beliveau