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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1994

Ms. Karen Sweetland
Event Manager, Earth Day 1994
PO Box 40346
Portland, OR 97240

Dear Ms. Sweetland:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the Earth Day 1994 celebration in Oregon this April. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope Oregon Earth Day is a huge success.

As you know, the preservation of the global environment continues to be one of my highest priorities. If there is one commitment that defines the American people, it is our devotion to the rich and expansive land we have inherited. From the first Americans to the present day, our people have lived in awe of the power, the majesty and the beauty of the forest, the rivers and the streams of America. That love of the land, which flows like a mighty current through this land and through our character, burst into service on the first Earth Day in 1970.

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Sincerely,

Al Gore

Earth Day 1994

P.O. Box 40346

Portland, OR

97240-0346

February 24, 1994

Anthony Wilson
Director of Scheduling
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In speaking with your assistant today I was surprised and very pleased to learn that the Vice President's calendar is presently free on April 22 and 23, 1994, EARTH DAY. Therefore, I am writing to extend to you our invitation to join our regional celebration of Earth Day 1994, organized and sponsored by a coalition of this area's business, industry, technology and environmental groups.

As you know, the Pacific Northwest maintains a leading-edge posture within all areas of environmental concern, and we have our share of controversy resulting from political and economic clashes with our environmental priorities. Earth Day holds a special significance here, not only for environmental organizations, but for all residents of this area.

The Vice President's experience at the Forest Summit last year pointed to a continuing polarity between various factions on that and other environmental issues. We seek to heal wounds and to work within a framework of cooperation and inclusion, toward creating an event that is of, for and by all the people, not merely the environmentally enlightened or converted. Our objective is to inform an ever-expanding group of people on ways in which we, as individuals, can assume responsibility for improving our quality of life and environment.

As a result, our Earth Day event is a grand celebration honoring the universal connection of all beings and the environment. We expect well over 30,000 to attend during the one-and-a-half day event, from many religions and cultures, and with a wide range of interests and concerns. In addition, we have planned a formal reception on Friday evening, April 22, at which our noted guest speakers will appear and give a talk. Already confirmed as one of our noted guests is David Brower, venerable international environmentalist, founder of the Earth Island Institute, and Friends of the Earth, and recipient of the Alternative Nobel Prize for Environment. Mr. Brower and other guests will also speak at the public festivities on Saturday.

I have also discovered that Jack Ward Thomas has a scheduling gap between commitments during the day on April 22 in Utah and later in Tennessee on April 24. We are extending a formal invitation to Mr. Thomas to join us as well, and hope to gain a commitment from one or more of the following noted environmental leaders: Christopher Flaven, Amory Lovens or Dr. Donald Aitken.

This year we will be working in tandem with many of our city and state governmental offices, regional associations, non-profit environmental organizations, area businesses and representatives of the region's utilities in an effort to bring about renewed commitment to, and increased awareness of our environment, and to focus on the positive contributions of each group.

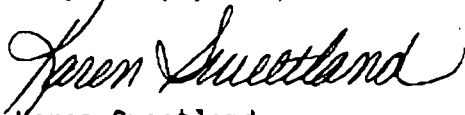
Having the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore if she is available, with us on this very special day is surely the pinnacle of our public outreach. Their presence will serve as special recognition of how important it is for all people to work together with common objectives and to focus on government achievements and aspirations that will benefit residents of the Pacific Northwest and the world community. Given the Vice President's strong stand on environmental issues, there is likely no better venue than Portland for him to make a public appearance with national attention on this day of international focus.

We hope that Vice President and Mrs. Gore will honor us and our cause on this very important day, locally to be known as EARTH DAY 1994: It's Our Nature, and we await your decision so that we may move into action the plans to do justice to their visit, as well as to fulfill your own requirements.

On the following page I have prepared a brief outline of scheduled activities and noted those periods of time where the Vice President's participation would be especially appropriate.

I will be in contact with your office the first of next week to determine the Vice President's availability and acceptance of our invitation. If you have questions you may direct them to me at my number below. In the meantime, please know that everyone is incredibly enthusiastic about the possibility of having Vice President Gore join us, and we greatly appreciate your interest and consideration. It is likely that you will be hearing from other leaders from this area in support of the Vice President's appearance, for the interest runs very high indeed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Sweetland".

Karen Sweetland
Event Manager
Earth Day 94
PHONE: (503) 335-3813

Earth Day 1994

P.O. Box 40346

Portland, OR

97240-0346

EARTH DAY 1994

April 22 and 23
Waterfront Park
Portland, Oregon

Event Overview

Commencing at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m. on April 22 with the first of two ceremonies, and continuing from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, the schedule will include a full array of local, regional and national multi-cultural music, dance and entertainment for all ages, appearing on two stages.

Over 70 exhibitors, representing state-of-the-art environmentally friendly technology, products and services, will be further enhanced by displays of U.S. Wind Power's wind machine, METRO's new electric bus, a hot air balloon, birds of prey aerial performance, wild animal exhibition and a special eco-tourism exhibit, and are but some of the many planned facets of this regional celebration.

Local businesses who have achieved special recognition for extraordinary environmental programs will be honored in conjunction with official presentations and speeches by noted guests, such as David Brower, who will appear on Saturday.

A formal reception, will be held in honor of special guests, to which regional leaders from the political, industrial, technological, educational, media, environmental, business, religious and utility communities will be invited. The event will be a fund raiser for a local environmental and science educational project for grades K-8, and for Earth Day 1995 activities which will be on-going throughout 1995.

Honored guests are invited to attend and speak at the Friday evening reception (between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.), and again at Saturday morning's public ceremonies at Waterfront Park. A briefing on local environmental projects could be made available preceding the reception, attended by key leaders of government and industry, to provide current information on recent positive environmental developments and plans for the coming year.

Requested Appearance: Friday reception, 7:00 p.m. (200-300 guests)
Saturday public appearance, timing of your choice
(after 10:00 a.m.), Waterfront Park main stage

February 24, 1994

Anthony Wilson
Director of Scheduling
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Ted Hallock
Angus Duncan
Council Members

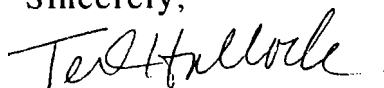
Dear Mr. Wilson:

We understand Vice President Gore may be available to speak at the Earth Day celebration in Portland, Oregon, April 22 or 23, 1994. The Oregon Office of the Northwest Power Planning Council enthusiastically supports the effort to have the Vice President join us for this celebration.

Any opportunity to hear the views of the Vice President is a welcome experience. Vice President Gore's dedication and commitment to our natural environment is renowned. His effort to build a healthy, vibrant economy while maintaining a quality environment reinforces the Council's efforts to provide the same conditions for the citizens of the Pacific Northwest.

We would be thrilled to have the Vice President join the citizens of Oregon for Earth Day 1994.

Sincerely,



Ted Hallock
Council Member



Angus Duncan
Council Member

Barbara Roberts
Governor



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Earth Day 1994

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February 24, 1994

Anthony Wilson
Director of Scheduling
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In follow-up to our faxed invitation of yesterday, I wanted to relay to you other information that has been gained today, that being the additional availability of Christopher Flaven, head of World Watch in Washington D.C., with whom we are now concluding arrangements to also travel to Portland as another member of the speaker platform.

On the heels of the mixed reviews from yesterday's forest announcement, and given the one year "anniversary" of the Forest Summit in Oregon, it may prove to be a strong public relations victory for the Vice President to have him appear at the Earth Day celebration here in Portland.

Given the groundswell of interest and enthusiasm over the possibility of his participation, and the existence of a strong spirit of cooperation that exists surrounding this event, there may be no better venue for the Vice President to reach out to all environmental interests and business than here in Portland.

I know many of the organizations and businesses with whom I have been dealing in the last few weeks are supportive of such a visit, and no doubt you will hear from many of them. I am confident that we can prepare a well-orchestrated event and allied activities that will serve your needs and interests, and present Vice President Gore in a positive atmosphere.

Again, thank you for your interest. I look forward to the opportunity of working with you in carrying out his visit. For purposes of future contact, you may reach me at 914 N.E. Tillamook, Portland 97212, and the phone number listed below.

Very truly yours,



Karen Sweetland
Event Manager
Earth Day 1994
Phone: (503) 335-3813



e n v i r o n m e n t a l f e d e r a t i o n o f o r e g o n

February 25, 1994

Sent by FAX: 202/456-7044

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Washington, DC

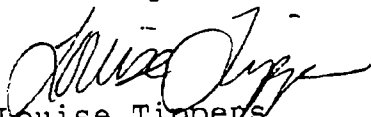
Dear Mr. Wilson,

I understand that Vice President Gore may be able to participate in Portland, Oregon's Earth Day celebration this year. What a tremendous opportunity!

We were all impressed by Mr. Gore when he was here last year for the Forest Conference and would like to have him return for Earth Day to celebrate the work that is so important to that effort. I hope that an appearance in Portland can fit into his schedule.

Thank you very much for working on this.

Sincerely,



Louise Tippers
Executive Director

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Portland, Oregon 97240
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City of Portland
Vera Katz
Mayor

March 1, 1994

The Vice President and Mrs. Albert Gore
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Via Facsimile: (202) 456-2461

Dear Vice President and Mrs. Gore:

My office is aware of the plans which are unfolding for Oregon's Earth Day Celebration, and it has been brought to my attention your schedule may permit you to join us on April 22 and 23.

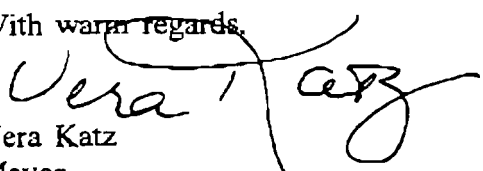
I am writing to express my personal invitation to you and Tipper to attend this regional event. My hope is that you will regard such a visit as an opportune time and place to renew your public position as a champion of environmental issues.

I understand you may be preparing an announcement with environmental impact, perhaps within the renewable resources area, and I can't help but think Portland's Earth Day event serves as an ideal venue for an announcement of national environmental importance. My belief is reinforced by the knowledge the region's plans for Earth Day have fostered the involvement and support of local and state government, industry, energy, business and environmental groups, and should serve as an excellent example of coalition building.

The one-year anniversary of your successful Forest Summit only adds to the impact of your visit to Portland for Earth Day. Based on the high level of initial enthusiasm about the possibility of having you join us on this very important day, I am confident Portland will properly honor the event and your participation.

Please advise me if there is anything my office can do to assist your staff in preparing for your visit, should you decide to deliver your national environmental message from our city. I look forward to the opportunity to share Portland's dynamic program with you.

With warm regards,


Vera Katz
Mayor

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

Mr. Eric Eastman
Advisor, Ecology Club
Smithtown High School
100 Central Road
Smithtown, NY 11787

Dear Mr. Eastman:

Thank you for the invitation to take part in the annual Earth Day Lecture Series at Smithtown High School this April. I am honored that you thought of me.

Unfortunately, as I have already explained to Dogwood Elementary School students, other commitments prevent me from traveling to Long Island this April. I sincerely appreciate the special invitation, and I hope Earth Day in Smithtown is a huge success!

As you know, I have made environmental protection one of my highest priorities. The challenge of cleaning up our planet must be addressed and seriously considered not only by this Administration, but by citizens across the country. Each of us has a responsibility to work in our homes, communities, and businesses toward a cleaner earth.

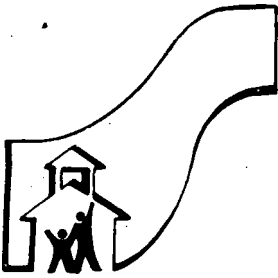
President Clinton and I are committed to demonstrating that environmental protection and economic progress are complimentary, rather than competing, goals. We also intend to concentrate not only on environmental problems at home, but also those which exist in other countries and can have a direct impact on Americans. Finally, we want to move beyond the conflicts that exist among businesses, government and individual citizens to create a partnership in this effort. It's terrific to know we can count on the Smithtown High School Ecology Club as a part of our environmental team. Keep up the good work!

Thanks again for thinking of me. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Al Gore



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SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ECOLOGY CLUB

Vice President Al Gore
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable

The Smithtown High School Ecology Club in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post 575 would like to invite you to our annual Earth Day Lecture Series. The day we have selected is Friday the 29th of April, 1994. Our format will include a brief lecture by the head of the Nature Conservancy on our club motto, "Think Globally, Act Locally," concentrating on the land and surrounding water environment on Long Island.

A panel discussion by prominent local, state, and national political figures will then discuss the question-- "A private-political partnership; how can the citizen and government work together on environmental concerns?" Each guest will have a ten minute opening statement, to be followed by a mediated round-table discussion with questions from the audience. Since we are inviting the Long Island community as well as our faculty and student body, we expect 1,500 persons in the audience. Of course the media and press will be in attendance as well.

We are the largest club of our kind on Long Island and probably the largest nationally. We are totally self-funded, financing our activities with plant, bulb and natural product sales. We have been responsible in these last three years for the planting of over 150,000 shrubs, bulbs and flowering plants in the Smithtown area, all with no cost to public funds.

We sincerely request your input at our discussion and eagerly await your acceptance. A full luncheon for participants and staff will follow. Any telephone correspondence can be referred to the office of Mr. Edward Ehmann, Asst. Principal at (516) 361-2425.

Sincerely,

Eric Eastman, Advisor

"Education Is the Difference Between Civilization and Chaos"



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1994

Mr. Eric Gilchrist
Metro DC Environmental Network
645 Morris Place, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Greater Washington, DC Area Earth Day EcoThon and Earth Fair on April 24. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

As you know, the preservation of the global environment continues to be one of my highest priorities. If there is one commitment that defines the American people, it is our devotion to the rich and expansive land we have inherited. From the first Americans to the present day, our people have lived in awe of the power, the majesty and the beauty of the forest, the rivers and the streams of America. That love of the land, which flows like a mighty current through this land and through our character, burst into service on the first Earth Day in 1970.

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Sincerely,

Al Gore

February 11, 1994

Eric Gilchrist
Metro DC Environmental Network
645 Morris Place, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Mr. Anthony Wilson
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Room 283
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Enclosed are materials that describe the Greater Washington DC Area **EARTH DAY EcoThon** and **Earth Fair** to be held on Sunday, April 24, 1994 at the DC Armory. We would like for Vice President Gore to attend for part of the day and to speak. It is an excellent opportunity to reach out to thousands of environmentally conscious Washingtonians and also provide support to non-profit groups.

We are also offering prizes to high achieving fund raisers of the **EcoThon**. One of the prizes that would be very popular and valuable would be a lunch or breakfast meeting with the Vice President at a future date. Will your office accept our request?

If you need further documentation or have some questions, please contact me at your convenience. We are looking forward to the Vice President's office celebrating **EARTH DAY** here in Washington. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric Gilchrist
Outreach Chair
(703) 591-9528



Earth Day 1994

The Greater Washington Area EcoThon and Earth Fair
Sunday, April 24th

You and your organization are invited...

...to join us as a partner in our region's activities in celebration of EARTH DAY 1994. Each year we find more interest in celebrating EARTH DAY locally and more individuals and organizations are looking for meaningful personal involvement in environmental events. This year's EARTH DAY **EcoThon** and **Earth Fair** will be hosted by the Metro DC Environmental Network (MetNet), publisher of the monthly *Green Calendar*. MetNet is a four year old nonprofit group dedicated to helping others protect or enhance our living, working and natural environments. MetNet has organized other regional EARTH DAY activities and serves as a clearinghouse for information on all D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Earth Day activities each year.

Our Main Earth Day Activities:

- **EcoThon:** This is an educational, community-building, and fundraising event. The EcoThon differs from a typical "Walk-A-Thon" in two ways. First, participants gather donations for each educational station (**EcoStation**) they visit. Second, they designate specific environmental or public interest organizations to receive most of the funds they raise. Through the EcoThon, they are experiencing and learning from a variety of sincere local and national environmental organizations who want to send out a message concerning people and our Earth.
- **Earth Fair:** There will be an area adjacent to the EcoThon course designated for booths, tables and exhibits for businesses, government departments, and other nonprofit environmental groups.
- **Earth Day Rally & Eco-Entertainment:** A sound stage will be nearby for a mix of music and speeches. Elected officials and environmental and civic leaders will be invited to participate. A keynote speaker will be announced in the near future. Senator Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, has indicated willingness to participate in the activities.

The EcoThon, Earth Day Rally, and Earth Fair will take place in the DC Armory. The 65,000 square feet of the indoor facility offers an impressive venue to host our thousands of visitors. The National Park Service will be in attendance the entire day and with good weather some of the activities will be held outdoors. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Earth Day Event Calendar:** 15,000 copies of the *Green Calendar* will be printed, containing a complete calendar of Earth Day activities taking place in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.
- **Earth Day Press Releases, Briefings, and Publicity:** MetNet will serve as a contact for press to get information on local and national Earth Day activities.

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How can you be involved?

1. **Become an official EARTH DAY EcoThon Co-Sponsor.** Your organization's name or logo will be included in all advance publicity and printed materials. In addition, your organization will get a free Earth Fair booth, a discount toward an EcoPassport/Program advertisement, and will be awarded a certificate of appreciation on stage during the event.
2. **Use the EcoThon as a fundraising activity for your organization.** Your employees, members and supporters can gather donations for their personal completion of any or all the EcoStations. Your organization receives 60% of all funds these supporters bring in. MetNet handles the facilities, publicity and organization and receives 40% of all funds raised. For you it is a low-overhead fundraising event, capable of earning thousands of dollars for your organization. Upon your request, we will help you plan an effective strategy to maximize your turnout.
3. **Create and operate an EcoStation.** Your group can submit a proposal to design and manage an EcoStation. This is an excellent way to reach large numbers of eager learners from different age-groups and backgrounds.
4. **Rent an Exhibit Booth at the Earth Fair.** Distribution of environmentally related information and selling 'green' merchandise will be permitted.
5. **Advertise in the EARTH DAY EcoPassport/Program.** This document will be stamped at each of the EcoStations and saved by the participants as a memento. Get your message out in print to the thousands in attendance.
6. **Donate a Prize.** If you represent a business, your donation (mountain bikes and gift certificates, for example) will be publicized and awarded to high achieving individuals or groups. Nonprofit groups may wish to consider donating memberships or subscriptions to all individuals bringing in a certain level of pledges or who visit all of the EcoStations.

Contact us!

We will be happy to answer your questions and provide more printed specifics on any of the above opportunities for involvement. We are looking forward to working with you to create an exciting and memorable regional EARTH DAY 1994.

Joe Libertelli
Executive Director
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Fax: (202) 544-7958

Eric Gilchrist
Outreach and Marketing Chair
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

Mr. Kevin Hein
Bike to Work on Earth Day
1819 H Street, NW #640
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Hein:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for a rally at Freedom Plaza celebrating the Bike to Work on Earth Day project. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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Sincerely,

Al Gore

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

1819 H Street NW Suite 640

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 872-9830

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February 17, 1994

Vice-President Al Gore
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice-President Gore,

On behalf of the Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee, I would like to invite you to participate in this year's Bike to Work on Earth Day Event.

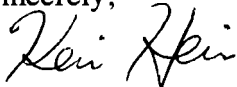
This annual event in celebration of Earth Day highlights bicycling as a practical and environmental-friendly form of transportation. The focus of the event is a pre-work rally down at Freedom Plaza (14th & Pennsylvania NW). This year, the rally will last from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and will feature a complimentary breakfast, a free drawing for prizes including a new mountain bike and a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Cake, and speeches of support from local and national leaders.

In previous years, this local event has been very successful in attracting thousands of bicyclists and also in demonstrating to the public that bicycling to work can be clean, healthy, economical, and fun. We would be honored to have you speak at this year's rally. It's a great opportunity to recognize the millions of people in this country who already commute to work by bicycle as well as encouraging others to try this efficient and non-polluting form of transportation.

So please join us on the morning of Friday, April 22. Contact us at the above number if you have any questions or to RSVP.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hein
Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

Earth Day Bike-In '94

***Sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, City Bikes,
Ben & Jerrys, Ecoprint, and Auto-Free DC***

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

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February 23, 1994

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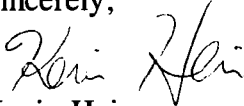
Dear Mr. Wilson,

Enclosed is a letter we sent last week inviting Vice-President Gore to speak at our annual Bike to Work on Earth Day Event at Freedom Plaza (14th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW).

This unique local event celebrates Earth Day in a positive fashion by encouraging individuals to bicycle to work. This event demonstrates that concern for the environment is alive and well and that people are willing to play an active role in finding solutions to environmental problems.

There will be 13 organized groups of bicyclists from around the area converging on Freedom Plaza at 8:00 AM on Earth Day (Friday, April 22). Vice-President Gore could join one of these groups as it nears Freedom Plaza. Seeing Vice-President Gore bicycling to work would be a powerful symbol for millions of Americans that they too can do something positive in their daily lives to help the environment.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hein
Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hein

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

Earth Day Bike-In '94

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

North High Earth Group
North High School
4200 Cheyenne
Sioux City, Iowa 51004

Dear Students:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the 3rd Annual Earth Day at North High School on April 22. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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Sincerely,

Al Gore

4200 Cheyenne
Sioux City, Iowa
51104

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

November 16, 1993

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AL Gore
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Gore,

On Friday, April 22, 1994, North High School will host the 3rd Annual Earth Day. The day is sponsored by the North High Earth Group. It is a day set aside to help students become more aware of the earth's problems.

Science students will be able to choose to visit a speaker on a specific environmental problem on that day.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING ON AN EARTH RELATED ISSUE? You would be speaking to approximately 25 students for one period of 50 minutes. Speakers in the past have used video, slides, games, posters, handouts, etc. in addition to their talk.

We have no financial backing to pay you for your services, but we do offer enthusiastic students and cookies and juice.

See the attached sheet for time details.

Please sign the paper below and return.

Sincerely,

Emily Montgomery *Melissa Kirkendall*
Danielle Lane

North High Earth Group
North High School
4200 Cheyenne
Sioux City, Iowa 51004
712-239-7024

NAME _____

_____ I AM INTERESTED

ADDRESS _____

_____ I AM NOT INTERESTED

PHONE: _____

TOPIC: _____

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PERIOD 1
8:15-9:05

PERIOD 2
9:10-10:00

PERIOD 3
10:05-10:55

PERIOD 4
11:00-11:50

PERIOD 5
11:55-12:45

BIO II STUDENT PRESENTATIONS -----
EARTH GROUP PRESENTATIONS -----

PERIOD 6
1:15-2:05

PERIOD 7
2:10-3:00

8 X 6 = 48 SPEAKERS/SLOTS



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Fran Wessell
2nd Grade Interim Teacher
Our Mother of Consolation
19 E. Chestnut Hill Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Dear Ms. Wessell:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the Earth Day Celebration at Our Mother of Consolation this week. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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Sincerely,

Al Gore



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Crystal Maher
660 Tara Drive
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Dear Crystal:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the Earth Day celebration at Winslow Township Upper Elementary School. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Jenny Dombrowski
Earthworks
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR

Dear Ms. Dombrowski:

Thank you for the invitation to join you this Friday for the Earth Day celebration at the University of Arkansas. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Mr. James Payne
Vice President
Bardon, Inc.
6401 Golden Triangle Drive
Suite 400
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for the invitation to join you this weekend for the Earth Day celebration at Travilah Quarry. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevented me from traveling to Rockville this weekend. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event was a huge success.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

The Honorable Koka Booth
Office of the Mayor
Cary, NC 27512-1147

Dear Mayor Booth:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for a dedication ceremony for the Swift Creek Recycled Greenway on Earth Day. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Mr. Robert Gingerich
Executive Director
North Museum of Natural
History and Science
College and Buchanan Avenues
PO Box 3003
Lancaster, PA 17604

Dear Mr. Gingerich:

Thank you for the invitation to join you this Saturday for an "Earth Night" celebration at the North Museum. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Week events are a huge success.

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Al Gore



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

San Diego Earth Day
PO Box 9827
San Diego, CA 97169

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for the San Diego Earth Day celebration. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Mr. Chris Oldham
President
Terraphile Society
Brevard Community College
1519 Clearlake Road, SC-208
Cocoa, FL 32922

Dear Mr. Oldham:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for an Earth Day celebration and forum this week. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Diane Murphy
Woodrow Wilson High School
2725 Gibson Street
Youngstown, OH 44502

Dear Ms. Murphy:

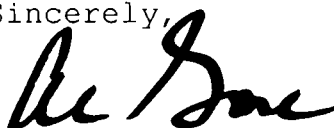
Thank you for the invitation to join you for an Earth Day tree planting ceremony at Woodrow Wilson High School. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Earth Day event is a huge success.

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Sincerely,



Al Gore



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Lisa Meyers
Energy Awareness Coordinator
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
PO Box 808
Livermore, CA 94551

Dear Ms. Meyers:

Thank you for sending me the information regarding Earth Expo '94 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory this week. I sincerely appreciate you thinking of me, and although I can not join you in person, I am certainly impressed with your efforts and ideas. I hope Earth Expo '94 is a huge success.

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Sincerely,



Al Gore



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Mrs. Debbie Sullivan
102 Everett Close
Somerville, NJ 08876

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Recently, your husband Kurt contacted my office regarding the April 23 Environmental Fair you are coordinating for St. Joseph's Church. I am very impressed with your efforts and your ideas, and although I will not be able to join you this week, I wanted to wish you every success with this endeavor.

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Al Gore



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1994

Ms. Ginger Riddle
Teacher Coordinator
Meadowfield Elementary School
525 Galway Lane
Columbia, SC

Dear Ms. Riddle:

Thank you for the invitation to join you for an Environmental Fair next week. Unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent me from accepting your invitation this year. I am honored that you thought of me on this important occasion, and I hope your Environmental Fair is a huge success.

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Al Gore

Vice Presidential Scheduling Request

Date: 2/26

Urgent/Time sensitive ☐

Blank ☐ Doniger ☐ Chupka ☐ Zoi ☒ Laughlin ☐

Johnson ☐ Stelle ☐ Other ☐

Regret ☐ Accept ☐ Not a priority ☐

Alternates: _____

Comments:

~~CZ - This is cool!
What do you think? Btl~~

Hmm... I doubt it.
S.Svc would go nuts.

- CZ 2/28

NO

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

1819 H Street NW Suite 640

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 872-9830

VP

February 23, 1994

Anthony Wilson
Director of Scheduling
Old Executive Office Building Room 285
Washington, DC 20500

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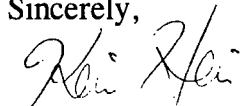
Dear Mr. Wilson,

Enclosed is a letter we sent last week inviting Vice-President Gore to speak at our annual Bike to Work on Earth Day Event at Freedom Plaza (14th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW).

This unique local event celebrates Earth Day in a positive fashion by encouraging individuals to bicycle to work. This event demonstrates that concern for the environment is alive and well and that people are willing to play an active role in finding solutions to environmental problems.

There will be 13 organized groups of bicyclists from around the area converging on Freedom Plaza at 8:00 AM on Earth Day (Friday, April 22). Vice-President Gore could join one of these groups as it nears Freedom Plaza. Seeing Vice-President Gore bicycling to work would be a powerful symbol for millions of Americans that they too can do something positive in their daily lives to help the environment.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hein

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

Earth Day Bike-In '94

***Sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, City Bikes,
Ben & Jerrys, Ecoprint, and Auto-Free DC***

Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

1819 H Street NW Suite 640

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 872-9830

February 17, 1994

Vice-President Al Gore
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice-President Gore,

On behalf of the Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee, I would like to invite you to participate in this year's Bike to Work on Earth Day Event.

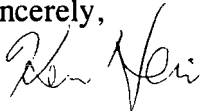
This annual event in celebration of Earth Day highlights bicycling as a practical and environmental-friendly form of transportation. The focus of the event is a pre-work rally down at Freedom Plaza (14th & Pennsylvania NW). This year, the rally will last from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and will feature a complimentary breakfast, a free drawing for prizes including a new mountain bike and a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Cake, and speeches of support from local and national leaders.

In previous years, this local event has been very successful in attracting thousands of bicyclists and also in demonstrating to the public that bicycling to work can be clean, healthy, economical, and fun. We would be honored to have you speak at this year's rally. It's a great opportunity to recognize the millions of people in this country who already commute to work by bicycle as well as encouraging others to try this efficient and non-polluting form of transportation.

So please join us on the morning of Friday, April 22. Contact us at the above number if you have any questions or to RSVP.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hein
Bike to Work on Earth Day Committee

Earth Day Bike-In '94

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4/94

TO: BETH VIOLA

FROM: PEGGY CUSACK

HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE ON FILE FOR EARTH DAY STUFF RIGHT NOW. THE PENDING INVITATIONS LIST IS A LIST OF STUFF WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING DOING (THE PCSD DINNER IS ALREADY DEFINITE) - WE USUALLY DECIDE TO PUT THINGS ON OUR PENDING LISTS BECAUSE THEY ARE RECOMMENDED BY SOMEONE WE'VE WORKED WITH IN THE PAST, BECAUSE IT'S AN EVENT AGJ'S DONE IN THE PAST, OR BECAUSE IT'S A NEW EVENT THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER DOING (FOR EXAMPLE, A SPEECH AT A LARGE SCHOOL). THE REGRETS LIST ARE EVENTS WE'VE ALREADY REGRETTED - BUT ARE STILL POSSIBLE CONSIDERATIONS.

I'M ALSO SENDING YOU A COPY OF OUR EARTH DAY REGRET LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION/SUGGESTIONS.

I'M ALSO SENDING YOU A COPY OF OUR CURRENT OPEN INVITATION LIST - INVITES TO AGJ THAT HAVE NO DATE OR DEADLINE. THERE MIGHT BE SOME IDEAS ON THIS LIST THAT ARE EARTH WEEK USUABLE.

I'LL GIVE YOU UPDATES OF THIS STUFF EVERY WEEK -- PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING WE CAN ADD AS PENDING - AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF THERE ARE PENDING INVITES WE CAN REGRET NOW.

Cathy -
could you pls
look through these
minutes and mark
any good possibilities?
Thanks
Bet

update: 2/8/94

1994 EARTH WEEK INVITATIONS

DATE	EVENT/SPONSOR	LOCATION	NOTES
10-16	Penn State Earth Week 94	University Park, PA	
11-15	University of Michigan Earth Week 94	Ann Arbor, MI	endr fr Riegle
17	PCSD Dinner at NavObserv	NavObservatory	
21 Or 24	Concerts for the Environment Washington, DC Concert at the Kennedy center	Wash, DC	event dependent on VP's participation
22	Jay Hair (NWF) request that AGJ host Earth Day Picnic or Environmental Dinner at the White House	Wash, DC	
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update: 2/9/94

1994 EARTH WEEK REGRETS

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APR	Earth Month at Baylor School	Chattanooga, TN	regr to Michael Aiken 2/4
APR	Earth Month activities sponsored by Pennsylvania Turnpike Environmental Action Team	Harrisburg, PA	regr to jacqueline verney 2/4
12	Earth Day at Sidwell Friends School	Wash, DC	regr to Brett Dakin and Jessica Green 2/4
18	Eco-Fair sponsored by Earth Company at the Univ of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	regr to Nikki Schlaishunt on 2/4
18	Earth Week events at Metter Middle School	Metter, GA	regr to gwenda roton on 2/4
18	Earth Week at Skyline Elementary School	Cape Coral, FL	reg to Mary Lewis 2/4
20	Earth Day at Longview Community College	Lee's Summit, MO	regr to aldo leker 2/4
22	Tupelo Rotary Club Environmental Awareness Program	Tupelo, Mississippi	regreted to Harry Baxter on 2/4
22	Earth Day at Central School	Huntsville, AL	regr to students 2/4
22	Earth Day at Good Intent Elementary School	Deptford, NJ	regr to Rena Alpert 2/4

22	Earth Day at Paso Robles High School	Paso Robles, CA	regr to marie mills 2/4
22	Auntie Litter Earth Day Parade and Picnic	Vestavia Hills, AL	regr to pat mitchell 2/4
22	2nd annual Florida Ecosystem Celebration	Melbourne, FL	regr to steven beauchamp 2/4
22	Earth Day at Bridgewater College	Bridgewater, VA	regr too dale ulrich 2/4
24	Earthfest 94 spons by the city of springfield	springfield, MO	regr to dorothy moon 2/9
24	1994 Sun Run	WASH, DC	regr to scott sklar 2/7

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303 Cooper Hall
University Park, PA 16802
August 21, 1993

Vice President Al Gore
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Card sent
11/14

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Honorable Vice President Gore,

I have been inspired by your book, and like you, I am currently on my own personal journey searching for what is upsetting our global equilibrium. My path has taken me to Penn State where I study Environmental Resource Management as well as Science, Technology, & Society. I have also become involved in student government, eco-action, and was a regular volunteer with the Victory '92 campaign last fall.

However I am writing on behalf of eco-action (our campus environmental organization) to cordially invite you to be our keynote speaker at Penn State Earthday '94. We are celebrating Earthweek April 10-16 and if you could visit sometime that week we would greatly appreciate it. In planning these Earthweek festivities, I am most interested in reaching out to a majority of our 40,000 students. Unfortunately, many attend Earthday to see the bands and don't significantly change their wasteful habits. I believe that if the Vice-President came to Penn State with a strong message and call for action, the students would respond.

As a university well-known for its engineering and agricultural colleges, our students will play influential roles in determining the future of our industrial practices and farming methods. They are therefore prime targets for your message and proposals.

Thank-you for considering our request, and I await your reply. I understand you must get many invitations similar to ours, and if you are unable to attend, I would greatly appreciate any alternative suggestions for speakers and/or workshops. Like everyone else, we are under time constraints, and with your early commitment we can begin planning our theme and exact schedule around your visit.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at home, or through the eco-action office with the addresses listed below.

Sincerely,

Janice Snyder

Janice Snyder
Coordinator, Earthday '94

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

MICHIGAN

October 28, 1993

Mr. Daniel Berkove
Ms. Debra Kopperman
ENACT-UM Speaker Committee
4100 Michigan Student Union
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Dear Mr. Berkove and Ms. Kopperman:

On behalf of Vice President Gore, thank you for the invitation to join you for EARTHWEEK activities at the University of Michigan next April.

At this time, I am uncertain of the Vice President's schedule for next year. Please be assured that your letter will remain on file for further consideration, and I will contact you again in a few months when I know if the Vice President will be able to travel to Michigan next spring.

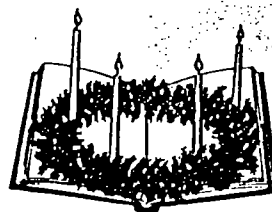
Thank you again for your invitation. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling

cc: The Honorable Lana Pollack

Greetings from Pierre!



As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the grace and faithfulness of our wonderful Lord. We have experienced numerous disappointments which God has used to demonstrate Himself to us.

In February we awoke to a sound of gushing water... and found our kitchen and living room flooded. The entire floor had to be replaced (but we ended up with a new floor). In June a tornado destroyed much of our home's roof and other structural damage (we did need new shingles). Then during Thanksgiving break, as we were snowed-in and unable to travel to Oklahoma and Kansas, Matthew suffered head injuries in a car accident (He has fully recovered). We now have a remodeled home, and have been graciously sustained by God. It is encouraging to look back over difficult times and recognize God's hand of protection.

Lindsey is now a third grader and keeps busy with piano, reading and watching programs such as Andy Griffith. Our church's AWANA program challenges her to Scripture Memory and learning the basics of God's Word.

Allyson enjoys basketball and golf, and spends considerable time with her piano lessons (she is hoping to play on the High School golf team this year). It is hard to believe she is in the 8th grade and nearing those high school years! Finding time for AWANA's demanding Scripture memory work isn't easy, but hopefully this spring she can finish. Allyson worked at the golf course this summer and is now part-time at a 50's restaurant, CLASSY'S.

Matthew is currently involved with the varsity basketball team, and traveling in South Dakota is something else (the closest game is about 100 miles). His golf team was able to win the state championship and in August he was a participant in the National Independant Insurer's Golf Classic in Little Rock. Band, Piano, studies, Assistant Editor for the High School yearbook, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes keep him quite busy.

Leonore undertook a large challenge when she accepted a full-time position with Philadelphia American Life Insurance Company. She does continue to serve many in our home (now that it is back together) and work in a number of areas at our church. Attending the various and many functions of our three children make evenings at home quite rare.

I (Harvey) am busy with the ministries of our church as well as home. The number of people attending our church has increased greatly during the past year and we continue to thank God for the leadership provided us and the many talented individuals sent to our body.

We do appreciate hearing from you and, especially, seeing you when possible! We trust you will have a wonderful Christmas and Christ-centered New Year.

In Christ's Love

Harvey, Leonore,
Matthew, Allyson & Lindsey
Friez.

Our love!
to you!

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Al,
Matt sure is looking forward
to his trip to D.C. in April
for close-up. Sure hope you'll
have time to see him sometime
during that week of April 10 on.
We enjoy watching & hearing about all you do!



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October 20, 1993

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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Gore:

I recently learned that the Environmental Action Committee at the University of Michigan (ENACT-UM) has invited you to come to Michigan and speak on campus, preferably during the week of April 11, 1991 at the annual Earthweek Conference.

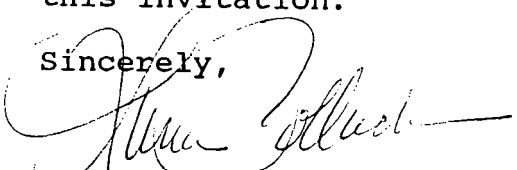
As one who has long respected and appreciated your work on behalf of environmental protection, I am excited about this possibility and hope that your very busy schedule will allow it to become a reality.

Your visit to our state would certainly ensure the success of next year's Earthweek Conference, if that turns out to be a time when you can come, but you will greatly enhance and encourage the student group at the University by a visit whenever your schedule permits.

Your presence in Ann Arbor would also help the morale of environmentalists throughout the state. At a time when the cause of environmental protection faces a somewhat less than friendly administration in the state's Executive Office, you could help energize and inspire us all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of any assistance in this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,


Lana Pollack
State Senator
18th District

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Card sent
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ENACT-UM
4100 Michigan Student Union
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October 11, 1993

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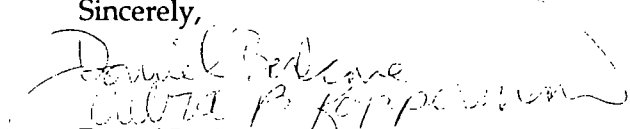
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Thank you for taking the time to consider our invitation. We also want to express our appreciation for your efforts at furthering vital issues facing the environment. If there are any questions that you may have, please feel free to call either of us at (313) 663-4433 or write us at the above address. We will look forward to receiving your response.

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Daniel Berkove

Debra Kopperman

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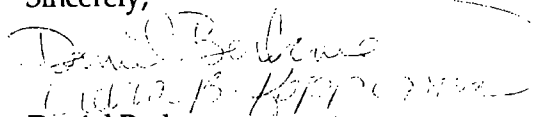
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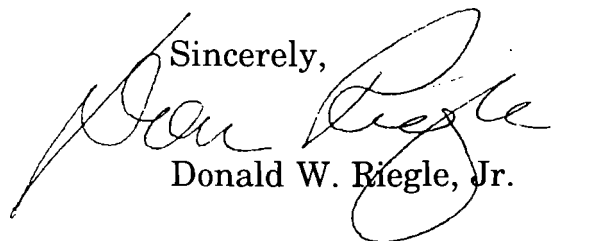
I am writing to you on behalf of ENACT-UM, the environmental action group at the University of Michigan, which has invited you to speak to students at U of M sometime in the spring of 1994.

Your scheduling office may contact Ms Debbie Kopperman, Chairman, ENACT-UM Speakers at the following address and number:

1317 Forest Court
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(313) 930-0951

I understand your schedule is extremely busy and appreciate your consideration of this request. Please feel free to have your staff contact Maureen Scullen of my staff at (202) 224-8847 if you any questions.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

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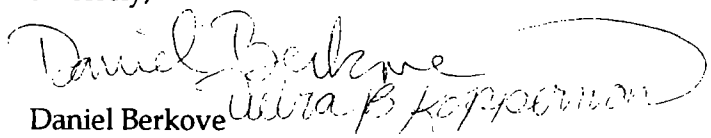
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Concerts For the Environment

February 4, 1994

To: Tony Wilson
Office of the Vice President
Scheduler

Fr: Denise Gaumer
Concerts For the Environment
Director of Outreach/Earth Day

RE: Earth Day Event in Washington, DC

Concerts For the Environment is presently planning the 1994 National Earth Day Concerts and Education Campaign. We are developing events in 4-6 cities right now and have commitments from a number of artists. As you might remember, last year Paul McCartney, Don Henley, Kenny Loggins, Steve Miller Band, kd lang, PM Dawn, Robert Cray, 10,000 Maniacs, and many other artists participated. CFE has the commitment of several national artists for its 1994 Earth Day Concerts who have agreed to perform in cities of our choice. This enables us to provide artists from across the country for an Earth Day Concert wherever we choose to develop an event. Concerts For the Environment is offering the Office of the Vice President an Earth Day Event at the Kennedy Center. Attached is a summary sheet of what CFE would create at the Kennedy Center. This event could be a national, potentially televised event that would allow the Vice-President a format for his environmental message. The event would be high quality environmental event as well as a diverse, musically exciting Earth Day Concert.

CFE presently has a commitment from Mary Chapin Carpenter and Kenny Loggins. Kathy Mattea is booked at that time but she has said she will change her plans to be there for the Vice President if at all possible. Other artists will be added to create a diverse powerful show from environmentally committed musicians.

Tony, I look forward to talking about this event with you. I am also faxing a copy of this request to Lorraine. Please call me at 612/338-5485 if you have any questions. I will call you as well. Hope you are doing well. I know you are busy. Take Care

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**Concerts For the Environment's
1994 National Earth Day
Concerts, Awareness, Education and Action Campaign
April 9 - 30, 1994
NY, DC, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco, LA
(cities presently under development)**

WHO

• Vice President Al Gore; Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kenny Loggins, Kathy Mattea(pending), other artists to be added

Concerts For the
Environment

WHAT

- Invitation to Participate in CFE's 5th Annual Earth Day Campaign
- Attend an event at the Kennedy Center and present closing comments

WHERE

- Kenndy Center, Washington, DC

WHEN

- During Earth Week, April 21 or April 24

WHY

- To create awareness, education and motivation for individuals to take environmental action in their daily lives and their communities
- To provide resources for national campaigns and local Earth Day organizations
- To continue the mission and spirit of Earth Day

HOW

By using the power of music events to create an integrated awareness, education and action campaign consisting of extensive media coverage, national and local radio campaigns, educational materials, 800#, localized action and resources to local Earth Day groups

'93**RESULTS**

- Concert events in LA, NY and DC
- 200,000,000 international media impressions generated
- 20 key radio stations participated, reaching over 10 million people
- 500,000 Action Kits distributed nationally
- \$1.3 million in ads encouraged local Earth Day action
- 40,000 people participated in physical clean-up activities in LA
- \$150,000 contributed to environmental organizations

PAST PARTICIPANTS

Paul McCartney, 10,000 Maniacs, Midnight Oil, Steve Miller Band, Bruce Hornsby, Jesus Jones, Jungle Brothers, The Kinks, k.d. lang, Queen Latifah, Kenny Loggins, Ziggy Marley, Maxi Priest, Youssou N'Dour, NRBQ, P.M. Dawn, Michelle Shocked, Robyn Hitchcock, Michael Stipe, John Trudell, Violent Femmes, B-52's, Joan Baez, BOP, Billy Bragg, Peter Buck, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Rosanne Cash, Bruce Cockburn, Robert Cray, Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy, Fabulous Thunderbirds, Fishbone, Willie Nelson, Don Henley, Indigo Girls and Jackson Browne

RESPONSE REQUESTED BY February 9, 1994

RESPOND TO Denise Gaumer
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FAX #:

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FROM:

Devin Ganner

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Office of the President

January 27, 1994

To Kate
2/4

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
The Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Al:

As you well know, the 24th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22, 1994. I am writing to encourage you and President Clinton to think about an appropriate White House commemoration of this event. And, I have two recommendations I would like to pass along for your consideration.

The spring month of April is one of the most beautiful in Washington, D.C., and, in my opinion, one of the most attractive outdoor areas in the city is the lawn surrounding the White House. I suggest you and the President host an Earth Day Picnic on the White House grounds, with invited environmental leaders from the public and private sectors, speakers and entertainers appropriate to the occasion. In addition to being a great deal of fun, a picnic out-of-doors on Earth Day would bring into focus the Clinton-Gore Administration's commitment to protecting the Earth's environment and promoting a sustainable future.

Should a daytime picnic not be possible, perhaps an Environmental Dinner at the White House, with a similar guest list and after-dinner entertainment would be possible.

If these ideas have merit and you and your staff would like some assistance from the National Wildlife Federation, please have your staff call my office (202-797-6842).

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

JAY D. HAIR

1993-1994
UPDATE: 2/7/94

OPEN INVITATIONS

ARIZONA

**Invitation to visit the National Optical Astronomy Observatories on Kitt Peak near Tucson

**Invitation to visit with members of business community spons by AZ CoC

ARKANSAS

**Invitation to visit Arkansas Eastman plant - possible rego event

**Invitation to participate in an event sponsored by the Arkansas Delta Council (ag organiz) - suggest rego event

CALIFORNIA

**Invitation to visit SynOptics Communications in Silicon Valley for NII event

**Invitation to meet with Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Santa Clara County (big NAFTA supporters)

**Invitation to visit Mycogen plant (biotech comp.) in San Diego - GCS rec.

**Rec. from Congressman Berman to visit Pasadena Art Center College of Design, CALSTART, and the Beckman Institute at Cal Tech

**Invitation to address Town Hall of California in Los Angeles

**Invitation to tour Genentech biotechnology research facility in San Francisco

**Invitation to address the Los Angeles World Affairs Council

**Invitation to address the members of the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco or Silicon Valley - AGJ addressed group as Senator

**Suggestion from Hill and Knowlton that VP visit ElectriCar plant in Los Angeles

**Participate in San Francisco City Arts and Lectures series this fall, preferably to discuss Earth in the Balance (BC did an event during campaign)

**Invitation to visit 3D Systems in Valencia - a "rapid-Prototyping and Manufacturing" technology industry

**Invitation to address student body at Pepperdine from Pepperdine Young Dems

**Invitation to visit CalTech to speak on science and tech issues, visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and learn more about a CalTech program in local elem schools, from James Gilliland

**Enviro reporting workshop spons by the Society of Enviro Journalists in Northern CA (filed with a joint request in NY)

**Visit Recyclable Containers Company in Mountain View - for small business/regio event

**Invite to disc REGO at the Instit for Governmental Studies at the Univ of CA, Berkeley -- rec. by Elaine K.

**suggestion to visit Tulare County - REGO hit- From Elaine

**Invitation to visit Los Gatos Union Sch District (San Jose area) with suggestion of tech event (computers in school)

COLORADO

**Invitation to tour the Uniq Mobility (low emission hybrid vehicles) plant near Denver

CONNECTICUT

**Invitation to speak on environmental issues at Eastern Connecticut State University

**Address the student body at the University of Bridgeport

DELAWARE

**Invitation to visit Bethany Beach (from Town Council)

FLORIDA

**Invitation to visit the Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami (invite from wife of DSCC finance chair)

**Invitation to address the student body at the University of Florida in Gainesville

**Request to arrange meeting/event for approx 30 participants in the Executive Education Program for Central European Leaders (business exchange program for former Soviet bloc countries) in Jacksonville

GEORGIA

**Invitation to visit Reliance Electric plant in Athens-enviro/clean energy event

HAWAII

**Address Pacific and Asian Affairs Council in Honolulu

ILLINOIS

**Invitation to tour the Enviropur Waste Refining and Technology facility in McCook, IL

**Offer by a Naval ROTC Unit to host a national town meeting at Northwestern University

**Visit the Fermi National Accelerator Lab in Batavia for a tour and to speak with scientists and researchers

**Meeting with business and civic leaders in the Mid-West sponsored by the Mid-America Committee/take part in Mid-America Committee event in his honor

INDIANA

**Invitation from Congressman Hamilton to visit his district

IOWA

**Invitation to tour Blueberry Plastics Plant (recycling plant) in Des Moines, end from Senator Grassley

KENTUCKY

**Invitation to participate in live video teleconference demonstration of ImageWall 1544 system in Louisville

**Invitation to visit the Murray State University campus in western KY

MARYLAND

**Invitation from the School of Hygiene and Public Health to present a colloquium on environmental health at Johns Hopkins University

**Invitation to address the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs

**Invitation to visit Ellicott plant in Baltimore to see the Clinton and Salinas dredges (Ellicott was big NAFTA supporter - Pena wants us to visit the plant)

**Invitation from SecHHS Shalala to visit NIH in Bethesda for rego event - gcs wants agj to do

**Invitation to visit the Univ of Maryland Baltimore County campus

MASSACHUSETTS

**Rec. from National Service Office to visit several Summer of Service sites: Tufts Univ., City Year Youth Corps (Boston), YOUTHBUILD USA

**Invitation to visit the new recycling plant at Molten Metal Technology in Waltham (actual grand opening of plant is in Sept.)

**Invitation to visit Wellesley College to address student body

**Address members of Massachusetts Safety Officers League in Boston (Mass. Police group)

**Visit a BioMed facility in Chelsea (Boston) to view medical waste recycling process

**Address the members of the New England Council regarding NPR

**Discuss NPR issues with Kennedy school students

**Invitation to address the members of the New England Telecommunications Association

MICHIGAN

**Invitation to address the members of the Economic Club of Macomb County

**Invite to visit the Lansing Housing Commission's Computer Learning Centers (winner of Ford Foundation Innovations in State and Local Gov't Awards Program) - for reinventing public housing event - crime, drugs, violence, etc.

MINNESOTA

**Invitation to deliver the Carlson Lecture at the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus

**Visit the Mayo Clinic in Rochester

MISSOURI

**Invitation to address the student body at Washington University in St. Louis

NEW JERSEY

**Invitation from Florio to participate in a discussion on health care reform sponsored by the Bacharach Hospital Foundation

**Invitation to visit the Homasote Company (construction company that uses 100 percent recycled newsprint to make their building materials and lumber) in West Trenton

NEW MEXICO

**Visit the Santa Fe Institute (educational institute that studies science, economics, enviro, etc.) - AGJ expressed interest

NEW YORK

**Request from Congressman Hochbrueckner that VP visit Long Island to tour Brookhaven National Laboratory/inv from BNL to participate in distinguished lecture series

**Invitation from former chair of NYS Democratic Committee to visit the Brooklyn Navy Yard for defense conversion event

**Invitation from State Senator Galiber to visit a new hazardous medical waste facility in the South Bronx

**Invitation from Lew Meltzer to host another visit to Long Island (hosted previous visit/friend of the Downeys)

**Environmental Reporters Breakfast sponsored by the Scientists Institute for Public Information

**Address the student body at the University of Buffalo

**Request from Tom Downey to visit Long Island

OHIO

**Invitation to visit Kent State campus to tour the Computer-Aided Design Center in the School of Architecture and Enviro Design, and Ohio's only NSF Sci and Tech Research Ctr, reception with Dennis Eckart Endowed Leadership Development Fund and participate in a meeting of the Akron Roundtable

OREGON

**Invitation to visit Tree Farm belonging to the National Tree Farmer of the Year

**Offer to host a "fireside chat" with business and industry leaders in Portland made by PR firm

PENNSYLVANIA

**Invitation to participate in Kid's Corner live call-in radio program for kids in Philadelphia

**Invitation to give a technology presentation at the Franklin Institute Science Museum by the Technology Council of Greater Philadelphia

**Invitation to tour a small environmental technology plant in Western, PA

**Invitation to visit the University of Pennsylvania campus to address the student body

**Invitation to participate in REGO press conference with Lt. Gov. Singel

TENNESSEE

**Request for appearance with Melissa Poe and Kids for a Clean Environment

**Invitation to address small business owners in TN, sponsored by the Christie Cookie Company

**Offer from the The Chamber of Commerce in Jackson to host a town meeting

**Invitation to speak to the members of the Oak Ridge Waste Management Association

**Request from Congresswoman Lloyd that VP visit the Oak Ridge sites to view the progress that has been made in the 10 years since the joint Gore/Lloyd (??) hearing

**Invitation to tour Bowater Recycling Plant in Calhoun

**Invitation to tour Tennessee Apparel Corp plant in Tullahoma (defense conversion???)

TEXAS

**Invitation to address the members of the Forum Club of Houston

**Invitation to address the student body at the University of Houston

**Invitation to visit HUMCO laboratory to observe REGO at work

UTAH

**Request from Senator Reid to visit his son Josh at Brigham Young University (President of College Dems) before the end of the 1994 school year and do an event for Congresswoman Karen Shepherd

VIRGINIA

**Invitation to visit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Falls Church

**Invitation to visit Christian Children's Fund in Richmond

WASHINGTON

**Invitation from Bill Gates to visit Microsoft campus

**Invite to visit the Seattle Cities-In-Schools program

WISCONSIN

**Invitation to visit the Wisconsin Health Information Network for telecommunications event, invite from Ameritech via Roy

**Invitation to speak at the University of Wisconsin River Falls as a guest of the Society of Professional Journalists - in person or via satellite teleconference

**Invitation to speak about Earth in the Balance in a forum organized by the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and other Milwaukee enviro groups

**Request from Menominee Indian Tribe to arrange for an Indian Enviro Summit or allow reps of regional tribes to meet with AGJ to discuss tribal enviro agenda -- Keshena area

WASHINGTON, DC

**Request from DC Council and Metro that VP ride Metro Rail or Bus

**Invitation to meet with the Health Reporters Breakfast at the National Press Club

**Invitation to participate in 1993-1994 World Affairs Forum at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington

**Invitation to participate in a USA TODAY International Newsmaker Breakfast

**Invitation to call in to crew during any space shuttle mission

**Invitation to address the members of the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs at a luncheon

**Invitation to speak at the new Johns Hopkins Washington Center

OUTSIDE OF THE US

**Standing invitation to address the Parliamentary Environment Group in Britain

**Offer of assistance from Democrats Abroad-Mexico in regard to any future VPOTUS trips to Mexico

**Invitation to take raft trip down the Tatshenshini River in British Columbia from BC Premier Harcourt

MISCELLANEOUS

**Visit YouthBuild USA project sites in various cities around the country (national service type program): Los Angeles, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Philly, Boston, Gary, Tallahassee, Pittsburgh, DeKalb

CZ-
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 I do about this?
 I happened to answer
 the phone one morning
 I told him to contact
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 else? There is nothing
 we can do, correct?
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TO: Beth VelaCOMPANY: 202-456-2710

DEPARTMENT: _____

FROM: Dr. Shiner

COMPANY: _____

DEPARTMENT: Please take report (letter &

2 pages of additional report) to
Ms. Gne.

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☒ PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING BY CALLING 377-3828
 (813)

THANKS!!!

Vice President Al Gore
White House
First Floor, West Wing
Washington DC, 20500

02-11-94

re: S.O.S. Initiative
Siesta Key, Florida

Dear Mr. Gore,

I am writing you because I feel this Administration will set a historical precedent in terms of its responsiveness to environmental affairs. I am aware that you have written some important pieces on ecology and that you are a seasoned public servant in this area.

Dr. Robert Dolan (University of Virginia) and Dr. David Aubrey (Woods Hole Massachusetts) have recently examined and reported on an offshore ebb shoal along Big Sarasota Pass, Siesta Key Florida that represents **one of the last remaining unmodified shoal and inlet systems in the west coast of Florida.**

This Siesta Key Shoal may be the last chance we have to study sand transport, shoreline erosion and wave refraction within a natural, relatively undisturbed ecosystem, on the west coast of Florida--where, over a billion dollars of shoreline property lies in potential danger. We feel this shoal would be an ideal location for a permanent natural field station to study coastline erosion and sand transport processes. It may be our last chance to learn how this successful shoal and inlet system has managed to preserve one of the world's most beautiful beaches. Where countless other manmade attempts have failed to check the relentless multibillion dollar erosion of over 83% of the east coast beaches in the continental United States,

this natural, relatively undisturbed system now successfully protects one of the few "accreting"

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beaches on the west coast of Florida. Please help us preserve it. Please give some of our nation's foremost geological scientists a chance to study this critically important ecosystem.

THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLAN ON DREDGING THIS SHOAL, WHICH WILL REALISTICALLY PREVENT ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCIENTISTS TO LEARN WHY ITS ECOSYSTEM IS SO SUCCESSFUL. IN ORDER TO SAVE APPROXIMATELY TWO-THREE MILLION DOLLARS (THE PRICE OF FINDING SAND ELSEWHERE) WE MAY DESTROY A POTENTIAL MULTIBILLION DOLLAR SOLUTION TO SUCCESSFUL SAND MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY. WE MUSTN'T ROB OUR OUR SCIENTISTS OF THIS LAST CHANCE!

We have formed a grass roots organization called Save Our Sand (S.O.S.). We represent a constituency of over 9,000 signatures. We have spent considerable dollars of our own money to garner the opinions of some of the finest, most qualified coastal geologists in the country. We hope you will take the time to discuss our issue further.

As a physician and scientist, and as the chairman of our organization's environmental committee I would like to add, that we respect the fine work and effort of the Army Corps of Engineers, now and in the past. This issue, however, goes beyond any traditional differences between "the Corps and the public." This may represent "our last chance," to pull together: geologists, engineers, communities and politicians to study an ecosystem that *is working*. A natural field lab structured around one of the nation's most prized beaches, backed by world renown coastal geologists and

engineers (this time working together) *on a winner, would be a ecological challenge that promises a considerable political annuity.*

Mr. Gore, we need you on our team. We have made sure our scientific arguments are sound, that there is a constituency, that our

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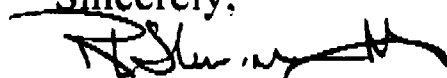
issue is for the public good (over 2,000,000 million people visit Siesta Key Beach each year) and that we want our cause to "pull together, instead of divide." We look forward to your guidance and leadership. Help us save this incredible scientific gem before it is lost forever.

Please find enclosed a copy of a recent correspondence sent to me from Dr. Dolan regarding the merits of a permanent field station to be located alongside of the "Big Sarasota Pass/Siesta Key." In addition, I have included the recent synopsis of a *Review of Scientific and Engineering Issues Related to the Removal of Sand from Big Sarasota Pass Ebb Shoal*. Please note that Dr. Dolan reveals that, to date, we have yet to study this shoal with "state-of-the art" analytic tools. In fact, much of the models and data used by the Corps are subject to question and are inadequate to justify risking irreversible harm to the shoal.

Thank you for evaluating our situation. We are looking forward to publishing some lead articles on our unique ecological emergency and opportunity in some major syndicated papers. Our scientific consultants have assured us that the issue of shoreline and beach renourishment will form one of the most costly "battle zones" in ecology. We feel that the solution lies in studying nature's "winners," preserving nature where she is **already working**, and not destroying something before you have a chance to learn from it. We want to use this knowledge to help our coastal neighbors. We hope you will join us now, and that your Administration will be remembered as "the one who acted, protected and ultimately--found the solution."

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our problem and to alert you to the gravity of our situation. We will be sending further correspondence very soon.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Shriner, M.D.
Environmental Chairman,
Save Our Sand

SIESTA KEY AND BIG SARASOTA PASS -- A UNIQUE NATURAL SYSTEM

Robert Dolan
University of Virginia

The aerial photo that is attached provides an excellent view of the natural system of Siesta Key, Big Sarasota Pass, and Big Sarasota Pass Shoal. The beginning for this unique and beautiful area of the west coast of Florida started forming about 3,000 years ago when the post-ice ages rise in sea level slowed to approximately what it is today. Over the centuries, sand has accumulated in this area in response to the interaction of the gulf processes, and the processes associated with the tidal pass. There is a fine balance between the pass, the shoal, Siesta Key, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Big Sarasota Pass has been open for at least 125 years, perhaps even longer. It is one of the few passes along the west coast of Florida that has not been highly modified. For this reason, it stands out as one of the last relatively undisturbed natural inshore/pass systems in this area. Virtually every pass and shoal from Cape Romano to Tarpon Springs has been altered and modified to improve navigation or as a sand source for beach nourishment.

The Big Sarasota Pass/Siesta Key system offers an excellent opportunity to investigate natural processes on an unaltered area of the Gulf Coast of Florida. The shoal is serving as a perfect natural breakwater for large storm waves, and it is the source of the almost unlimited supply of sand for the beaches of Siesta Key. The "health" of these coupled processes is essential for the long-term equilibrium of the system. Understanding how the natural linkages work in unison would provide fundamental knowledge of the basic coastal processes along the west coast of Florida.

The shoal at Big Sarasota Pass is also an area of concentrated ecological activity. The shallow waters provide perfect conditions for a

rich invertebrate community on which fish and shorebirds depend. The pass delivers abundant organic detritus to the shallow-waters of the shoal where the invertebrates thrive. These organisms then become the base of the food chain for the vertebrates, including fish and shorebirds. Pelicans are but one example of the many shorebirds that depend on the shoals for feeding.

Any disruption of the physical processes that dominate the shoal, the pass, and the key naturally disturb the balance of the ecosystem that has developed in this area. Given the high value that the people of south Florida have placed on trying to live with rather than confronting nature, learning more about the interaction of physical and biological processes in this relatively pristine coastal area would be invaluable to the people making important and critical environmental decisions along the entire west coast of Florida. This area could very well serve as the "benchmark site," or a natural field laboratory, for learning the essential lessons for survival of natural systems along the coast.

We now know that the natural beauty that attracts us to the coast is a direct product of the processes that we need to better understand. Big Sarasota Pass and Siesta Key offers an opportunity to establish a permanent coastal research station in an area that is still relatively undisturbed. However, like most of the other passes and shoals along this section of the Florida coast, it will take a sustained effort to protect this natural resource from becoming just another typical south Florida engineered beach. The beaches of Siesta Key were recently rated among the most attractive in the world, and for good reason. The beaches are a product of the inshore processes and the sand supply. These, in turn, depend on the pass and the shoal. Siesta Key and Big Sarasota Pass is a unique natural system. As such, it offers an excellent location for a natural laboratory to investigate critical physical and ecological processes on the sea's edge.



Office of the President
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Marietta, Georgia 30061

Decline

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Ask CR*

Both

February 2, 1994

The Honorable Kathleen McGinty
Director, White House Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Kennesaw State College is honored to extend to you an invitation to speak at the general symposium of the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science which will be held on our campus on Friday evening, April 29, 1994, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

The Georgia Academy of Science, affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has a membership of more than 350 professors, teachers and practitioners from all aspects of the scientific enterprise including the several disciplines, the applied sciences, and science education.

We anticipate that over 150 members and other conference attendees will attend the General Symposium focusing on the topic of Ecology and Environmental Education. We would be pleased if you would present a few remarks on national environmental goals, where we are going as a country with these environmental issues, and the current status of these issues at present. Following your remarks, we plan to allow time for interaction between you and members of the audience. This interaction period will be limited according to your schedule.

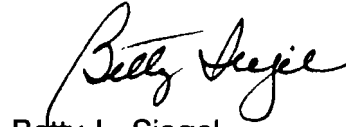
The impact of the symposium will extend to the entire State of Georgia, for the Academy draws its membership from virtually every college and university in the state, all of whom have been invited to attend. In addition, since the Symposium is open to the public, we expect to attract a number of persons interested in environmental issues for general and specific educational purposes.

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
February 2, 1994
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I sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this opportunity to educate the public and the professorate on these pivotal environmental topics. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have questions or desire further information, please contact me or our conference coordinator, Dr. David Martin, who can be reached at (404) 423-6445.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betty Siegel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Betty L. Siegel
President

BLS:jtd

The National Learning Center

Capital Children's Museum
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*Linda - This is in your
Dailywide. What do
you think? (We*

*can discuss -- I can
offer some history).*

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Ann W. Lewin
President

To: Beth Prichard-Alpert

Fr: Ann Lewin

Re: Car program

Vice President Gore has asked The National Learning Center to become involved again in this program. You will recall that students from both our schools made drawings for the meeting at the White House on September 29 with the President, the Vice President and the CEO's of the three major auto producers.

The Vice President said that there would be a second initiative lead by the White House and asked what we could offer.

We have conceived a program that involves a project by the 3 - 6 year olds in our pre-school on cars vis-a-vis the environment and covers noise and visual pollution; a science project in our junior high school using on-line computer technology and tool software, and a Museum exhibit of the students' work.

I suggest that, as part of your program, time be planned for a visit to The National Learning Center. Depending on your schedule, there are these options:

1. See the exhibit 30 - 45 minutes
2. See the exhibit and have break- 60 - 75 minutes
fast or lunch
2. See the exhibit and the schools * 45 - 90+ mins.
in which the students' design
problems were tackled
3. See the exhibit and schools and 120 minutes
have breakfast or lunch at
the Museum

*Ann Lewin 2/14
what do you think about this?
Beth*

The more we know about what participation you would like,
the better preparation we can do.

I would appreciate knowing what you have in mind.

Thank you.

* Given the outcry to transform the U. S. schools, the
group might be interested in seeing two models for change
in which The National Learning Center runs two schools
under contract to the D. C. Public Schools.

cc: Katie McGinty

AWL/hp
(Dictated but not read.)

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The World Conservation Union

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February 11, 1994

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
White House
Room 360, OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20501

*CZ - who should
should I forward
this to? Bx*

Dear Katie,

I am interested in applying for the job of Director of the Environment Center at AID's new Global Division. As head of the IUCN-US office for the past five years, I have developed the needed managerial skills for the job, and have a good knowledge of the programs of USAID, and its interactions with other federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and the multilateral organizations active in development abroad.

If appointed, I look forward to forming part of the team headed by Sally Shelton-Colby, and working with the Administration in reformulating AID's mission and program.

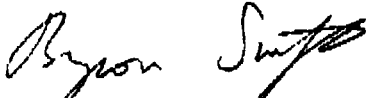
My motivation is based on the urgent need for a proactive U.S. bilateral aid program, for which there is no substitute in the non-governmental or multilateral realm. AID needs to accomplish a lot, with my initial priorities being:

- Concentrate on core missions. I believe AID should place an emphasis on institution-building in its programs, and on the catalytic actions needed to create reliance on energy efficiency and demand solutions, and for the conservation of key biological resources.
- Placing greater emphasis on partnerships. Many of AID's best programs are carried out through partnerships, with other government agencies and the private and non-profit sectors, and these should be strengthened and broadened. AID needs a greater willingness to enter into true partnerships.
- Change rules and bureaucracy. A great deal of effectiveness is lost through politically-prescribed or Agency-driven rules and procedures. AID needs to be more in touch with what recipients are saying about needed reforms, and we will all need to shoulder the hard work in creating a change.

Among my qualifications, I would include working with the government as a natural resource lawyer with the Department of the Interior, ten years work directing a foundation program in environmental conservation in Latin America, and 13 years work with World Wildlife Fund and IUCN (resume attached).

I hope you will support my application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Byron Swift".

Byron Swift, Executive Director

BYRON SWIFT

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EDUCATION:

Columbia Law School, New York J.D. 1978
Editor, Columbia Law Review; Stone Scholar.

Stanford University, California B.A. 1975
Phi Beta Kappa; graduated with honors in Economics.

St. Marks School, Massachusetts 1971
Graduated first in my class.

EXPERIENCE:

Executive Director, IUCN-US 1989 - Present
Director of Programs 1987 - 1989
IUCN - THE WORLD CONSERVATION UNION, Washington, D.C.

I direct the U.S. office of IUCN, the global alliance of governmental and non-governmental organizations dedicated to the conservation and wise use of natural resources and the environment. As Director, I am responsible for planning and meeting the budget of the organization, increasing funding for IUCN from U.S. sources, and developing IUCN's programs in conjunction with its 700 members and partners.

* Management Under my direction, the office has grown from two to twelve staff, and represents IUCN before the U.S. Congress, multilateral development banks and United Nations agencies.

* Sustainable Finance I have led non-governmental community efforts to reform the Global Environmental Facility, a billion-dollar multilateral fund for the environment, and have developed a global initiative to support national environmental funds.

* Donors and Partners I worked to persuade the U.S. government to join IUCN, and in lobbying Congress, successfully achieved and increased a U.S. voluntary contribution to IUCN's program. I have negotiated and executed technical assistance grants and joint publications with the Inter-American Development Bank, UNDP and the World Bank, as well as raising money from foundations.

Director, Tropical Conservation Program
WILD WINGS FOUNDATION, New York

1983 to 1993

I founded and administered the Tropical Conservation Program of a private operating foundation, with an annual budget of \$200,000. The program's emphasis was on building the institutional capacity within Latin American countries to manage and conserve natural resources. I supervise all of our projects, which were undertaken in collaboration with local institutions, and operate in Belize, Chile, Mexico, Venezuela and other countries.

* Belize I initiated our program in Belize by drawing up the legislation to create the country's first major wildlife sanctuary, and worked with the Belize Audubon Society to help build the Society from a volunteer organization to its current status as a major environmental group in Belize, with a strong Board, Executive Director and staff.

* Chile Working with both government and non-government institutions, I initiated and supported the first national conference to identify and select biodiversity priorities. This led to the identification of 72 priority sites, as well as the generation of a follow-on meeting to establish a funding mechanism to achieve their conservation.

* Venezuela While living in Venezuela, I established programs on environmental education, institution-building, and the conservation of private lands. I worked with ranchers to develop ecotourism and sustainable wildlife harvest on their lands, and to identify durable legal methods to promote conservation while retaining economic use of their property.

Special Assistant to the Director-General
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND - INTERNATIONAL, Switzerland

1986 to 1987

I coordinated and reviewed all of the Director-General's meetings and communications with WWF Directors, and with WWF National Organizations around the world. I carried out special projects, and performed all legal functions for WWF-International, including the supervision of WWF's intellectual property rights.

* Trademark protection I was in charge of a program to protect three trademarks in up to 16 trademark classes in 80 countries. I monitored a global network of trademark advisors, and determined any litigation strategy. I was able to reduce costs by 33% while maintaining good protection, and successfully resolved problems before major litigation was necessary.

* National Organizations I maintained the legal agreements between WWF-International and the 23 National Organizations around the world. I also helped develop the procedures for recognizing other forms of affiliated organizations to bolster WWF's presence in developing countries, where organizations could not meet the fund raising requirements of National Organizations.

Assistant General Counsel
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND - US, Washington, D.C.

1981 to 1985

I managed selected WWF conservation projects in South and Central America and helped develop new programs for the sustainable development of natural resources. I undertook missions for U.S. AID to strengthen private conservation groups in Latin America. Legal work included the drafting of contracts, model laws, and a book on wildlife trade law. Prior to becoming Assistant General Counsel, I conceived and administered WWF's involvement in payroll giving, earning over \$1 million a year, and supervised direct mail acquisition fund-raising, a program that recruited most of WWF's new members.

Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, D.C.

1978 to 1981

As an attorney in the Division of Parks and Wildlife, I provided legal counsel on wildlife and natural resource issues to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I was promoted twice and developed expertise in the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and land use laws and policy applicable to Federal lands. I advised the Service on major cases involving the application of NEPA on federal lands and to Service activities, and in drafting regulations under the ESA and other laws applicable to the Service's activities.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:

Chapter President and Board Member, Maryland Ornithological Society - Montgomery County Chapter	1991-present
Board Member, Washington Review of the Arts	1990-present
Board Member, Friends of the Monteverde Cloud Forest	1987-present
Regional Coordinator, MD/DC Breeding Bird Atlas	1983-1988
Board Member, Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States	1983-1985

LANGUAGES: English, Spanish and French

PERSONAL: I am married, with two children.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

4/94

SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE

4/18/94

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TO: Director Of Scheduling, Office of the Vice President

FROM: Katie McGinty / Mary O'Lone

REQUEST: Drop-by

PURPOSE: For the Vice President to express his support and any thoughts on implementation of this important shift in federal environmental policy. The Task Force was formed at the Vice President's direction to implement the most far-reaching environmental commitment from the National Performance Review - establishing ecosystem management across the federal government

DATE & TIME: 2⁰⁰ p.m. Tuesday April 26th

DURATION: 5 to 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting (e.g. 2¹⁵ - 2²⁵)

LOCATION: 472 OEDB

STAFF CONTACT: (345-3706) Mary O'Lone / Beth Viola (456-6533)

PARTICIPANTS: Interagency Ecosystem Management Task Force - it is chaired by Katie McGinty and members include Assistant Secretaries from 11 departments & agencies.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS: _____

PRESS PARTICIPATION: None

ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION: This initiative requires the involvement of and change across a multitude of federal agencies. Because of its cross agency nature, it is critical that a strong signal of White House support and leadership be given. A brief overview of the initiative is attached as further background.

ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

One of the most far-reaching environmental recommendations of Vice President Gore's National Performance Review was to develop "a proactive approach to ensuring a sustainable economy and a sustainable environment through ecosystem management." The link between a healthy economy and a healthy environment has highlighted the need to actively maintain our natural infrastructure before problems arise, as we do with our highways and bridges. The report recommended the President issue a directive on ecosystem management and begin phased-in implementation with ecosystem management projects.

The goal of ecosystem management is to restore and maintain the health, sustainability, and biological diversity of ecosystems while supporting sustainable economies and communities.¹ Many factors, such as interagency conflicts, incompatible data bases, a lack of research on ecosystem functioning, inconsistent planning and budgeting cycles, and differing agency organizational structures, have hampered development of a coordinated approach to actively maintaining or restoring the health of ecosystems that are the cornerstones of sustainable economies.

The Interagency Ecosystem Management Task Force.

The Interagency Ecosystem Management Task Force was established to implement an ecosystem approach to environmental management. The Task Force, chaired by Katie McGinty, the Director of the White House Office on Environmental Policy, is made up of Assistant Secretaries from 12 departments and agencies, as well as representatives from the Office of Management and Budget and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The Task Force is in a unique position to advance a consistent approach to environmental management by establishing overarching goals for all agencies, removing barriers that frustrate more effective, efficient interagency cooperation, and learning from large scale ecosystem-based management efforts. The Task Force has formed an interagency work group to assist in its work. One of the work group's most important tasks will be to examine major issue areas that influence the effectiveness of ecosystem management such as, the budget process, legal authorities, and information management and make recommendations for improvements.

Because ecosystems do not follow administrative boundaries, such as the borders of National Parks or Forests, working to maintain or restore ecosystem sustainability involves a perspective that crosses those artificial boundaries. This entails a shift from the Federal government's traditional focus on individual agency jurisdiction to considering the actions of multiple agencies within larger ecological boundaries. Just as interagency collaboration is

¹ An ecosystem is an interconnected community of living things, including humans, and the physical environment with which they interact.

- As the initiative proceeds, what can we learn from the experiences of these ecosystem management efforts, and
- What can the Task Force do to support efforts in the field and facilitate more effective ecosystem management in the future?

New Initiatives Laboratories

In the laboratories, the Task Force will ask Ecosystem Management Teams, comprised of local representatives from the relevant Federal agencies, to work with State, tribal, and local governments and the public through a collaborative process to:

- Characterize the historical ecosystem (i.e., its composition, structure, function, and natural range of variability, and human settlement patterns) and the present economic, environmental, and social trends for the ecosystem.
- Develop a vision of the ecosystem's desired future condition, as well as alternative means to achieve the vision. The vision should be consistent with the overarching goal of the initiative to maintain the health, sustainability, and biological diversity of the ecosystem while supporting communities and their economies and alternative means of achieving this vision.
- Analyze how current Federal and non-Federal activities in the ecosystem will address the problems and how they will capitalize on opportunities in furthering the goals and objectives of ecosystem management, including factors that may limit inhibit full participation of non-Federal parties.

In addition, the teams will be asked to develop and implement an ecosystem management implementation strategy for Federal lands and Federally-managed programs and to develop and submit to the Task Force an integrated, interagency budget submission for the ecosystem for fiscal year 1996.

*KiDS SAVE THE PLANET!*

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February 28, 1994

Hon. Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
OEOB / 17th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Hi. I hope you remember me. When I was 8, you helped me and 20,000 kids in KiDS S.T.O.P. with my project to save the ozone by putting new laws to stop the manufacture of CFCs into the Clean Air Act. Because of you I won the President's Environmental Youth Award and you wrote to me and invited me to visit you at your offices anytime I could come to Washington to see you.

I thought that was very nice but until now I did not want to take up time that you need to help run the country just to have a visit. Also, my sister, Melanie*, KiDS S.T.O.P. co-founder and I did get a chance to talk to you at the Kids World Council in Orlando, and we both spoke at the press conference and 'testified' at the CO2 hearings you had just before you became Vice President. However, now that I am nearly 12, something important has happened, and we really need to talk.

The Environmental Protection Agency has written a letter to Dupont requesting that they continue to manufacture CFCs through 1995 even though Dupont had said it was quitting at the end of this year. Kids all over the planet, when they learn more about this, will be very disappointed that an agency whose directors are very close to you has made a very bad decision like this.

I had hoped not to have to ask you to take the time out for a special meeting on this because I had wanted to bring it up when the Earth Force delegation visited you a couple of weeks ago. However, Earth Force asked me not to talk about this big new ozone problem to reporters after the press conference, and my organization was the only one of the Earth Force Alliance founders and members which was not allowed to have a delegate come see you.

It would still be okay if you just ask EPA to withdraw its letter; however, if you can not, we need to talk about it. And thank you for your *many* efforts on behalf of my generation.

Sincerely,

W Russell Essary
Founder

* P.S. When you wrote to me in 1990, you wished Melanie luck with her KiDS S.T.O.P. project to 'Save the Elephants' by getting Korea to sign the C.I.T.E.S. Treaty. We would like to report to you that the project was very successful, and Korea did agree to sign the treaty soon afterwards!

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March 17, 1994

Mr. Tony Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your office asked me to send you this letter about why I want to meet with Vice President Al Gore. Ms. Beth Alpert in his office had sent me a letter saying she had referred the attached letter to you and to Katie McGinty, who had really helped KiDS S.T.O.P. a lot in 1990 to get the original CFC law into the Clean Air Act. I also spoke to someone in her office today.

We do not intend for this to be a 'ceremonial' meeting. We want it to be a working meeting. A delegation from KiDS S.T.O.P. wants to talk about two subjects:

1. To ask the Vice President to request that the EPA reverse the letter EPA sent to Dupont asking them to continue making CFCs.
2. To ask the Vice President to call or support an emergency worldwide conference of scientists to put the best minds in the world to work to 'Rebuild' the Ozone. Please read the page C4 of the March 1 issue of the New York Times about how UV-B radiation is already killing the world's frogs and toads - what's next? We will also talk to our organization's friend, Mostafa Tolba, of the United Nations Environmental Programme to see if the U.N. can become involved in this effort! Mr. Tolba told me last year to contact him if we ever had a problem in which he could help.

Since I am usually in school, you can fax to me your answer at 718-997-8673, or you can call me at my school at 718-335-7500, or at home in the evening at 718-997-7387. Thank you again. The people at your offices were very nice and helpful. You had asked when I wanted to meet. Maybe during Earth Week? But any other time would be okay, the sooner the better.

Sincerely,

W Russell Essary
Founder

cc: Ms. Katie McGinty, White House Office on Environmental Policy
Mr. Mostafa Tolba, United National Environmental Programme (Fax to New York and Geneva offices).

Thinning Ozone Layer Implicated in Decline Of Frogs and Toads

By CAROL KASUYK YOUNG

SCIENTISTS investigating a worldwide decline in frogs and other amphibians have found the first strong evidence identifying a likely global culprit: the rise in ultraviolet radiation caused by the thinning of the atmospheric ozone layer.

Researchers from Oregon State University say a new study shows that a form of radiation in sunlight called ultraviolet B is killing off eggs of frogs and toads known to be in decline in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. Biologists found that the species that are in decline appear to have relatively limited abilities to repair damage from this natural radiation, which alters the structure of the genetic material, DNA.

In addition, they found evidence that many amphibian species probably lack the ability to protect themselves from increases in UV-B radiation. Their study was published today in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"This paper provides something close to a smoking gun for the cause of the disappearances," said Prof. Michael Soulé, chairman of the

turn out to have any single global cause. And researchers agree that factors like acidification and pollution come into play and are known to be contributing in some regions. In any case, they say, these sensitive indicator species are most likely undergoing attack from multiple threats in their environment.

Researchers only very recently began considering the hypothesis that increases in ultraviolet radiation caused by a thinning ozone layer might be the invisible threat doing in amphibians.

The reasoning was that these mammals might be especially susceptible to increasing UV-B rays, which can cause cancer and cataracts in humans, since their gelatinous eggs are unprotected by shells or leathery covers and their skin is bare of feathers or hair. Researchers also noticed that many of the species that were disappearing for no apparent reason lived at high altitudes, regions where an animal would be more at risk from the sun's radiation.

Researchers' Initial Skepticism

But with scant data on UV-B increases in most parts of the world and no data to suggest that naturally occurring levels of UV-B could seriously harm amphibian species, most, including those who carried out the new study, had remained skeptical of the cosmic culprit.

"We were shocked," said Dr. Andrew Blaustein, a population ecologist at Oregon State who is an author of the new study. "We didn't think we'd find anything. We said, 'Oh yeah, sure, UV, ha ha ha.' When we got the results, we still didn't believe it. So we replicated it and now we believe."

When a DNA double helix in the nucleus of a cell is exposed to UV-B radiation from the sun, a single strand can bond to itself, forming abnormal ringlike structures. DNA damaged in this way can become tangled up enough to prevent replication as well as the production of proteins. The amphibians' answer to this problem is photolyase, an enzyme that repairs the DNA by returning it to its normal structure.

The UV-sensitivity hypothesis predicts that UV-B is indeed a significant threat to amphibians. If that is true, researchers say these species whose eggs are exposed to more sunlight should have evolved to have more photolyase activity to protect them. The Oregon State researchers compared 16 species whose habits ranged from hiding their eggs to laying them in uncovered, shallow water and found that photolyase repair activity

was indeed greatest in those suffering the highest exposure and least in those most protected by shade.

"I thought we'd see roughly the same amounts of repair activity in all the animals," said Dr. John Hays, a molecular geneticist at Oregon State University who was another author of the study. "I was very skeptical of the theory and I was very surprised when we saw hundredfold differences from one species to another."

But was the variation in repair ability seen in the laboratory actually playing itself out in the survival of individuals in the wild?

Three of the species native to the Northwest, the Pacific treefrog, the Western toad and the Cascades frog all lay their eggs exposed in shallow, open water but were found to vary widely in photolyase activity. The Pacific treefrog showed the highest activity of any species in the study.

While the Western toad and Cascades frog showed more activity than species that hide their eggs, they showed significantly less than the treefrog.

Monitoring the species' eggs when exposed to the sun in mountain lakes under natural conditions, scientists found the Pacific treefrog's eggs did best, with nearly 100 percent of eggs hatching. Only about 43 to 65 percent of the other two species' eggs hatched into tadpoles. Researchers also found they could sharply improve the survival of Western toad and Cascades frog eggs by shielding them with a filter that blocked UV-B light.

And just as the UV-sensitivity hypothesis would predict, the Western toad and Cascades frog are undergoing a marked, recent decline, while the Pacific treefrog is not. Scientists say it appears that the photolyase in these eggs might once have been enough but that the repair abilities of



Dr. Andrew Blaustein doing ultraviolet studies at Lost Lake, Ore.; Pacific treefrog, resistant to UV, thrives where other species dwindle.

David Beath/Oregon State University

Ultraviolet radiation appears to be destroying frog eggs.

department of environmental studies at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "It's very convincing. The work is excellent. And it's important because it provides a reasonable and intuitively attractive hypothesis for these disappearances."

Dr. William Duxson, professor of biology at Pennsylvania State University, agreed, calling the study "excellent." He said, "The most exciting thing is that of all the global scenarios, this is the one that's most likely to be happening."

Lorelei Saylor, a researcher with the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force, an organization of scientists who are concerned with causes of and potential remedies for the decline, praised the study.

But researchers cautioned that it remained to be seen just how big a role ultraviolet damage played in the overall decline of amphibians. Some suggested that it might not be the end

of the now declining species are no longer great enough to counteract the amount of UV-B they are receiving.

Just as the Cascades frog and Western toad seem to point to a rise in UV-B, atmospheric scientists have found that their instruments agree. In a paper published late last year in the *Journal of Science*, researchers in Toronto reported an increase in UV-B radiation along with a decrease in ozone over the last four years. The study provided the first long-term data documenting the suspected increases outside Antarctica.

Dr. Jim Kerr, head of ozone research and monitoring at Environment Canada, an author of the *Science* paper, said: "It's important because there's no reason why what we observed with UV-B in Toronto would be very much different from what is happening in Oregon, which is at a similar latitude, global changes in ozone being dependent upon latitude."

Although it is a powerful hypothesis, UV-sensitivity cannot easily explain all the disappearances. Dr. Blaustein says the new study indicates that high altitude species that lay their eggs in the open are most likely to suffer from UV-B increases. But some of the world's disappearing amphibians are lowland species, which researchers say are less likely

to be affected. And even some seemingly likely candidates are probably not, including the golden toad.

Known from only one location in the mountain cloud forest in Monteverde, Costa Rica, the golden toad's populations went from healthy hundreds in 1967 to nearly none in 1988. None have been seen in the last two years. Dr. Martha Crump, a behavioral ecologist who is an adjunct professor at Northern Arizona University, said that despite matching the profile of an at-risk amphibian, the golden toad probably was not extinguished by UV-B, as its eggs are laid in a dark and misty forest.

Dr. Blaustein said he and colleagues were now looking into whether other species and other life stages besides eggs were also affected by UV-B radiation. Scientists say it remains to be seen whether whole groups of plants or fish, for example, are also suffering.

"The implications are that the thinning of the ozone layer may already be affecting wildlife," said Dr. Soulé. "and if further work supports that conclusion, it means that we can't rest on our laurels. We'll have to do something about repairing the ozone layer, come up with therapies for the ozone, rather than doing what governments are doing, which is just waiting for it to stop getting worse."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY WILSON; DIRECTOR OF
SCHEDULING FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM HEATHER BECKEL

Attached is a request for the VPOTUS' participation in an event that came through me.

Call me if I can be of assistance.

Thanks.

Tony?

Katie:

What are Earth Day plans for ABG? - Tony/Wilson

**GUTTMAN ASSOCIATES**

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4/94

TO: HEATHER BECKEL
THE WHITE HOUSE
FAX: (202) 456-2883
FROM: DICK GUTTMAN
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 1994

Dear Heather,

As promised, here are some of the local press comments on the "War Room" nomination which might be of interest there. If anyone has any questions on how the nomination is being campaigned (you all are familiar with that word,) I would be happy to explain how the system works.

I appreciate your forwarding the following material to the proper source. It is an opportunity which can provide a very persuasive national (and international) promotion of the Vice President's and the Administration's supportive and active position on the environment.

On April 17 there will be a huge gathering of top film, TV and music celebrities who are active in the environmental movement.. the annual Earthwalk through which the entertainment industry raises sizable funds for specific environmental causes and giant awareness for the needs of our ailing planet in general. There is giant national and local media because of the stars involved, and this year, with Jay Leno hosting the event, the star and media (and public) turnout should be the biggest ever. Well over 15,000 environmentally concerned walkers (each raising at least \$100) are expected. The event starts on the backlot at Universal, with the walk taking the participants through Disney, Warners and NBC and back to Universal.

Last year the event (hosted by Chevy Chase with Jay, Ted Danson, Jack Palance and dozens of other stars on hand) took place on the morning of the Rodney King verdict when most of L.A. was locked behind its doors in fear. We lost about a quarter of our walkers, people who were intimidated to be on the streets, but it was still very successful and was celebrated in the media as an expression not only of concern for the environment but also the bouyant community spirit of love and cooperation even in the face of feared riots.

Earthwalk is the great conjunction of community and entertainment industry passion for tending to and rejuvenating

and restoring our environment. It is, significantly, the brainchild and major annual promotion of Hollywood's PCC, the Permanent Charities Committee.. the joint charitable arm of the entertainment industries. Its campaign chair this year, as last, is Warren Beatty.. and former chairs Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman are emeritus chairs and continually involved. It raises and distributes four to five million dollars a year from within the industry, with proceeds going to environmental causes, child abuse, illiteracy, AIDS, cancer, geriatric.. the entire panoply of social urgencies. 25,000 industry workers support PCC through payroll deductions, and, as Beatty said when accepting the Jean Renoir Humanities Award for PCC last year, the great thing about PCC is that everyone from secretaries to studio moguls join together to do what he or she can to effect all of the urgent issues afflicting this world. And every dollar gathered by PCC is a dollar that goes out to the designated cause.

The major importance of Earthwalk is the vast media impact it attracts, providing perhaps the most visible and joyous podium for expressing one's concern.. and active effort.. for the environment.

It would be.. as another White House resident liked to say.. a "bully pulpit" for the Vice President's strong feelings and accomplishments in this area.. with a large part of Hollywood's most attractive and activist stars there as a Greek chorus of testimony to the importance of his views.

Jay Leno, of course, would be thrilled to invite the Vice President to appear on "The Tonight Show" in conjunction with that to explore environmental needs and to have some fun. However, if his schedule would not permit that, Jay and everyone else involved would be thrilled to have the powerful voice of Al Gore added to the awareness that Earthwalk will generate.. to have his words become the central expression and symbol of the event.

Through the nature of the event, there is a fusion of general press (CNN, networks, etc.) and entertainment press (Entertainment Tonight, HBO, etc.)

The spirit of Earthwalk is joyous and positive, with emphasis on what can be and is being done to preserve this world for our children. We see it as a kind of Super Bowl of environmental consciousness, and the Vice President's presence would be a natural and eloquent focus.

Thanks.. and good luck in the Oscars.

4/94

ROUTING SLIPDATE: 3 11 94FROM: Ricki Seidman
Assistant to the President
and Director of Scheduling and AdvanceSUBJECT: *Earth Day Speech*

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Ricki Seidman
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FROM:

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on Environmental Policy

REQUEST:

Earth Day Address

PURPOSE:

To celebrate the 24th annual Earth Day

BACKGROUND:

The Earth Day Address offers the President an opportunity to focus the attention of the nation and the world on bringing environmental protection within the opportunity, responsibility, and community framework that serves as the basis of the Administration's other domestic policy initiatives; broadening the political base of support for "environmental protection" by adopting an expansive definition of "the environment" so as to include issues related to economic and social revitalization; and redefining "security" to include environmental concerns. The Address would also offer the President an opportunity to highlight the Administration's environmental achievements to date and to set forth the environmental agenda for the coming year.

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DATE & TIME:

~~April 22, 1994; Anytime~~

DURATION:

~~One hour~~ NO

LOCATION:

Meridian Hill Park on 16th Street in the District. This stately old park fell into disrepair and was overrun by drug dealers in the late 1980s. On Earth Day 1990, a citizens' group, Friends of Meridian Hill, organized to clean up the park. A Washington Post editorial of August 15, 1993 celebrated the community's efforts: "It's a magnificent story: the comeback of a once majestic park, fallen on horrid times, then rescued and revived to its former glory...the recent history of Meridian Hill Park is a tale of a neighborhood's victory over the ravages of urban terrorism." [see attached news clippings]

PARTICIPANTS:

Steve Coleman, Friends of Meridian Hill; Linda Wheeler, Washington Post; other local activists; the Vice President; Secretaries Babbitt, Browner, Cisneros, Espy, and Reich; Under Secretary Tim Wirth; Members of the PCSD, particularly David Buzzelli (Dow Chemical), Jonathan Lash (World

Resource Institute), Benjamin Chavis (NAACP), Thomas Donohue (AFL-CIO), William Hoggund (General Motors), and Fred Krupp (Environmental Defense Fund); Mayor Kelly; Members of Congress; and other notables and dignitaries.

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REQUIRED:

Speech

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HEADLINE: Washington's Jewel of a Park Losing Its Luster to Vandalism

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Linda Wheeler, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Meridian Hill Park, the jewel of Washington's parks with its cascading fountain and majestic statues, is deteriorating because the National Park Service says it has neither the staff nor budget to protect the landmark from vandals.

In the past year, spray paint artists have covered the park's walls and statues with political slogans. Skateboarders have chipped the steps of the stone fountain that is the centerpiece of the 12-acre park. Cigarette butts, candy wrappers and unraked leaves litter the sweeping stairways.

Some neighbors of the park, bounded by 15th, 16th, Euclid and W streets NW, say they are afraid to walk into the park because of what they have heard about violence and drug dealing within its walls.

"What Meridian Hill Park needs is some friends to look out for it," said Darwina Neal, a landscape architect who is chief of the National Park Service Designing Services.

She said there are two standard theories for the care of parks.

"If something is broken or vandalized, fix it and clean it," she said. "The other is that the more people who use a park legitimately, the less it will be used by those with illegitimate intentions."

"There is a danger that Meridian Hill will get a lot worse," Neal said.

The park takes its name from an estate an early property owner named Meridian Hill because he believed the central meridian of the District passed through his property. In the 1970s, the park also was known as Malcolm X Park.

The park was built between 1912 and 1936 under the direction of the Commission of Fine Arts and became one of the country's first formal parks where architectural and horticultural elements are intertwined.

The park has two distinct sections. The upper level is a mall with broad promenades and dense shrubbery along the edges. From here, there is a view of the monuments and Potomac River to the south.

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The lower section is an imitation of an extravagant, formal Italian garden complete with fountains, pools and statues.

The walls, plazas and stairways are made of exposed aggregate concrete, a building process considered innovative because it resembled costly mosaic work. Forms were filled with concrete studded with colorful pebbles. When the forms were removed, the surface was scrubbed with acid to highlight the red, black and beige pebbles.

Unlike other, less grand parks in residential Washington, neighbors who live around Meridian Hill Park don't seem to think of it as their park, said Rolland Swain, superintendent of federal parks in Northwest and Northeast Washington.

"I get no calls about Meridian Hill," he said. "I hear from the neighbors of Glover-Archbold, Fort Reno, Rock Creek Park, Fort Stevens and Fort Slocum parks. They are quick to call us for anything they think is wrong."

Swain said many of the people who spend time in Meridian Hill Park are transient users who don't feel a proprietary interest in the park.

Swain said he has been turned down each time he has made a special request for funds to renovate the antiquated plumbing that supplies the fountains and pools with water. He said his staffing for the park has fallen from a supervisor and two workers to just one employee.

"In general there is a connection between the lack of maintenance and the increase in damage to an area," he said. "We are just trying to maintain the park. We don't have the staff or money to correct any of the damage."

Park Service spokeswoman Sandra Alley said the budget for the parks has not kept pace with expenses because they had to absorb a 1.4 percent overall decrease in appropriations.

On a recent afternoon, a dozen men played soccer on the upper level mall although prominently posted signs ban ball playing. At the terrace with the view of downtown Washington, a row of drug dealers waited for customers. At the lower level, young skateboarders dipped and swirled across the dry steps of the fountain.

One skateboarder, George Washington University student Todd Felzer, said he came to the park to skateboard after reading about the fountain steps in the City Paper.

Felzer said he was not concerned that his sport could damage the fountain. "It will be all covered over with water in the summer," he said.

While Felzer and about six others skated, U.S. Park Police suddenly rushed into the park and arrested a couple of suspected drug sellers.

Among the many residents who live near the park but who do not use it is Dorothy Kemp, who, with her family, slept there on hot summer nights in the 1950s. Today she won't venture into the park.

"It is an intimidating place," she said looking at the four-story-high wall that separates the park from 16th Street. "At night I can see men standing

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along the wall. I don't see any reason to go in there."

Longtime resident Lizzie York, who lives a block from the park, remembers taking her children there 40 years ago.

"The park used to have beautiful flowers and I would go there and sit. But no one goes there now. There are too many undesirable people," she said.

The Park Service has plans to encourage city residents to use the park, said ranger Dave Smith, who leads park tours once a month.

"This summer we will be scheduling tours five days a week," he said. "We see the tours as an educational tool, as a way to alert residents to the beauty and significant architecture of the park. We hope more people will come to appreciate the park and fewer will be inclined to damage it."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, THE SERENITY STATUE OF WHITE MARBLE WAS SPRAY PAINTED, ONE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES OF VANDALISM IN MERIDIAN HILL PARK. LINDA WHEELER; PHOTO, TWP; MAP, DAVE COOK

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HEADLINE: Reclaiming Park's Lost Glamor;
Friends of Meridian Hill Team With Officials to Clean Up Area

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Linda Wheeler, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

The metal bar slid away with a clang and the thick wooden door groaned as it opened slowly across a dusty floor. Inside the four adventurers found no treasure, just an ordinary office desk, a broken phone, a 1967 city map and plenty of dirt.

Everyone was pleased.

The unceremonious opening of an abandoned police substation in Meridian Hill Park yesterday by a National Park Service official and three members of the newly formed Friends of Meridian Hill was the first step toward a new working relationship.

"I am definitely hopeful that the neighbors will help us turn the park around," said Rolland Swain, the park superintendent who unlocked the old office. "It is a community park and it is community people who are going to have to reclaim it."

The Friends of Meridian Hill want to use the office space as a coordination center for about 60 volunteers who have signed up to help restore the vandalized park bounded by 15th, 16th, W and Euclid streets NW. It is also known as Malcolm X Park.

For Swain, the enthusiastic support for the 12-acre park built between 1912 and 1936 comes at just the right time.

The walled park with its cascading fountain and majestic statues declined in the past year as maintenance was reduced because of budget restraints. Spray paint artists left political slogans everywhere. Drug dealers boldly took command of the upper plaza of the park, openly selling marijuana to a steady stream of customers. Neighbors said they were afraid to go into the park night or day.

Since The Washington Post described the decline of the park last month, Swain said he has received calls from people and organizations offering to help clean up or to stage community events.

Bright Forcey, who lives two blocks from the park, said she has asked for a permit to hold an Easter promenade complete with a contest for the best hat

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and best-dressed family.

"We need family-oriented events in the park," she said. "Meridian is a perfect place for people to come out and strut in their Easter finery. We will have balloons, cookies and lemonade."

Steve Coleman, founder of the Friends group, said it will hold a massive cleanup of the park to celebrate Earth Day on April 21. Before then, he said, the group plans to scrape and paint the walls of the reopened police substation.

Friend member and cleanup chairman Steve DeBroux said they expect about 200 residents from the neighborhoods surrounding the park to help in the effort.

"We will remove the graffiti, sweep up the broken glass and maybe plant some flowers," he said. "Then we will have a picnic to celebrate our hard work."

Elaine Grant, director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center, said she has offered to lend the Park Service five summer employees to help keep the park clean. Grant said the center, on 15th Street across from the park, is a social service, nonprofit organization that offers assistance to the large immigrant Hispanic community in the neighborhood.

"The illegal activity in the park has discouraged people who come to our center from using the park," she said. "The Park Police have sent a horse-mounted officer there recently and things are much improved. We want the police to continue to patrol the park and we want to use the park."

Grant said she would like to see soccer clinics held this summer on the broad plaza of the upper park for young children in the neighborhood.

All of this new interest in the park has caused Swain to re-jigger his staffing priorities, bringing more workers to the park. Yesterday, a dozen workers were busy resodding worn grassy areas, emptying trash cans and sweeping walkways.

"I don't know how long I can keep this up but we will do our best to create a clean environment," he said.

U.S. Park Police Lt. Jeffrey Davis, commander of the Rock Creek Station that has jurisdiction over Meridian Hill Park, said he has greatly increased the police patrols in the park.

"We have K-9 officers walking through there as well as plainclothes officers," he said. "We are having an effect because we are making fewer arrests and are getting fewer complaints."

Davis said the new community interest in the park is what is making the difference.

"Good people in means bad people out," he said.

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SECTION: METRO; PAGE 05; UPDATE ON THE NEWS

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HEADLINE: Friends Help Meridian Hill Park

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Linda Wheeler

BODY:

Four hundred residents of the neighborhoods surrounding Meridian Hill Park have declared themselves fans of the vandalized and neglected federal facility and say their goal is to restore it to its original splendor.

The Friends of Meridian Hill Inc. organized after a story in February in The Washington Post described damage to the elegant 78-year-old park's statuary and cascading fountain. The park's neighbors said they stayed outside its walled boundaries because of the drug dealers who had claimed its upper level.

At the time, the National Park Service said it had neither the budget nor the staff to protect or maintain the 12-acre facility, also known as Malcolm X Park, between 15th, 16th, Euclid and W streets NW.

The Friends group is negotiating an agreement with the Park Service to provide volunteer cleanup crews, sponsor events and staff a small office in the park.

Steve Coleman, founder of the group, said, "The only way to reclaim the park is to get people to use it."

To that end, he organized a cleanup for Earth Day, April 22. He said 100 people showed up despite heavy rain and filled 250 bags with trash and planted five dogwoods and dozens of red geraniums. Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan Jr. came by to encourage their efforts.

In a recent interview, Lujan said he had never heard of the park until he read the news story. He said he paid a visit to the park that same week.

"It was a bit shabby," he said. "Well, more than a bit -- It was shabby."

Lujan said that as he walked around the park, "a fellow came up and hung around right where I was looking. He didn't say anything. He seemed to be waiting for me to approach him."

Lujan said he was pretty sure the man was a drug dealer.

Coleman said his group has raised \$ 5,000 and hopes to sponsor an encampment by Civil War reenactors this month and a concert for the Fourth of July. The group plans to lobby Congress for emergency funding of about \$ 3 million for

The Washington Post, June 4, 1990

repairs to the park's plumbing and electrical systems. There are plans to finance a study of the historic plantings.

Rolland Swain, superintendent of federal parks in Northwest Washington, said he has been able to increase the number of maintenance crews working in the park. The extra attention was obvious when a reporter visited recently. The walks and steps were swept clean, new trash cans were placed on the grounds and large areas of the lawn were roped off for resodding.

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HEADLINE: D.C. Residents Dig In To Reclaim Their Park;
Tree Planting Spruces Up Meridian Hill

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: D'Vera Cohn, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Mary Shamwell remembers playing under the shade trees of Meridian Hill as a child 45 years ago. Later, she brought her own four children for picnics amid the park's elegant paths and fountains.

Yesterday, she came to Meridian Hill again, this time accompanied by her 10-year-old granddaughter, Carmen, for a tree-planting project that is part of a neighborhood campaign to reclaim the park from neglect, graffiti and drug dealers.

After several hours of huffing and puffing, the planters dropped 42 small dogwood, cedar, London plane and oak trees into pits and covered the roots with dirt. The park, also known as Malcolm X Park, is bounded by 15th, 16th, Euclid and W streets NW.

"Just think -- in 200 years from now, someone will look at these trees and wonder, 'Who planted them?' " Shamwell said, leaning on her shovel.

The tree planting, followed by a picnic, poetry reading and walking tour, was organized by Friends of Meridian Hill, a neighborhood group established last year to bolster the efforts of the National Park Service. The group also has sponsored Earth Day projects, an Easter parade, summer concerts, a crime patrol and regular weeding patrols.

"The government can't do it alone, and the citizens can't do it alone," said Steve Coleman, founder of the Friends group. "Bit by bit, the park is coming back to life."

Yesterday's project planted more trees than any other in the neighborhood this year, although the turnout was smaller than hoped for. Only about a dozen people came to plant trees in the morning. More turned up for the afternoon festivities, which included a tribute to the late Elizabeth U. Rowe, a civic leader and tree enthusiast.

The park, completed in 1936, includes an upper lawn with a broad view of the city and a lower garden patterned after the intricate grounds of an Italian villa, with archways, a cascading fountain and a statue of Dante.

The Washington Post, October 21, 1991

It was the city's first formal public park, said Marion Schlefer, who has written a history of it. Unlike previous parks, which took after the British style of natural gardens, this one was patterned on the classical design popular in France and Italy.

The park was the pet of a senator's wife who sold the government the land for it and built a house in the style of a castle next to it. The castle was torn down in 1949.

Mary Shamwell recalled goldfish swimming in the fountain pond and, later, people scooping out the fish and taking them home until there were none left. Howard Coleman remembered people sleeping there at night 40 years ago during Washington's steamy summers.

"When I was coming here, the park was nice and pretty," said Coleman. "If you had a lot on your mind, you could come and rest."

Coleman said he comes to the park seven days a week. Although not as pleasant as it was in the 1950s, Meridian Hill has improved since the Friends group was formed, he said.

"What makes a park safe are people," said Lavert Seabron, another tree planter. "The park gets a bum rap because people don't use it. It's much better than it was."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, LAVERT SEABRON AND BETH WILCOX PLANT ONE OF 42 TREES AT MERIDIAN HILL PARK. MARGARET THOMAS

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March 15, 1993, Monday, Final Edition

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HEADLINE: Meridian Hill Park Wrestled Away From D.C. Drug Dealers

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Linda Wheeler

BODY:

Three years after Meridian Hill Park was claimed by drug dealers and abandoned by most everyone else, the dealers are gone, and the neighbors are back. Not only that, the ornate statues are cleansed of graffiti and 85 trees and hundreds of flowers have been planted.

Those involved in the transformation -- the Friends of Meridian Hill, the National Park Service and the U.S. Park Police -- heap praise on one another for the change.

After an article in The Washington Post detailed the vandalism to statues and walkways, the thriving open-air drug market and the lack of federal money to deal with the park's problems, more than 400 people signed up for the hastily formed Friends group to help restore the neighborhood park.

The National Park Service decided to send in more workers to assist the staff of one to rake, sweep and clean the park. And the U.S. Park Police targeted the drug dealers and holdup men who roamed the 12-acre preserve.

Steve Coleman, president of the Friends group, said membership now stands at 900 residents, businesses and organizations. He said they work closely with the Park Service and Park Police.

"We are very proud of the park," he said. "I don't think any of us expected we would have brought the park this far this quickly."

The 12-acre park, bounded by 15th, 16th, Euclid and W streets NW, was built between 1912 and 1936 and became one of the country's first formal parks with intertwined horticultural and architectural elements. It has two distinct sections, with the upper level built as a grassy mall and the lower section containing an extravagant, formal Italianate garden with fountains, pools and statues. In the 1970s, it became known as Malcolm X Park.

On the upper level, where men sold marijuana openly and robbers watched for victims, women now push baby carriages and joggers pass by.

Reports of robberies in the park have dropped from 34 in 1990 to 13 last year, said Park Police Lt. Henry Berberich, who is in charge of the park. He said his officers made 210 drug cases, resulting in 101 arrests, in 1991. Last year, the number of drug cases fell to 55 and arrests to 21, he said.

The Washington Post, March 15, 1993

Berberich said people no longer see the park as a place to avoid, and, indeed, it is much safer.

"A combination of things fell into place," he said. "We made drug arrests for three years, and we identified a number of recidivists who were habitually selling drugs. After a while, the system worked, and they built up enough cases that they were put into jail."

Berberich said officers used to patrol the park on an irregular basis. Now he has an officer assigned to the park each day and has patrols checking the park round-the-clock.

He credits the change to the enthusiasm of Coleman and his neighbors, as well as to the strong interest of the park superintendent, Bill Shields, in working on safety issues, such as improving lighting and cutting back shrubbery.

Shields, who is responsible for 3,000 acres of federal parkland in Northwest Washington, said a neighborhood group such as Coleman's can make the difference between a park that is barely maintained and one that thrives because of volunteer labor and outside funds.

Berberich said: "It can be done. A place like that can be saved, but it took a lot of resources."

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LENGTH: 984 words

HEADLINE: Wrested From the Jaws of Crime;
Historic Park's Transformation Is the Work of Good Neighbors

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Linda Wheeler, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Dominique Grisby still has a small scar where a robber nicked him with a knife six years ago in gang-controlled Meridian Hill Park. This week, he put aside his fears and came back to the city's most majestic federal park for a concert and a multiracial celebration of an urban oasis reclaimed by residents and police.

Meridian Hill, also known as Malcolm X Park, was built between 1912 and 1936 on 12 acres that form the boundary between the Adams-Morgan and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. Long the setting for concerts by the National Symphony Orchestra, the park served as a promenade for the fashionably dressed and a place for children to splash in its many ornate fountains.

But in the 1980s, the historic park was virtually abandoned by the National Park Service, and its stately grounds were besieged by drug traffickers.

At Meridian Hill's worst, assaults and robberies were daily occurrences. Spray-painted political slogans covered its statues, and trash littered the sweeping stairway and the dry fountains. Marijuana and crack cocaine were sold openly to anyone who ventured into the park.

At a concert Tuesday night, the renewal efforts of nearby residents, the National Park Service and the U.S. Park Police were evident. There was little trash, water cascaded down the stepped fountain flanked by flowers, and decade-old graffiti had been carefully removed.

And there were no signs of drug dealing among the several hundred adults and children who had come to hear the music.

"There is still a lot of fear out there," said Steve Coleman, president of Friends of Meridian Hill, a 900-member group of volunteers, businesses and associations that has dedicated itself to reclaiming and refurbishing the park. "We have to keep showing people it is safe here. If they come for a concert, maybe they will come back to walk their dog or to picnic."

The crowd that came to hear the Tuesday night performance by the Levine School of Music, eat dinner and play soccer seemed to represent the neighborhood, with equal numbers of blacks, whites and Hispanics.

The Washington Post, August 5, 1993

For Grisby, long a resident of the neighborhood, the music and the happy gathering were a welcome salve to the terrifying memories of the mugger who pulled out a knife and stuck it in Grisby's face.

"On that day, I had come to soak up the view," Grisby, a 29-year-old hotel clerk, said. "I was on my way out when they took everything I had. That was the end of the park for me. I moved out of the neighborhood."

The concert this week was the 60th held in the park by the Friends group since its founding in 1990. From an initial 60 residents, the organization has grown to include about 150 businesses, apartment building owners, churches and other institutions in the area. They came together after a story in The Washington Post that described the precarious health of Meridian Hill -- considered the jewel of the city's parks because of its intertwining of plantings, sculptures and fountains.

The renewal of Meridian Hill, which the D.C. Council unofficially renamed Malcolm X Park about 20 years ago, has been gradual. The Friends group appealed to the Park Service and the U.S. Park Police to help it clean up the park, rid it of crime and bring residents back. But the Park Service said it didn't have the funds to pay for more than the one maintenance man already assigned there. The Park Police said they were unable to do anything except send in their vice squad occasionally.

The Friends asked to be allowed to provide volunteer cleanup crews, sponsor events and staff a small office in the park. With assistance from the Park Service and under the protection of the Park Police, the group planted trees and flowers, collected trash and scrubbed statues and walkways with soap and water.

Last year, the Park Service found the funds to increase its maintenance crew from one to three. The police were able to assign an officer to the park each day and have patrols checking the park round-the-clock.

In an interview at the concert, Park Police Lt. Henry Berberich said the park is much safer than it has been in years. Berberich, who is in charge of the area that includes Meridian Hill Park, said police have reduced crime in the park by 82 percent since the Friends came to them for help. Reports of robberies, he said, have dropped from 34 in 1990 to 13 last year and to only three so far this year.

As he talked, teenagers took turns sitting on police motorcycles, and children chatted quietly with officers.

Robert Stanton, regional director of the Park Service, also attended the concert and noted that he has gone to every event there since the Friends group was formed. He praised Coleman for giving the Park Service the partnership it needed to preserve and protect the park.

In 1990, superintendent of Northwest parks Rolland Swain said in an interview that the park received little attention because of tight budgets and a perception that the neighbors didn't care about it.

Stanton said the Friends group changed all that.

The Washington Post, August 5, 1993

"This park is a priority now," Stanton said.

Listening to the program was Sharon Tillson, who had set out a dinner of fried chicken, grilled sausage and potato chips on a colorful quilt. The meal, she said, was prepared by the grandfather of the two neighbor children who were with her.

Andrew Young, 7, bit into a chicken leg and reached for a soda at the same time. "I like the park because there is music and food," he said.

His sister, Nicole Young, 10, said there was more to do in the park than just eat dinner.

"I come here to jump rope, get wet in the water and play," she said.

Tillson said she joined the Friends group when it started and had helped plant trees and flowers in the park.

"This place has really changed in the last three years," she said. "The drug dealers are gone. It is safe for kids to play here. It is a nice place to come."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, MERIDIAN HILL PARK, ALSO KNOWN AS MALCOLM X PARK, WAS A 12-ACRE JEWEL IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON UNTIL DRUG DEALERS TOOK IT OVER IN THE 1980S. NOW, MUCH OF ITS BEAUTY REGAINED, IT IS USED FOR PICNICS AND CONCERTS. TYLER MALLORY FOR TWP

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HEADLINE: The Retaking of Meridian Hill

SERIES: Occasional

BODY:

IT'S A magnificent story: the comeback of a once majestic park, fallen on horrid times, then rescued and revived to its former glory. As chronicled over the last three years by staff writer Linda Wheeler, the recent history of Meridian Hill Park is a tale of a neighborhood's victory over the ravages of urban terrorism. It begins well before the turn of the century, when Meridian Hill still stood outside the city limit, a tree-covered recreational area where modest festivals were staged. The land, now bounded by 15th, 16th, Euclid and W Streets NW, was then purchased over time by Mary Henderson, whose own "Boundary Castle" was across 16th. In 1914, she sold 12 or so acres to the government for a park.

And what a park. Chamber music. Opera. The posh and the professionals, young parents and in time, anyone who cared to stroll the French-style upper lawn with its grand view of the capital city or its lower Italian-style garden at the foot of a cascading fountain with pools and statues. In the 1970s it became known as Malcolm X Park, attracting a multiracial population for music, rallies and picnics. But in time the park went strictly downhill: drugs, assaults, trash, needles, grim spray-painted graffiti, gangs and the garden walls around it all turned the park into one of the most intimidating areas for miles around.

But as the '90s began, neighbors formed Friends of Meridian Hill, who decided that the only way to reclaim the park was to put people back in it. Steve Coleman, founder of the group, and about 100 other volunteers organized a cleanup for a rainy Earth Day, April 22, 1990. They took out about 250 bags of trash and put in five dogwoods and dozens of geraniums. The group grew to 400 and today boasts 900 volunteers, businesses and associations, and received extraordinary support from modest budgets of the National Park Service and the U.S. Park Police.

Today there is peace on the hill -- children at play, their strollers parked by the walls, music in the air and flowers in the ground. Police, who do what they can to be in evidence, say crime is down by more than 82 percent; neighbors say picnics are up by probably as much. The dealers are gone, and the diverse population is back. Can other neighborhoods, other cities, find something here worth trying? It has taken a remarkable determination, continuing attention and great applications of volunteer elbow grease. But Meridian Hill is once again a place of splendor and in the right hands at last.

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HEADLINE: Group Vows To Reclaim NW Park;
Meridian Hill Nice, Its Neighbor Says

SERIES: Occasional

BYLINE: Patrice Gaines, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Activist Dick Gregory and a group he called the Dignity Patrol set up tents at Meridian Hill Park yesterday to begin to reclaim the majestic park from drug pushers. But one nearby resident said he and his neighbors already have cleaned up the park by getting regular police patrols and picking up trash.

"We think this was very nice of Mr. Gregory to come and help us, but we don't feel anyone had to rescue the park for us," said Lavert Seabron, one of 900 members of Friends of Meridian Hill, volunteers, businesses and associations dedicated to protecting the park.

Seabron watched from the sidelines as Gregory talked to reporters and supporters in the park yesterday afternoon. Seabron said he would invite Gregory to return later this month when the group replaces trees that have died over the summer. "The park has made a major comeback. We don't think it warrants a camp-out," Seabron said.

When asked why he chose Meridian Hill, Gregory said, "I came over here a few weeks ago and saw a couple of drug deals go down. I saw broken glass and open drinking."

He said the park has symbolic meaning because it is also known as Malcolm X Park, named for a man Gregory said made a terrific transition from a life of drinking and drugs to one of discipline and leadership. Gregory said he hopes his efforts in the park will encourage other people to come out of their houses and take back their community, "corner by corner."

The park is on 12 acres that form the boundary between the Adams-Morgan and Columbia Heights neighborhoods, and during the era of segregation, it was one of the most popular meeting places for black families and couples.

In the 1980s, the historic park was virtually abandoned by the National Park Service and drug traffickers set up market, particularly at night. Assaults and robberies became frequent. Since the Friends adopted the park in 1990, it has been used for concerts and church services.

Gregory said the Dignity Patrol would use video cameras to tape people buying drugs in the park. Yesterday, Gregory and a band of supporters, including people who identified themselves as members of the Pan Afrikan Student Union, walked

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through the park, raking leaves and picking up trash.

Gregory and his cleanup crew collected about 50 bags of leaves and trash.

Seabron said there was debris in the park yesterday because it was the day after a weekend and because park crews that normally would have cleaned up were off for the Columbus Day holiday.

"It's pretty good up here," said U.S. Park Service Officer Ray W. Seddon, who was on duty at the park. "The only drugs I've seen was two weeks ago when I arrested a student smoking marijuana on the steps. You can't find any selling here."

Seddon said the park is patrolled continuously except for a two-hour period in the early morning.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly was at the park, and endorsed Gregory's launch of what he said would be a citywide campaign.

"We can take it back [from drug dealers] . . . not through violence, but by ridding ourselves of fear," he said.

"Fear in a town acts just as it does in the body. It causes stress -- and it can kill you, he said.

Gregory and his group could be arrested for camping in the park without a permit, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Park Service.

Gregory said getting a permit was not a priority. "We operate the same way dope pushers work. They don't get permits; we don't get permits."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, DICK GREGORY SAYS OF CAMPING WITHOUT A PERMIT: "WE OPERATE THE SAME WAY DOPE PUSHERS WORK. THEY DON'T GET PERMITS; WE DON'T GET PERMITS." (THIS PHOTO RAN IN AN EARLIER EDITION.), MICHAEL WILLIAMSON

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March 9, 1994

Mr. Stephen Goodman
President
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1466 Broadway, Room 600
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

Thank you for your letter requesting a meeting on behalf of Mr. Leif Norgaard.

I know he sincerely appreciates your interest, but unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent the Vice President from arranging an appointment that week. As I'm sure you can imagine, the responsibilities and obligations of the White House do not allow the Vice President to honor as many requests as he would like. For your information, I have forwarded a copy of your request to the President's Office on Environmental Policy. If you are interested in speaking with a member of the OEP staff, please call 202-456-6225.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling

STEPHEN R. GOODMAN
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28, 1994

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resident:

Mr. Leif Norgaard, Managing Director of NOVOTEX A/S, Denmark is scheduled to be in New York City the week of April 18th 1994. As I'm sure you are aware, Friday of that week is Earth Day 1994. NOVOTEX A/S is a textile and fabric company that produces environmentally friendly fabrics made with their internationally trademarked product, GREEN COTTON. GREEN COTTON is to our knowledge the world's most technologically advanced environmental fabric production, starting with cotton that is grown throughout the world without the use of any chemicals, to dyeing and finishing done in a full range of colors without the use of heavy metal ingredients in the dye formulas.

Mr. Norgaard is an internationally recognized Industrial-Environmentalism, and spends much of his time meeting with the foremost environmentally concerned leaders of various European Governments. His company has won many environmental awards given by the E.E.C. and it is considered the benchmark technology in "Green" fabric production where large quantities can be produced in an efficient and economical manner.

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We have enclosed some information for your review that we hope you find informative. If you are interested to meet with Mr. Norgaard during the week of the 18th we would be more than happy to arrange this. Mr. Norgaard will be in New York for most of the week, but would also be available to meet with you in Washington, DC. if that is more convenient for your schedule. Of course if no



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Ms. Fay Bush
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Dear Ms. Bush:

Thank you for the invitation to Vice President Gore to join you for a tour of the Gainesville community on April 23 in order to understand and further research the impact that cancer has had on the residents.

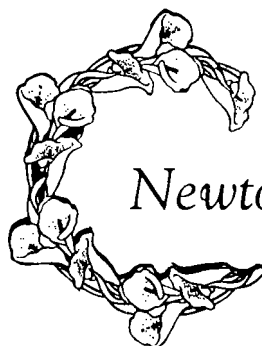
I know he sincerely appreciates your interest in his attendance, but unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent the Vice President from traveling to Georgia on that date. For your information, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the President's Office on Environmental Policy. If you would like to discuss this issue with someone on the OEP staff, please call 202-456-6225.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling

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Newtown Florist Club, Incorporated

1053 Desota Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501
(404) 536-1359

March 14, 1994

The Honorable Al Gore
Vice President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Newtown Florist Club (NFC), a forty-year old African American women's group that was organized in the early 1950's to provide support to neighbors in the Newtown community during times of bereavement. Specifically, our issue centers around the onslaught of cancer deaths which has taken place in Newtown. We have filed a complaint with the Clinton Administration, and we invite you to join us in a toxic tour of our community on Saturday, April 23, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. in order to view this catastrophe firsthand.

The Newtown cancer story began in the spring of 1990, when members of the NFC realized that many of their loved ones were dying from the same kinds of cancers. In an attempt to ascertain why, the club conducted a door-to-door survey. When the survey was complete, the residents were shocked to learn that as many as 18 people on the same street had died or were suffering from some form of throat, lung or colon cancer, lupus, respiratory problems and chemically induced heart attacks. That number has risen to 27, since the survey's completion.

Environmental contamination is an invisible killer which quietly snatches the lives of innocent people. We have asked for help from every group and governmental agency that we could identify. In the meantime, the people in our community continue to die.

Located in the southeastern quadrant of the city of Gainesville, the Newtown community has two distinct factors that represent the best evidence of environmental racism. **First**, the Newtown community is located in an industrial fallout zone. Of the 16 industries that emit toxic pollutants in Hall County, 13 are located on Gainesville's majority African American Southside, 9 of which are located within less than 2 miles of community itself. Jesse Jewell Parkway is the major highway corridor that divides Gainesville's northside and southside neighborhoods. On Gainesville's predominately white Northside, there are **no** industries that emit toxic releases (see toxic release fact sheet).

Secondly, many of the homes in the community were built on top of what was a Gainesville owned and operated landfill.

... serving the community for more than 40 years

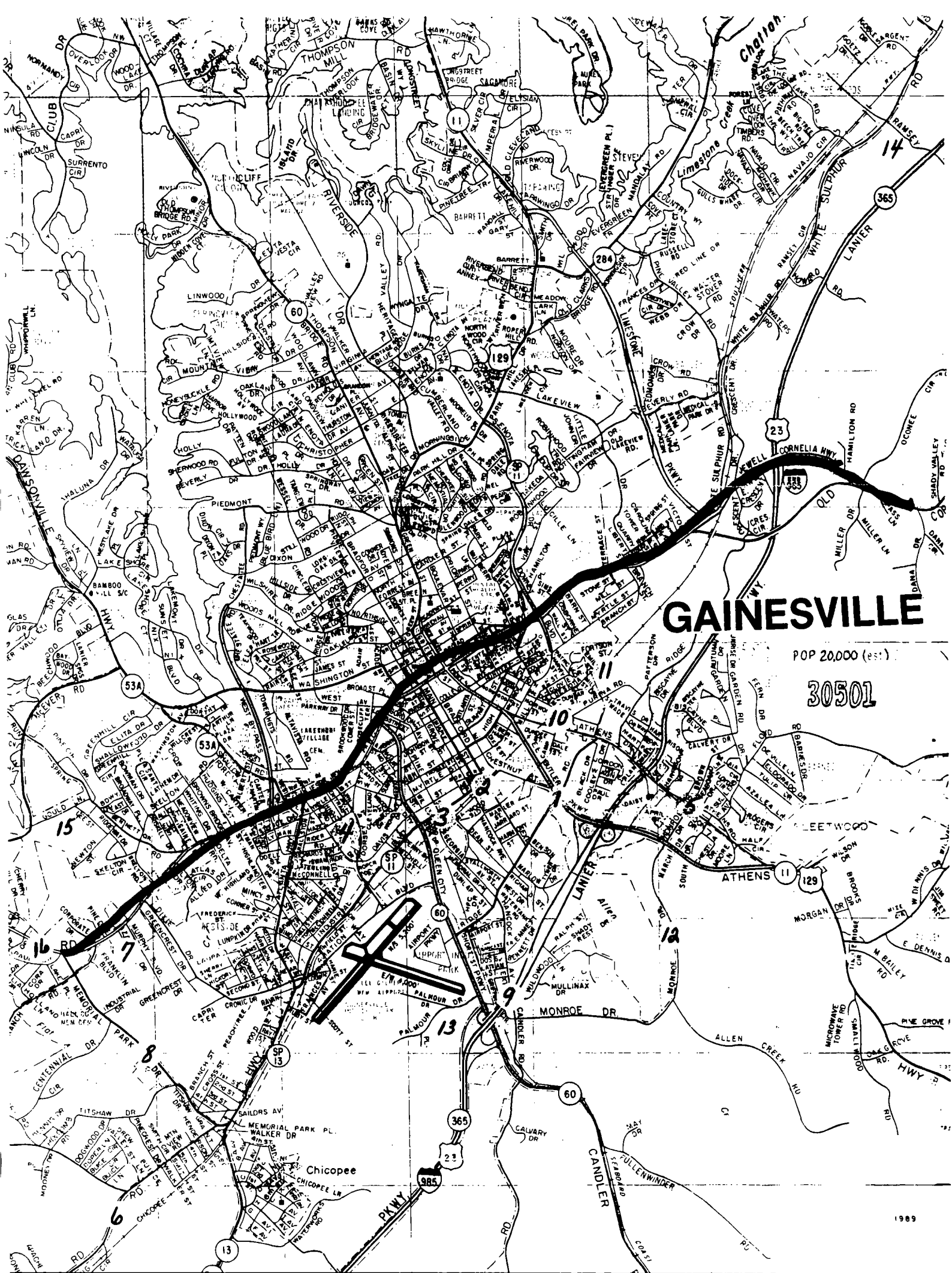
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In a letter dated October 7, 1993, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Environmental Protection Division (EPD), officially confirmed the presence of a landfill in the Newtown community. Despite the fact that there was evidence of elevated levels of lead, aluminum, chromium, iron and pesticides found around some of the property surveyed, EPD stated that their findings posed no health or environmental threats to the residents.

We have enclosed for your review information about the Newtown cancer story that we believe will be helpful. If you have any questions, please call me at (404) 536-1359.

Sincerely,

Fay Bush, President



1) <u>Cargill</u> : 949 Ridge Rd.	Stores 10,000-100,000 lbs. Phosphoric & Sulfuric Acid No Releases Reported
2) <u>Conagra</u> : 949 Industrial Blvd.	65,800 lbs. (Ammonia, Arsenic, Copper)
3) <u>Continental Grain</u> : 875 Industrial Blvd	750 lbs. (Zinc)
4) <u>Fieldale Farms</u> : 959 Dorsey St.	25,300 (Ammonia)
5) <u>Fieldale Farms</u> : 1540 Monroe Dr.	3,250 (Ammonia)
6) <u>Indal Extrusion</u> : 2905 Old Oakwood Rd.	114,685 (Dichloromethane, Ethylbenzene, Phenylisocyanate, Sulfuric & Phosphoric Acid)
7) <u>Harris Calorific</u> : 2345 Murphy Blvd.	77,370 (1,1,1-Trichloroethane)
8) <u>Macklanburg Duncan</u> : 2095 Memorial Park Rd.	3,900 (Nitric Acid, Phosphoric Acid, Sulfuric Acid)
9) <u>Piedmont Labs</u> : 2030 Old Candler Rd.	128,155 (1,1,1-TCE, Ethylene Glycol, Glycol Ethers, Isop. Alcohol, Methanol, Xylene)
10) <u>Leece Neville</u> : 989 Athens St.	9,939 (Copper, Xylene)
11) <u>Purina Mills</u> : 1125 Purina Dr.	275 (Manganese Compounds, Zinc Compounds)
12) <u>Ravan Products</u> : 2675 Monroe Dr.	Stores 10,000-100,000 lbs. Phosphoric Acid- No releases reported
13) <u>Teledyne CAE</u> : 1215 Palmour Dr.	10,678 (1,1,1-TCE, Freon 113)
14) <u>Peachtree Doors</u> : 2744 Ramsey Rd.	21,950 (1,1,1 TCE, Phenylisocyanate)
15) <u>Elan Pharmaceutical</u> : 1300 Gould Dr.	90,500 lbs. (Isopropyl Alcohol)
16) <u>Mincy Marble</u> : 4321 Browns Bridge Rd.	35,112 (Acetone, Styrene)

TOTAL TOXIC RELEASES IN GAINESVILLE: 587,664 (lbs/yr)

GAINESVILLE

** For more information, contact
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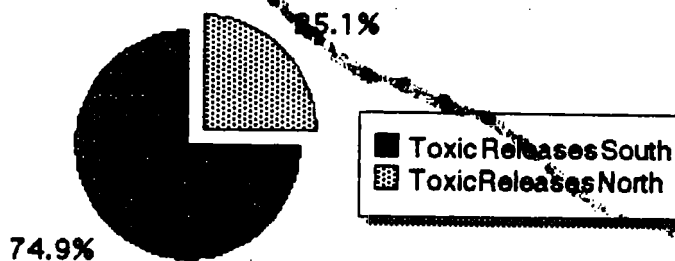
HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATED IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

FACILITY NAME	1988	1989
Chicopee	10,640	10,340
Harris Calorific	47,320	44,120
Indal Extrusion	270,240	638,220
Leece Neville	12,300	22,000
Piedmont Labs	562,500	468,380
Teledyne CAE	1,278,780	1,163,460
TOTAL:	2,181,780	2,346,520

*All
hazardous
waste is
generated
south of
Jesse Jewell
Parkway.*

TOXIC RELEASES IN GAINESVILLE

% NORTH/SOUTH OF JESSE JEWEL PKWY



440,102 lbs/yr emitted south of Jesse Jewell Parkway

TOTAL TOXIC RELEASES IN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

	1990
Stack Air:	144,839
Fugitive Air:	177,954
POTWs:	35,010
Off Site:	229,861
TOTAL:	587,664

*Of the sixteen facilities
that report toxic releases,
thirteen are located south
of Jesse Jewell Parkway.*

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TOTAL TOXIC RELEASES IN HALL COUNTY

	1990
Stack Air:	491,056
Fugitive Air:	540,016
On-Site Land:	52,793
POTWs:	35,000
Off Site:	269,103
TOTAL:	1,387,968

*Hall County
... in the top ten
highest counties
for releases of
chemicals causing
birth defects.
... in the top
twenty (#19)
counties out of 159
reporting highest
amount of toxic
releases in Georgia.*

TOXICS SENT TO THE HALL COUNTY LANDFILL IN 1990

COMPANY	lbs/year	substance	COMPANY	lbs/year	substance
Continental Grain	250	zinc	Glidden	6,700	ethylene glycol
Purina Mills	5	manganese	Glidden	3,300	glycol ethers
Purina Mills	5	zinc	Glidden	5	lead compounds
Glidden	250	ammonia	Glidden	15,000	zinc compounds
Glidden	250	cobalt compounds	SKF Bearing	3,320	chromium
SKF Bearing	750	manganese	SKF Bearing	750	copper

HALL COUNTY

The Newtown Florist Club is a forty-year old African American womens organization based in Gainesville, Ga. The Newtown Community is located on Gainesville's southside. In 1990, we realized that many of their neighbors were dying from various forms of throat, lung and colon cancers, lupus and respiratory illness. In 1992 we learned that four our homes were built on top of a landfill and that 13 of the sixteen industries that emit toxic pollutants in Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia are located within a two mile radius the Newtown community. The club started the Newtown Cancer Research and Advocacy Project as a way of organizing around the issues of Environmental Racism that are killing our people. For more information contact Ms. Faye Bush @ (404) 536-1359.

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No answers for Newtown

Chapter 3: Some people point to Newtown as an example of how the environmental concerns of minorities may not get as much attention as those from the white majority. They say environmental racism is at work, dividing the community and eroding attempts to promote racial unity in Hall County.



Diseases fuel environmental racism charges

By Rick Lavender
The Times

Jerry Castleberry is a 45-year-old father with forearms thick as thighs and a voice as calm as a breeze.

He looks healthy. But when the DeSota Street resident sits, he shifts often, as if his chair is stuffed with gravel.

The problem is lupus, a chronic disease that attacks the body's immune system.

Al Grace

City manager says Newtown's mix of homes, businesses pre-dates zoning

Lupus killed Castleberry's mother. Now it sears his joints with almost constant pain. He shifts about for relief.

"When I don't hurt and I feel good, I get scared," Castleberry says quietly. He fears "the calm before the storm" — death.

Castleberry doesn't know what caused his disease.

Yet some argue there is too much death and disease in Newtown, a small, predominantly black neighborhood that fans out from DeSota in southeast Gainesville.

Residents list 19 cases of cancer and a rash of illnesses, most afflicting those living on DeSota.

Some point to industry bordering their backyards and claim toxic contamination. Some believe their community was built on a dump.

Most agree on one thing: They're victims of environmental racism.

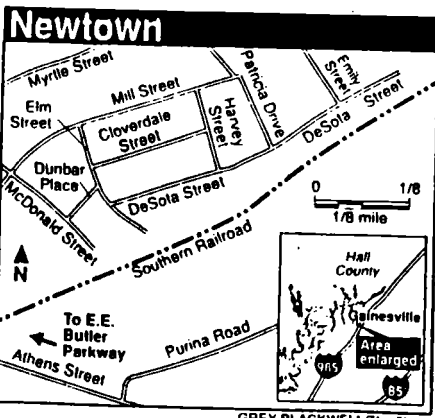
"We're black and they don't care," said DeSota's Catherine Earls, thinned to 90 pounds by colon cancer.

State and city officials deny the charges, citing a 1990 health survey that reported no cause for alarm. The study concluded drinking and smoking were the culprits.

Critics say otherwise. Their claim of racism



Roland Waller looks out of his DeSota Street home past Gainesville Scrap Iron and Metal and toward Leece-Neville (in the far background). Waller believes his congestive heart failure resulted from 23 years of working in chemical fumes at the now-closed plant.



MORE INSIDE

Here's where to find more on today's "United or Divided?" series:

■ **HEALTH QUESTIONS:** Newtown residents say a 1990 state survey left many questions. **Story, 6A**

■ **TOXIC REPORT:** Gainesville's Southside and nearby unincorporated areas have Hall County's largest concentration of toxic pollutants, federal records show. **Story, 7A**

■ **GREEN AND WHITE:** Members of most local environmental groups are white. But efforts are under way to bring those of all colors into the green movement. **Story, 7A**

■ **VIEWPOINT:** Take action now to thoroughly investigate health and pollution concerns in Newtown. **Viewpoint, 10-11A**

stands as another stumbling block to unity in Hall County. And the decades-old dispute remains the county's biggest clash of race and environment.

Spotlight on Newtown

We have had more people who want to become involved in helping resolve the Newtown cancer crisis than we've ever had," said Rose Johnson, an instrumental member of the Newtown Florist Club.

The 40-year-old group that opens meetings with the Lord's Prayer and doggedly pushes community issues has lined up:

● A Newtown-led survey to canvass the community for cancer and other diseases.

● A "toxic riding tour" of the area in conjunction with the National Council of Churches Racial Justice meeting May 7 in Atlanta.

● "The Newtown Cancer Story," a pictorial by freelance photojournalist Michael Schwarz. Publication is planned for September.

"The story's out about Newtown," said Faye Bush, a club veteran who has skin lupus.

The story mirrors a nationwide environmental justice movement spurred by research which shows that racial minorities and the poor are more likely to be exposed to pollution. Federal data put the Southside, Newtown included, in that category:

● The Southside — from Jesse Jewell Parkway south

into unincorporated areas of the county — is home to Hall's heaviest concentration of pollutants, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data.

● Parts of the Southside are almost all black, the 1990 U.S. Census shows.

● Median household income for Newtown ranges \$7,100 to \$13,000 below the county average of \$20,775. Census data shows.

But Bert Langley, director of the state Environmental Protection Division's Emergency Response Program, contends "environmental racism... implies an intent I don't think is there."

The former industry con-

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Investigation of Newtown a must

Residents' concerns warrant fast action

"I really believe it's linked to the environment. I guess I'll go to my grave saying that."

Those grim words come from Faye Bush, a Newtown resident who has coped with more than her share of medical problems. Among them: A cyst on her vocal cords, a triple heart bypass operation and lupus of the skin.

She believes her ailments stem from the tons of industrial pollution legally spewed into the skies around the Southside community over the years.

Nearly 20 cancer or related illnesses have stricken — and killed — residents.

At least 1.8 million pounds of pollutants have been released by nearby industries between 1986 and 1991 alone, federal reports show.

Some residents say they are victims of "environmental racism."

But a 1990 state study says otherwise. It says the illnesses are a result of smoking and drinking.

Residents disagree. They want a larger investigation.

But their calls fall on deaf ears.

Says Gainesville City Manager Al Grace: "They've brought complaints that are beyond our capability to deal with. If somebody can indicate a substantive problem, we'll respond to it."

Adds Mayor John W. Morrow Jr., who represents Newtown: "The state health department did a study."

Yes, but too many questions remain. We recommend:

● Several city-sponsored community meetings with Newtown residents, council members, managers from nearby industry, and both state and federal environmental leaders.

● A state and federal investigation.

● A separate probe into reports the community was built on an old landfill.

These steps could settle the issue.

The cost of such investigations should not be a deterrent. After all, what value would you put on a human life?

If you agree, please clip this, sign it and send it to one of the following:

● Mayor John W. Morrow Jr.: P.O. Box 2496, Gainesville, Ga. 30503.

● State Rep. Bobby Lawson: P.O. Box 53, Gainesville, Ga. 30503.

● State Sen. Jane Hemmer: P.O. Box 907306, Gainesville, 30501-0906.

● U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal: P.O. Box 1015, Gainesville Ga. 30503.

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Residents critical of 1990 state health survey

By Rick Lavender
The Times

A 3-year-old state study of Newtown health concerns is catching new flak.

Criticism of the 1990 report spotlights a new homegrown survey designed to explore fears that residents of the black Gainesville neighborhood face increased health risks.

"Part of our goal is to be as thorough as possible in documenting the cancers and illnesses," community activist Rose Johnson said.

Frank Bove, a federal epidemiologist who has volunteered to help, hopes the survey he created answers questions the state Department of Human Resources raised in 1990.

The state report often is cited by Georgia and Gainesville officials as proof nothing's wrong.

Based on May 1990 interviews and

Survey insight

The state Department of Human Resources and Hall County health officials, at the request of former U.S. Rep. Ed Jenkins, D-Jasper, surveyed Newtown cancer rates in May 1990. The basics, plus pros and critics' cons:

FOCUS: The nine-street neighborhood, including 143 occupied households. Residents reported 18 cancers on DeSota Street.

A copy of the survey is on file at Hall County Health Department, 430 Prior Street, Gainesville.

RESULTS: Occupants of 114 households responded or 80 percent. Mean age 40.6 years. Confirmed 20 cancers. More mouth and throat cancer (four cases) than expected (0.9 cases.)

CONCLUSION: Oral cancers likely related to lifestyle (histories of smoking and drinking.) No evidence of excess linked to environment exposure.

WHAT THE PROponents SAID:

- The survey was the best way to investigate suspicions.
- 80 percent of the occupants responded; cancer cases verified.
- Atlanta was deemed the best available comparison: state cancer registry is inadequate.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAID:

- The survey was too shallow and didn't investigate cancer sources.
- Interaction with residents was scarce.
- Comparison with more-polluted Atlanta taints incidence levels used as guides.

Sources: Citizens Clearing House for Hazardous Waste (Virginia); DHR, disease experts, Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation (Florida); Newtown Florist Club

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20 documented cancer cases from 1970 to 1989, the study judged only mouth and throat cancers rates above normal in Newtown.

The four oral cancers found were

"most likely related" to alcohol and tobacco use, the survey said.

Johnson and others blasted the report. They argue, among other things, that two of five residents the

Newtown Florist Club listed as afflicted with oral cancer had no history of smoking and drinking.

The Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste and Legal Environ-

●Newtown

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sultant lists land cost, zoning and availability of transportation and work force as factors in siting plants.

The result: Industry usually centers in lower socioeconomic areas.

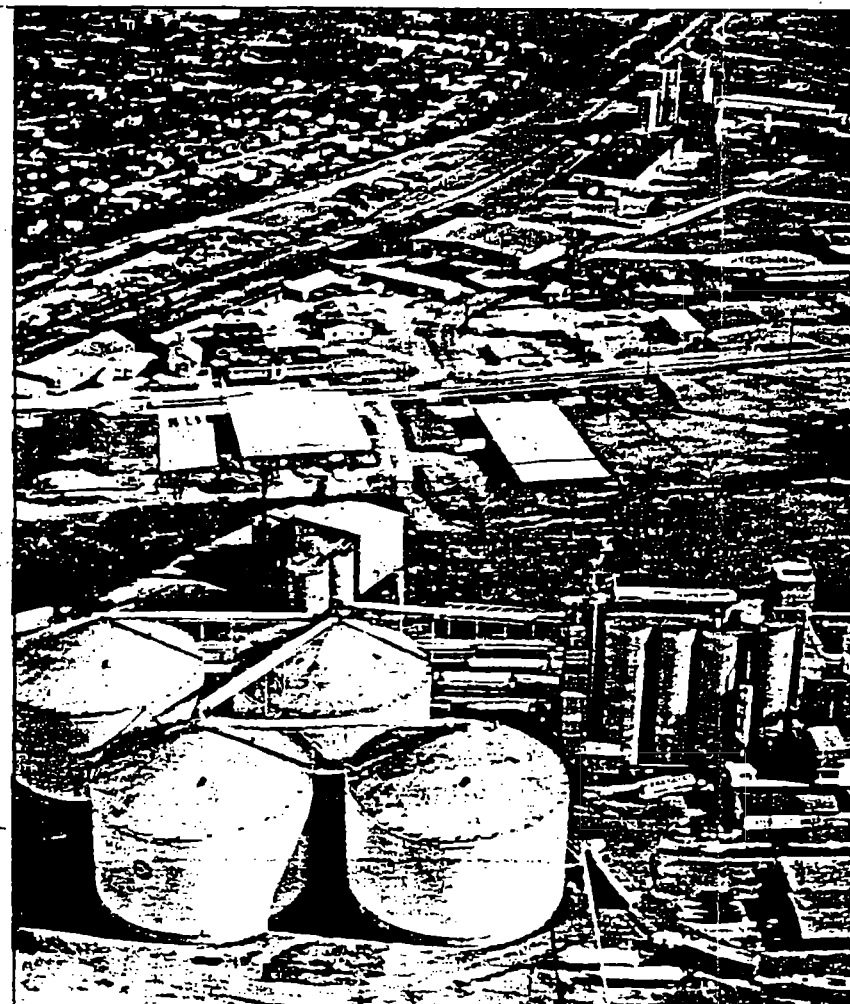
In the South, those areas are home to minority residents, Langley said. "They're getting exposed more, because of where they live," he said.

On the edge of industry

Call it life on the other side of the tracks.

Newtown can look like Normaltown. On a wind-scoured March afternoon, adults gather for sidewalk gab beside neat houses as children shoot ball at DeSota Street Park.

Both residents and houses here average older than the county average. This "new town" was built for blacks after the "Tornado of '36" killed 203 people and smashed 800 houses in Gainesville. Times records report.



TOM REED/The Times

Catherine Earls rests on her front porch. The DeSota Street resident has colon cancer, a condition she blames on industrial pollution. "Before we moved in here, we were healthy and well," she says.

an open dump where the material has been largely incinerated... and degraded... Unless you dig it up, nobody knows."

City officials are awaiting the Florist Club's plan for tackling the issue. City Manager Al Crace said, "We're not on a statement until

NEWTOWN VOICES

The Newtown controversy is more than claims and counterclaims. The issue is people and sickness and a search for answers. Voices include:

"My daughter's legs (swelled). All her hair fell out. My son's face was as black as any soot. It got where he couldn't see. I know what it's like."

Mozetta Wheelchel, 1090 DeSota St. Lost husband to cancer, two children to lupus.

"At this point, the authorities that would document (Newtown contamination) have not found a pattern."

Al Crace, Gainesville city manager

City officials say "we can't" impose a Southside moratorium on industry. "They just don't have the political will to do it."

Lillian Hall, Gainesville environmentalist



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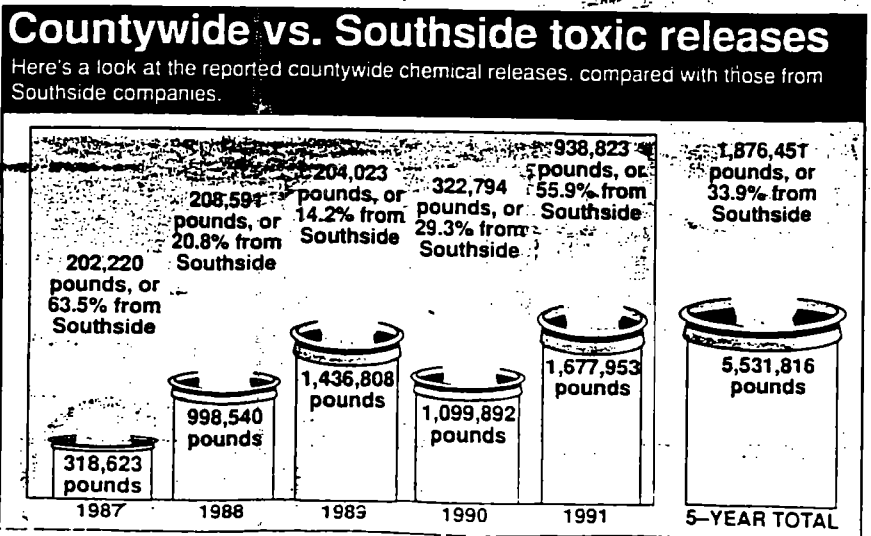
1.8 million pounds of chemicals, and counting

'Southside polluters'

Half of the 33 Hall County companies that file annual toxic chemical release reports with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are in Gainesville or unincorporated areas near the city. All but three of these are south of Jesse Jewell Parkway. During the past five years, about one-third of the toxic chemicals discharged to local air, waterways and land came from these "Southside polluters."

Name of company	Rank among county's reporting polluters	Company info	Pounds of reported chemical releases 1987 through 1991
1 Macklanburg Duncan	2	aluminum molding manufacturer	560,138
2 Harris Calorific	5	welding equipment manufacturer	293,462
3 ConAgra Broiler Co.	10	poultry company	186,577
4 Mincy Marble Manufacturing Inc.	11	cultured marble manufacturer	158,167
5 Indal Extrusion Inc.	12	aluminum molding manufacturer	144,088
6 Peachtree Doors Inc.	14	window manufacturer	130,400
7 Piedmont Laboratories Inc.	16	fills aerosol and liquid products	108,546
8 Teledyne CAE Gainesville Division	18	manufactured engines for aerospace and military industry before ceasing operations in 1992	89,568
9 Prestolite Electric Inc.'s Leece-Neville Division	19	manufactured starter motors and voltage regulators for heavy equipment before ceasing operations in 1992	84,225
10 Elan Pharmaceutical Research	20	develops technology for medications, including "the patch"	75,250
11 Fieldale Farms Gainesville	22	poultry company	41,720
12 Fieldale Farms Queen City	25	poultry company	2,500
13 Continental Grain	27	poultry feed mill	1,545
14 Purina Mills Inc.	30	feed mill	265
15 Ravan Products	32 (tie)	sanitation chemical sales company that caters to food processors	No releases reported.
16 Cargill Inc.	32 (tie)	soybean refinery	No releases reported.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency, Times Research



Top 5 toxic polluters

More than three-fourths of the toxic chemicals released into Hall County's air, waterways and on land during the last five years came from 10 of 33 companies that reported discharges to the federal government. Here are details on the top five polluters.

Company name	Address	Company info	Pounds of reported chemical releases 1987 - '91
1) Moreno Press	3915 Old Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood	commercial printing operation	1,359,139
2) Macklanburg Duncan	2095 Memorial Park Road, Unincorporated Hall County	aluminum molding manufacturer	560,138
3) I reduction color Inc.	3911 Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood	commercial ink producer	558,008
4) F-esco Steel Co. Inc.	24 Monroe Drive, Gainesville	structural steel fabricator	313,320
5) Harris Calorific	2345 Murphy Blvd., Unincorporated	aluminum molding manufacturer	293,462

Rounding out the top 10 are Combustion technologies, Reliance Electric Co., SKF Bearing Industries Co., Fieldale Farms-Murrayville, ConAgra Broiler Co.
Total releases by top 10 polluters: 4,237,266 pounds

Ernest Carithers

Family has had no problems in 39 years

"Just a dark little ol' place," remembers Ruth Cantrell, 77, a longtime DeSota resident battling throat cancer.

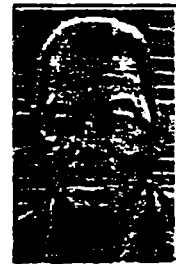
The dark survives on Gainesville zoning maps. They show gray-colored industrial zones along DeSota and McDonald streets.

And that's Newtown's ugly side. DeSota's slim back yards butt against Gainesville Scrap Iron and Metal and overlook railroad tracks that helped form both business and community.

Rising like a reminder above Newtown roof lines is the Purina Mills Inc. feed mill — tall, tan and humming with energy.

The red-checkered logos became bull's-eyes in the 1970s as residents' complaints about wastewater and grain dust spurred a state inquiry and company cleanup.

Concerns cropped up again in 1990 when the Florist Club, formed to raise money to buy flowers for community funerals, counted 12 dead from disease in some 10 years along DeSota, Emily and Harvey streets.



Benjamin Rucker

Recalls hunting snakes at a Newtown dump

A Georgia Department of Human Resources survey followed in May 1990. Results linked a high rate of oral cancers to smoking and drinking.

Newtown residents still scoff at the study. And they're not alone. Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste and Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, two national environmental groups, rate the research "superficial."

In April, federal epidemiologist Frank Bove is scheduled to direct a volunteer survey to investigate Newtown's health, from birth defects to cancer. Results are expected by May.

Industry's response

"We might see if it's an ongoing problem or something that did happen 40 years ago," said Sheila O'Farrell of Eco-Action, an Atlanta-based group aiding the Florist Club.

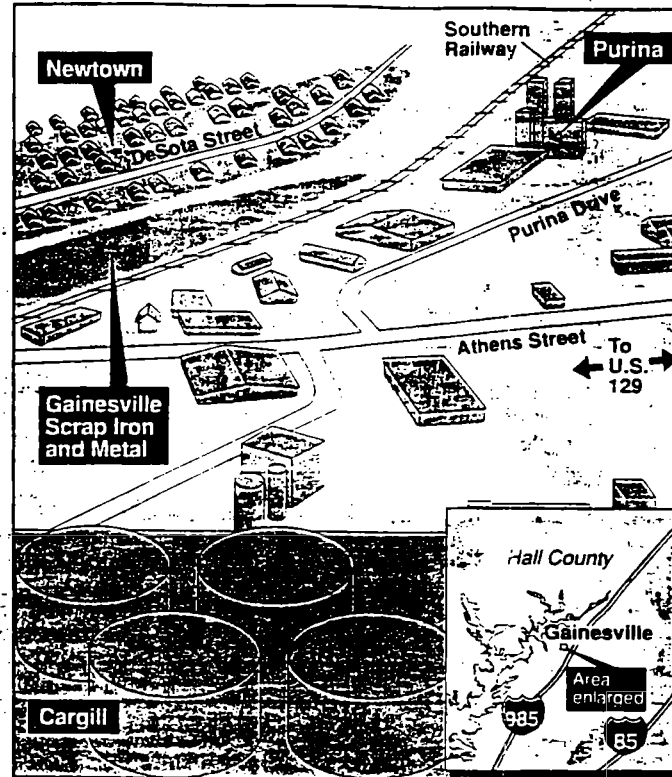
The mists of sticky, white dust and mashlike stench from sewers are more rare today. Newtowners agree.

Such dust complaints are common to feed mills, said Paul Luther, Purina environmental and safety services manager.

But everything in the (feed) is ap-

TOM REED/The Times

A bird's-eye view of the industrial back yard that butts up against Gainesville's Newtown community. Residents of the predominantly black neighborhood fear their health is jeopardized by living in the shadow of industry.



GREY BLACKWELL/The Times

proved for food chain consumption," he said. "We have never had any reports of cancer or serious illness from residents and employees."

Other companies often mentioned include Southern Tank Inc., which makes steel tanks, and Cargill Inc., a massive soybean refinery.

Yet Cargill, like Purina, is low on a list of 33 Hall companies that reported releasing poisons into the environment from 1987 through 1991, federal Toxic Release Inventory data shows. Southern Tank is not among companies required to file the annual reports.

At Cargill, "we try to work with the EPA and anybody" else, plant manager Mike Venker said.

Old dump in question

The Florist Club is making a checklist of contamination sources. Tracking polluters that file release reports is high on the list. Also to be investigated:

- Workplace exposure. Roland Weller, 54, believes his congestive

heart failure stems from years of working in chemical fumes at Prestolite Inc.'s Leece-Neville Division. The same fumes blew from the Athens Street factory, closed in 1992, toward DeSota, he said.

Newtown's Charlie Sims and Lee Wheelchel also worked at the plant. Wheelchel died of lung cancer and Sims of a heart attack that an autopsy report said was "influenced by chemicals," son Tyrone Sims said.

• Underground garbage. Benjamin Rucker, 70, recalls hunting snakes at a dump stretching the breadth of Newtown, from Bethel AME Church to Emily Street.

City officials say, however, that the April 6, 1936, tornado wiped out any records of such a dump.

An old dump might pose a threat. Though the "chemical craze" dates back only to mid-century, early-1900s industrial waste could spell trouble, said Bill Rathje, a University of Arizona archeologist who digs up old dumps.

"My guess is you're dealing with

City: Response limited

Club members and others in Newtown charge that city officials are giving them the brush-off.

"That junkyard would never happen if there were white opposition," Jerry Castleberry said, referring to Gainesville Scrap Iron and Metal, a common source of complaints.

Gainesville Scrap Iron co-owner Harrison Haynes declined comment. Crace argues, in part, that the city's hands are tied because the mix of homes and businesses predates zoning in Gainesville.

And talk of a moratorium on new industry in the neighborhood, or of a buyout of Newtown or area businesses, has led nowhere.

Other than water testing, the environmental questions "are beyond our capability," Crace said.

Produce evidence "of some kind of substantial problem, and we'll be glad if we have any experience in that area to use it," he said.

Developments that may shed new light on environmental concerns in Newtown and the Southside include:

- Pending analysis of soil samples to help locate the dump site.
- Upcoming meetings for a proposed state Environmental Justice Act that would require the state to gauge health risks before issuing permits to polluters. The bill has been tabled by the General Assembly until 1994.

• Potential "good neighbor" tours at area companies. Tuesday, Cargill officials offered concerned Newtowners a tour.

Lacking 'the fear'

Not all in Newtown believe their environment is tainted. Ernest Carithers and his wife raised seven children on DeSota with no problems in 39 years.

"Since nothing has happened to our family," Ernest Carithers said softly, "we don't have the fear that some have who had tragedies."

Other residents aren't certain about contamination. No matter, they want the issue answered.

Residents like Faye Bush, 57, who has endured a cyst on her vocal chords, a triple bypass and lupus. She is confident of the source.

"I really believe it's linked to the environment," Bush said. "I guess I'll go to my grave saying that."

Mickey Higginbotham contributed to this report.



Venker



Sims

"What I would like to see is the community and the industry and the newspaper work together."

Mike Venker, Cargill Inc. plant manager

"I just figured I'll take matters into my own hands when I complete (law school). Right now, dying's all we can do."

Tyrone Sims, 757 Harvey St.

"It's just like a thief. It's just going from door to door."

Ernest Earls, 1049 DeSota St. Wife has colon cancer.

After two stillborn children in 1992 "I had my tubes tied . . . I didn't want to put myself through it (again)."

Patsy Moorehead, 1070 DeSota St.

"We kind of wonder what it's all about."

Ernest Carithers, 1054 DeSota St. Mother died of cancer; father of "chemical-influenced" heart attack.

In the United States today "four out of 10 will get cancer and two out of 10 will die from it."

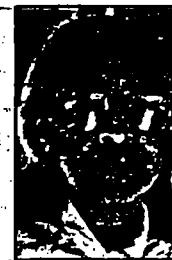
Shirley Fry, Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Institute for Science Education

The 1990 survey "was more intensive than anything we had done in the state."

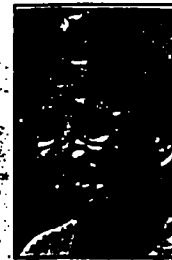
Tom McKinley, state epidemiologist Co-directed Newtown survey.

"The only thing I can tell you is what you all have written about. That the state health department did a study."

John W. Morrow Jr., Gainesville mayor



Cantrell



Bush

Cancer "is not contagious!"

Ruth Cantrell, 1158 DeSota St. Diagnosed with throat cancer in 1980.

"I realize it is our lifestyle, because we are the only ones who stay on that side of town where it is."

Faye Bush, 1067 DeSota St. On survey link of cancer to lifestyle

— Rick Lavender and Mickey Higginbotham

The green movement lacks people of color

Recruitment urged

By Rick Lavender
The Times

Vicente Bautista is translating Hall County recycling pamphlets into Spanish. He's also helping Operation Clean Sweep, involving minority neighborhoods.

"We try to encourage the Hispanics to participate more actively from recycling to keeping everything clean," the Chipicuaro Restaurant owner said.

Bautista's work is a leading example of how green groups in Hall are showing shades of something other than white.

Vicente Bautista
Encourages Hispanics to recycle

The change in a county 87 percent white yet growing more diversified reflects a nationwide call for environmental justice.

The movement is rooted in the dark revelation that minorities and the poor are subject to more pollution at home and work than other social groups.

Green giants such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Sierra Club have responded by revising white-oriented hiring and program records.

But locally, despite signs of

GETTING INVOLVED

Volunteers power the environmental movement. Ways to get involved in "green" works or, specifically, the Newtown situation:

- Contact a local environmental organization.
- Telephone the Newtown Florist Club, (404) 536-1359, or the Southside Committee to Stop Pollution, (404) 536-2833.

- Attend Hall County Environmental Quality Board meetings. The five-member advisory board to the County Commission investigates environmental issues of interest to local residents. Next meeting: 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Room 301, Joint Administration Building, 300 Green St., Gainesville.

change, minorities are missing from many environmental groups and government boards.

The five-member Hall County Environmental Quality Board, which led the stormy search for a new landfill site, is 100 percent white.

"And I have brought that up before," Chairman Bill Brooksher said.

Former County Commission Chair Curtis Segars recalls weighing two main concerns when he helped appoint the board in 1990: expertise and including an environmentalist.

- Other all-white panels:
- The Grand Jury Watchdog Committee, guardian of Lake Lanier.
 - Gainesville and Hall County



Those who live in the shadow of industry — including residents of DeSota Street, where Norfolk Southern trains pass within 50 yards — are not part of Hall County's "environmental establishment." But there's a move afoot to increase minority involvement.

planning commissions, which are zoning boards.

- Three advisory groups that helped develop Hall's solid waste plan.

Diversity pluses include blacks on zoning appeals boards and on volunteer groups tackling minority issues.

Adele Kushner of Action for a Clean Environment wishes the Northeast Georgia group was not "strictly white at the top." "But we depend on volunteers," she said.

Reasons given for the lack of minorities in grass roots environmentalism include:

- Language barriers.
- Economics that leave little time for causes.
- Developing environmental awareness.

"The more we learn, the more

we'll become involved," said Faye Bush of the all-black Newtown Florist Club, champion of Southside environmental issues.

"I think in the past, environmental groups have neglected a lot of issues that concern people of color," said Sheila O'Farrell of Eco-Action, which helps low-income communities learn about potential toxic risks.

Not so in the citizens advisory committee to Hall's waste plan, chairman Len Purdy said. "Our policy was anybody that showed up ... was given an opportunity to express their views."

Ironically, the office that takes the most heat on environmental issues rates big in minority hiring.

Georgia's Environmental Protection Division salaried work force lists 27 percent minorities, or 132 of 487 employees.

ABOUT THE SERIES

"Hall County: United or Divided?" is a year-long series by The Times examining racial issues within Hall County.

Each month, a different area of community interest will be examined by Times reporters, photographers, editors and others. Members of community focus groups helped suggest the topics addressed in each chapter.

- Times employees who worked on this chapter include:
- **Reporting:** Rick Lavender and Mickey Higginbotham.
 - **Photography:** Tom Reed.
 - **Editing:** Vele Keyta Redding, local editor.
 - **Graphics:** Grey Blackwell, news graphic artist.
 - **Design, copy editing:** Michael Beard, assistant news editor, and Rick Lavender.

GIVE US YOUR OPINION

Today's installment of "Hall County: United or Divided?" examines alleged "environmental racism" in this area.

The main focus is the continuing health problems in the Newtown community of Gainesville.

We'd like to know your thoughts on the series. Please send your comments to:

United or Divided?
The Times, Attn: Local Desk
P.O. Box 838
Gainesville, Ga. 30503.
Fax: (404) 532-0457.
Letters sent by Wednesday will be included in next Sunday's Viewpoint section.

COMING IN APRIL

Chapter four of "Hall County: United or Divided?" will examine race and local health care.

The primary writers will be Mickey Higginbotham and Sandra Stephens. They are seeking suggestions from local residents on what areas to investigate as part of the series.

If you know of any health-related issues and how they apply to blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians and others, please call or write either Higginbotham or Stephens.

Write to them in care of The Times, P.O. Box 838, Gainesville, Ga. 30503. Fax: (404) 532-0457.

You can call them between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at (404) 532-1234 or (800) 395-5005.

Chapter four will be published in late April.

'Southside polluters' spew tons of wastes

By Mickey Higginbotham
The Times

Federal toxic chemical release reports confirm some fears of Hall County's vocal minority, but dispel other beliefs that a few Southside companies are among the worst local polluters.

Half of Hall County's toxic polluters are in Gainesville's Southside or adjacent unincorporated areas. In 1991, they legally spewed more invisible poisons into the environment than the rest of the county's polluters, federal records show.

A Times analysis of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Toxic Release Inventory also shows these "Southside polluters."

- Sent 1.8 million pounds of hazardous chemicals into Hall County's air, waterways and land during the last five years.

- Generated a third of the 5.5 million pounds of toxins released into the county's environment between 1987 and 1991.

Increased dangers?

While release data confirms the Southside area, south of Jesse Jewell Parkway, contains the county's hub of reporting polluters, it is impossible to conclude that Southside residents face increased dangers, said Bert Langley, Georgia's Emergency Response Program manager.

"They may or may not pose some kind of environmental or health risk," said Langley, who coordinates toxic chemical release data for the state. A variety of factors contribute to Langley's conclusion.

Among them: The data does not spell out what concentrations of chemicals are released, so it is difficult to conclude if people in surrounding areas are exposed to hazardous levels of toxins.

For years, Southside residents complained that officials have turned a deaf ear to cries that pollution was overwhelming in their area.

But the companies that activists have pinpointed as the worst offenders are near the bottom of the list of Hall County's toxic polluters, the federal report shows.

Cargill Inc., which has been targeted by Newtown residents, tied for having the lowest amount of emissions the last five years, a review of the 33 reporting industries shows.

Two other prime concerns to Newtown residents, Purina Mills Inc. and Prestolite Electric Inc.'s Leece-Neville Division, placed No. 30 and No. 19, respectively.

Federal records show:

- Cargill filed annual toxic release data all five years, but reported no releases of any regulated chemicals to air, water or land.

- Purina Mills did not file release reports in 1987 or 1991. Only in 1990 did the company report environmental releases — 265 pounds of manganese compounds and zinc compounds sent into the air.

- Leece-Neville reported releasing 84,220 pounds of copper, Freon 113, toluene and xylene into the air in the last five years. The starter motor plant is now closed.

Qualified reports

State and federal environmental officials say the annual Toxic Release Inventory must be taken with a grain of salt for several reasons, including:

- Many polluters are exempt from filing release reports. And it's not known how many that are required to file actually do.

Newtown residents have raised questions about pollution from Southern Tank Inc. and Gainesville Scrap and Metal Inc., but the companies are exempt from filing Toxic Release Inventory data.

- Tens of thousands of industrial chemicals are used in the workplace, but the report concerns releases of only some 320 toxins.

Grain dust, a big complaint from Newtown residents, is not included.



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1994

Mr. Jack Groh
Fibre Box Association
2850 Golf Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Dear Mr. Groh:

Thank you for the invitation to Vice President Gore to take part in the annual meeting of the Fibre Box Association in mid-April.

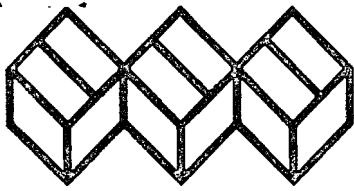
Unfortunately, other commitments prevent the Vice President from taking part in the meeting on that date. For your information, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the President's Office on Environmental Policy. If you are interested in discussing the agenda of the Fibre Box Association with a member of the OEP staff, please call 202-456-6225.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony T. Wilson".

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling



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March 14, 1994

Mr. Anthony Wilson
Director of Scheduling
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building, Room 283
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In April, the Fibre Box Association, representing the \$17 billion corrugated industry, will hold its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. We will be announcing a major nationwide initiative to increase the recapture rate of corrugated for recycling. Because of our industry's voluntary efforts, corrugated already has the second highest recapture rate of any recyclable material. In 1993, for example, more than 60 percent of this material was recycled.

In order for any voluntary effort to work, a broad-based awareness must be created. In line with this, we are launching an extensive public relations and consumer education campaign over the next two years. We are hoping Vice President Gore will consider assisting us in creating this awareness.

We are asking that the Vice President consider addressing our members while they are in Washington April 10-12. The annual meeting takes place at the Four Seasons Hotel.

We have put a similar request in to President Clinton's scheduling office. I understand from conversations with your office that there is no conflict in directing a similar request to the Vice President. Given the environmental orientation shared by members of this administration, we would be pleased to host either official.

If, for any reason, this is not possible, I would like to discuss other appropriate forms of recognition including among other things, a possible briefing meeting with the Vice President to explain our campaign and discuss mutual environmental concerns.

I believe we provide an excellent role model for industries interested in combining environmentally and economically sound policies. I can provide you with any necessary information on our recycling program as well as industry information that would be helpful in preparing remarks.

I will contact you shortly to discuss this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Groh
FitzGerald & Company



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WASHINGTON

March 28, 1994

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The Honorable Jerry Howard
Missouri State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 428A
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Senator Howard:

Thank you for your letter requesting a meeting with Vice President Gore on behalf of Mr. Arthur Duncan.

Unfortunately, other commitments prevent the Vice President from arranging an appointment on the dates of Mr. Duncan's visit. For your information, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the President's Office on Environmental Policy. If Mr. Duncan is interested in meeting with a member of the OEP staff, please call 202-456-6225.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling



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Polly, Sen. Howards office

DATE:

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MESSAGE

If an appointment is available, please
Contact me ASAP. Thank You
314-751-3301

Should you have any difficulty receiving this telecopy, please call (314) 751-3301



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March 25, 1994

The Honorable Al Gore, Vice-President
United States of America
Washington, D.C. 25010

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I am writing to you to request that you meet with Mr. Arthur L. Duncan of Gideon, Missouri some time between the 8th and 12th of April this year. Mr. Duncan will be in Washington, D.C. during this time.

Mr. Duncan is a highly respected farmer and agri-businessman. As a farmer myself, I have been extremely impressed by Mr. Duncan's expertise on every conceivable farm issue. He has helped me serve the people of my district. He is an excellent problem solver. He also serves as a leader for the county, state and national soil and water conservation districts.

Mr. Duncan would like to discuss his conceptual overview of environmental credits for farmers. He recently made a presentation of his plan to the National Association of Conservation Districts Phoenix, Arizona. His ideas have been very well received. The plan he has developed is entirely his own. This life-long Democrat shares your concern for the environment. He has spent much of his adult life working to protect precious soil and water resources.

I am more than confident that meeting with Mr. Duncan will be of great benefit to your work. He will be glad to drop anything else he is doing in Washington to see you at your convenience. Thank you for your considerate attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Howard", written over a horizontal line.

Jerry T. Howard
State Senator
District 25

JTH/pc



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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March 9, 1994

Mr. Stephen Goodman
President
BALANCE
1466 Broadway, Room 600
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Thank you for your letter requesting a meeting on behalf of Mr. Leif Norgaard.

I know he sincerely appreciates your interest, but unfortunately, other scheduling commitments prevent the Vice President from arranging an appointment that week. As I'm sure you can imagine, the responsibilities and obligations of the White House do not allow the Vice President to honor as many requests as he would like. For your information, I have forwarded a copy of your request to the President's Office on Environmental Policy. If you are interested in speaking with a member of the OEP staff, please call 202-456-6225.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact my office again with future requests or questions. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony T. Wilson".

Anthony T. Wilson
Director of Scheduling

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Novotex sent gift (shirt) w/invite

X A. FOR YOUR INPUT

The attached request is pending action in the Vice President's Scheduling Office. Please advise:

1. Vice President should attend/meet

Justification/Comments:

I am submitting a scheduling request form for this event.

Please circulate this request among the following staff
for additional comments:
(reqt should be returned to sched office for routing)

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Please send regret letter from Tony Wilson

Please send regret letter from VPOTUS

****any language suggestions should be attached or noted**

My office has already regretted by phone/letter
(no further action by scheduling office necessary)

3. Vice President should not attend/meet, please refer
organization to staff (staff contact _____, ext _____)
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B. FOR YOUR ACTION

The attached request was received in the Vice President's Scheduling Office. It is being routed to your office for response/action. Please do not return to Scheduling Office.

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February 28, 1994

Vice President of The United States
The Honorable Albert Gore
Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

Mr. Vice President:

Mr. Leif Norgaard, Managing Director of NOVOTEX A/S, Denmark is scheduled to be in New York City the week of April 18th 1994. As I'm sure you are aware, Friday of that week is Earth Day 1994. NOVOTEX A/S is a textile and fabric company that produces environmentally friendly fabrics made with their internationally trademarked product, GREEN COTTON. GREEN COTTON is to our knowledge the world's most technologically advanced environmental fabric production, starting with cotton that is grown throughout the world without the use of any chemicals, to dyeing and finishing done in a full range of colors without the use of heavy metal ingredients in the dye formulas.

Mr. Norgaard is an internationally recognized Industrial-Environmentalism, and spends much of his time meeting with the foremost environmentally concerned leaders of various European Governments. His company has won many environmental awards given by the E.E.C. and it is considered the benchmark technology in "Green" fabric production where large quantities can be produced in an efficient and economical manner.

We are the owners of a medium size mens and ladies clothing manufacturing company named BALANCE that exclusively uses GREEN COTTON fabrics and also represents NOVOTEX A/S through GREEN COTTON NORTH AMERICA. We import their fabrics into America, and cut and sew the garments in our factory in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The company has been in existence for about a year, and we are beginning to do quite well with this concept. The development of this international co-operation with environmental benefits is for us both gratifying and exciting. We believe this endeavour is a justification that environmental concerns and economic growth may be merged into one.

We have enclosed some information for your review that we hope you find informative. If you are interested to meet with Mr. Norgaard during the week of the 18th we would be more than happy to arrange this. Mr. Norgaard will be in New York for most of the week, but would also be available to meet with you in Washington, DC. if that is more convenient for your schedule. Of course if no

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meeting is possible during that week please suggest when an alternate time and date is convenient.

Thank you for your time and attention, not only to this subject, but also for your continued concern and commitment to all areas that relate to a cleaner and healthier environment.

Sincerely,



Stephen Goodman
President



Sylvia Obledo Goodman
Chief Executive Officer



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March 18, 1994

The Honorable Vice President Albert Gore
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Make Every Day
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Dear Vice President Gore:

Gaylord Nelson
Founder
Earth Day

Chairman
Earth Day USA

Bruce Anderson
President
Earth Day USA

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Observe Earth Day
on April 22.

As Honorary Chairman of Earth Day 1995, you are the obvious host of a press briefing and reception on April 22, 1994, to formally announce the 25th Anniversary and your Honorary Chairmanship of it, and to formally unveil the Earth Day 1995 programs and activities flowing through and complementing the unique private-public partnership, Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA.

Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA -- a first-ever partnership of more than 700 grassroots Earth Day organizers and 13 federal agencies representing the Education and Communications Working Group of the Subcommittee on Global Change Research -- is undertaking a long-term environmental education and community action effort in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day. It is only fitting and appropriate that in your role as Vice President and Honorary Chair of Earth Day 1995 you announce this partnership.

- Earth Day 1995 Press Briefing

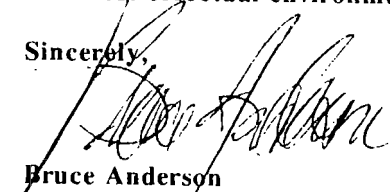
Following President Clinton's Earth Day speech on April 22, 1994, we would like to request that you host a press briefing that will outline the particulars leading up to the 25th Anniversary exactly one year later, including the joint partnership. You would be joined in your remarks by former Senator and Founder of Earth Day Gaylord Nelson, National Science and Technology Chair John Gibbons, Earth Day USA President Bruce Anderson, and Project Earthlink Executive Director Daphne Gemmill.

- Earth Day 1995 Reception

- We also request that you host a reception that day to kick off the 25th Anniversary Campaign and public-private partnership. This reception would feature the individuals referenced above as well as the Cabinet, representatives of the 13 federal agencies and strategic partners involved in Project Earthlink, representatives of key environmental groups, social justice organizations, CEOs of key businesses, and labor interests.

We are extremely excited about the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day, your Honorary Chairmanship, and the Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA partnership. If you have any questions or need additional information, please have your staff call. We look forward to working with you to make the 25th anniversary of Earth Day the largest, most inclusive, and most effectual environmental celebration ever.

Sincerely,


Bruce Anderson
President
Earth Day USA


Daphne Gemmill
Executive Director
Project Earthlink

cc: Kathleen McGinty, Keith Laughlin

EARTH DAY 1995 WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING

- WHO:** Vice President Gore
Former Senator/Earth Day Founder Gaylord Nelson
National Science and Technology Chair John Gibbons,
Earth Day USA President Bruce Anderson
Project Earthlink Executive Director Daphne Gemmill
- WHAT:** A press briefing to formally announce the 25th Anniversary, your Honorary Chairmanship of it, and to formally unveil the Earth Day 1995 programs and activities flowing through and complementing the unique private-public partnership, Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA and establish it as an all-inclusive, long-term environmental education and community action effort, in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary.
- WHEN:** Immediately following President Clinton's Earth Day 1994 speech. Ideally, the President will announce the 25th Anniversary and will issue an "Earth Day Presidents' Challenge," reference Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA as an unprecedented public-private partnership, and acknowledge Vice President Gore's role as Honorary Chairman of Earth Day USA.
- WHERE:** Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA will work with the White House press office to arrange for a suitable location, eg, the Old Executive Office Building.
- WHY:** The Vice President has accepted Earth Day USA's invitation to be the Honorary Chairman of Earth Day 1995. The Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA partnership affords the Vice President an opportunity to play a visible role in increasing awareness of global changes issues, sustainable lifestyles, and information technologies as environmental decision-making tools. The public-private partnership is gathering support from all sectors of society, including environmentalists and educators, as well as social justice organizations, business and industry.
- HOW:** Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA will work with the White House to deliver any necessary elements to ensure maximum exposure for the press briefing.

EARTH DAY 1995 WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

- WHAT:** A reception to kick-off the 25th Anniversary Earth Day campaign as well as the Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA public-private partnership. A few brief remarks with an introduction by the Vice President.
- WHEN:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, April 22, 1994
- WHERE:** Earth Day USA will work with the White House to determine the most suitable site, possibly the Rose Garden or the Roosevelt Room.
- WHY:** The reception will provide an up-front opportunity to generate recognition of:
- 1) the Administration's active involvement in plans for the 25th Anniversary;
 - 2) the unprecedented public-private partnership between Project Earthlink and Earth Day USA;
 - 3) the extraordinary support for this project from all sectors of American society;
 - 4) corporate support and interest in this effort; and
 - 5) the fact that Earth Day is a non-controversial, all inclusive, grassroots-led.
- HOW:** Earth Day USA will work with the Administration to develop a list of invitees, select the site and time, and determine necessary handouts. We will also assist in the development of any prepared remarks the Vice President would issue in his introduction of the segment of the reception devoted to unveiling plans for the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day and of Project Earthlink/Earth Day USA.
- WHO:** Vice President Gore
Former Senator Gaylord Nelson
National Science and Technology Chair John Gibbons,
Earth Day USA President Bruce Anderson
Project Earthlink Executive Director Daphne Gemmill
Cabinet Secretaries
Chair, Subcommittee on Global Change Research Robert Corell
Co-Chairs, Global Change Education and Communications Working Group
Gary Evans and Lynne Carter
Other Earth Day representatives
Education and Communications Working Group

National Environmental Groups

Center for Marine Conservation
Environmental Action
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Law Institute
Friends of the Earth
Humane Society
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Environmental Justice Working Group
NAACP
Urban League

Labor

AFL-CIO
Oil, Atomic, and Chemical Workers
United Auto Workers
United Farm Workers
United Steelworkers of America

Religious Coalitions

National Religious Partnership for the Environment
North American Coalition on Religion & Ecology

Other Non-Government Organizations

Alliance of Environmental Educators
American Association of Retired Persons
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