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North Eugene, the District 5AAA runner-up, makes its debut in the state AAA baseball playoffs today when the Highlanders travel to Eagle Point for a 2:30 p.m. contest. The only other playoff game on tap for today is Columbia at Sunset. Eagle Point will be the home team.

The two winners will qualify for the final 16 which will begin play Friday. If North wins, the Highlanders would be at Corvallis on Friday, while league champion Sheldon will host the South sate winners.

Sheldon, Churchill tee off at AAA golf tournament

Finals from Sheldon and Churchill high schools tee off today in the state Class AAA prep golf tournament at Gladstone Golf Club in Portland.

Also qualifying for the tournament from District 5AAA are Ron Dunn of Marshfield, runner-up to Steve Peterson of Churchill for district individual honors and Jeff Barrishon of Marshfield.

Sheldon's Craig Gilbert, who won the District 5AAA "A" last week, "at least his tournament of the state Class AAAA tournament at Meriwether Golf Club. Also qualifying from this area is the team from McKenzie High School and individuals Mike Shirley of Oakridge and Chuck Duchateau of Marilyn.

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The Honorable George W. Bush,
President of United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500
Tel: (202) 456-1414
Fax: (202) 456-0200

My dear President Bush,

Subject: Thousand Points of Light in America

On Sunday, March 13, 2005, I went around my neighborhood in the Upper Aina Haina area in Hawaii and asked my neighbors if they would sign a petition in support of your exercising caution with respect to your prosecution of the Iraq War. And that troop lives, American soldiers, were important to the average American. So, many of these people signed the petition in support of a just prosecution of the Iraq War.

I am, today, from May 20, 2006 to May 31, 2006, moving from my residence in Aina Haina and had somehow misplaced these people's petition and did not get a chance to mail them to you.

Upper Aina Haina is a sleepy neighborhood with a lot of old people (government and Pearl Harbor workers) and a few young families. If you could send everyone in this neighborhood a letter thanking them for their concerns (and support of your Iraq War), if not name them one of President Bush’s thousand points of light, it would be very much appreciated and welcomed by these folks. People in America, average people, work very hard and to be recognized for the good that they do will come as a welcomed and appreciated surprise.

On March 13, 2005, I canvassed about 200 homes (my neighbors) in Upper Aina Haina. Of the 200 homeowners, about 60 percent were home that Sunday. Most were at church or at other functions and family outings. Of the 60 percent that were home, about 93 percent signed the petition asking you to exercise caution in your prosecution of the Iraq War (that you be just with the Iraq people) and, thereby, bring our troops home safely. These are my concerns, too, as, also, felt by people who live in the same district as I do.

I canvassed from Ani Street towards Wai'uku Elementary School, up Hind Iuka Street (from Ani Street), and every side-street from that point up the valley in Aina Haina. We are just up the road from Calvary-by-the-Sea Lutheran Church, Pastor Tim Mason, that sponsors Angel Network Charities, founded by Ivy Olsen, named as one of your father’s thousand points of light in America. I am speaking for all of these people as well as myself (a former Young Republican) and I do hope that you will acknowledge them. They are nothing special, but average American citizens who care for this country and who have done their part loyally as US citizens. Those who have families want to raise their families in peace and stability, and all value life in America.

We support this country and our freedoms. Your acknowledgment will be welcomed by all.

Yours,

Lester D.K. Chow
Memo to the Record

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| WASHINGTON |

Date: 1/12/06

To: Melissa Price
From: Oval Office Operations

Sarah C.

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- FYI
- Appropriate Action
- Direct Response
- Prepare Response For My Signature
- Per Our Conversation
- Let's Discuss
- For Your Information
- Please Return
- Deadline
- Other

Comments: Sonny Montgomery's folk sent this in from him for the President. Could we have a note drafted saying "the photograph reached my desk. Thanks for sending it..."?

Thanks!

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FOR

MELE SSA

PRICE
Hi Karen,

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Hi Karen,

I have a photo of the President and Sonny Montgomery from the MOF November 5th. I'm interofficeing it to you but here are the details:

The photo is signed by SM and was sent by Bob Bailey (his assistant).

Sonny Montgomery's home address:

(b)(6)

Work:
The Montgomery Group
Suite 104
11 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 549-7408 Louise Cave

These people from Mississippi are so charming!

Caroline Huddleston
White House Social Office
(202) 456-2372

(b)(6)

* Called & expresed thanks for the photo.

Melissa - I think a phone call by you might be best since I sent Sonny photos & letters.

1/12/2006
Price, Melissa R.

From: Ford, Frederick H.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 11:05 AM
To: Price, Melissa R.
Subject: Hall, Tony P. - Resignation Acceptance - REVISED

STAFF SEC APPROVAL
for President's Signature

(Melissa, this has changed from the version I sent you yesterday. Please disregard that letter. Thanks.)

February 21, 2006

The Honorable Tony P. Hall
United States Representative to the United Nations Agencies
For Food and Agriculture
Rome, Italy

Dear Tony:

Thank you for your service to our country as the United States Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome.

I appreciate your leadership and hard work representing the good heart of the American people in our fight against global hunger. Throughout your career in Congress and as Ambassador, your commitment has made a difference and helped improve the lives of people both at home and abroad. Your efforts represent the compassionate spirit of our Nation, and I am grateful for your dedicated service.

Laura and I send our best wishes to you and your family. God bless.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush
Dear Alma:

Thank you for your service as a member and Vice Chairman of The Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. As a leading member of the Board, your dedication and vision contributed to a period of outstanding programs and enhancements at our Nation's premier performing arts venue. Your heart for service is an inspiration, and I am grateful for your commitment to America's artistic legacy.

Laura and I send our love and best wishes to you and Colin. God bless.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

February 16, 2006

The Honorable Alma Johnson Powell

(b)(6)
Hi Melissa,

The father of these two little girls participated in the panel conf. in Dublin, and he gave the President two Valentine's day cards from his daughters. Do these look ok for hand-sign, per Sarah C.?

Thanks,

ff

Freddy Ford
Presidential Correspondence
6-2261 - direct
6-7705 - fax
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Miss Giuliana Ciotola

Dear Giuliana:

Thank you for your thoughtful Valentine’s Day card. I was pleased to meet your father during my trip to Dublin and can tell that he loves you and your sister very much.

Through the years, many pets have lived at the White House. Mrs. Bush and I have two dogs, Barney and Miss Beazley, and a cat, Willie. Barney is a fabulous little Scottish terrier. I hope you take good care of your dog, Bailey; listen to your parents and teachers; and help those in need. By setting high goals and reaching your full potential, you can make a difference in your community and our Nation.

Thank you again for your card. Mrs. Bush and I send our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush
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Miss Alisa Ciotola

Dear Alisa:

2/23/2006
Thank you for taking the time to write. I appreciate your kind words and your Valentine’s Day card. I know that your father is very proud of you and your sister, and I enjoyed the chance to meet with him in Dublin.

Mrs. Bush and I are honored to live in the White House with our two dogs, Barney and Miss Beazley, and our cat, Willie. Barney is my favorite dog, and he’s a great little guy. I hope you and your sister make time in your schedules for your dog, Bailey. I also encourage you to dedicate yourself to your schoolwork and help others. Your hope and energy can make a difference in our country’s future.

Thank you again for writing. Mrs. Bush and I send our best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush
Price, Melissa R.

From: Ford, Frederick H.
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 5:46 PM
To: Price, Melissa R.
Subject: Carr, Kevin - Quick h/s

This boy's mother met the President in Dublin and presented a note from her son. (Similar to others sent earlier).
Thanks,
Freddy
6-2261

February 21, 2006

Mr. Kevin Carr
(b)(6)

Dear Kevin:

Thank you for your kind words of support and especially for your prayers. I enjoyed the chance to meet with your mother in Dublin, and I know she must be very proud of you.

As you continue to grow, I encourage you to study hard and reach out to help those in need. By setting high goals, striving to be a man of character, and answering the call to love your neighbor, you can help strengthen your community and our Nation.

Mrs. Bush and I send our best wishes to you and your parents.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

2/23/2006
Price, Melissa R.

From: Vaughan, Frederick W.
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 3:19 PM
To: Price, Melissa R.
Subject: Tasy, Marie - Handsign

Below is a draft of an SLR for H/S to Ms. Marie Tasy per Brett's request. Incoming was in support of POTUS statement regarding human cloning in the 2006 SOTU and came through Tim Goeglein. Let me know if you have any questions or would like me to fax you the incoming and/or the background for the language in the letter.

Thanks. Fritz

February 22, 2006

Ms. Marie Tasy
Director of Public & Legislative Affairs
New Jersey Right to Life

Dear Marie:

I recently received your letter about my 2006 State of the Union Address from Tim Goeglein. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Human life is a gift from our Creator that should never be discarded, devalued, or put up for sale. In the coming years, the protection of human life and human dignity will remain high priorities for me and for this administration. By working together, we can renew the values that sustain our liberty and build a more hopeful society for our children and grandchildren.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20502  
202-456-5426 (fax)
February 1, 2006

Mr. Tim Geoglin
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BUSH’S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Dear Tim:

On behalf of New Jersey Right to Life, I wish to express my sincere thanks to President Bush for speaking out against unethical science and calling on Congress to “pass legislation to prohibit human cloning in all its forms, creating or implanting embryos for experiments, creating human-animal hybrids, and buying, selling or patenting human embryos.”

Here in our state, we actually passed a law in 2003 (NJ P.L. 2003, C.203) that expressly permits many of these egregious practices mentioned by the President and more. NJ Governor Corzine and the NJ Democratic leadership are currently working to pass legislation that will ask NJ voters to approve the borrowing of $230 M for this clone and kill research and another bill that will use $210 M in bonds to fund capital costs for biomedical research facilities in NJ.

As the state’s largest pro-life organization, we have led the fight against these initiatives and with God’s help, will continue to do so.

Passing a comprehensive, legitimate federal human cloning ban will help eradicate and abolish some of the potential abuses against humanity that the NJ law currently allows.

Please thank the President for once again standing up for humanity and the sanctity of all human life.

Sincerely,

Marie Tasy
Executive Director

113 North Avenue West, Cranford, NJ 07016-2167
Phone: 908.276.6620 • Fax: 908.276.5516 • Website: www.njrtl.org
since the 1970s. Welfare cases have dropped by more than half over the past decade. Drug use among youth is down 19 percent since 2001. There are fewer abortions in America than at any point in the last three decades, and the number of children born to teenage mothers has been falling for a dozen years in a row. (Applause.)

These gains are evidence of a quiet transformation -- a revolution of conscience, in which a rising generation is finding that a life of personal responsibility is a life of fulfillment. Government has played a role. Wise policies, such as welfare reform and drug education and support for abstinence and adoption have made a difference in the character of our country. And everyone here tonight, Democrat and Republican, has a right to be proud of this record. (Applause.)

Yet many Americans, especially parents, still have deep concerns about the direction of our culture, and the health of our most basic institutions. They're concerned about unethical conduct by public officials, and discouraged by activist courts that try to redefine marriage. They worry about children in our society who need direction and love, and about fellow citizens still displaced by natural disaster, and about suffering caused by treatable diseases.

As we look at these challenges, we must never give in to the belief that America is in decline, or that our culture is doomed to unravel. The American people know better than that. We have proven the pessimists wrong before -- and we will do it again. (Applause.)

A hopeful society depends on courts that deliver equal justice under the law. The Supreme Court now has two superb new members -- new members on its bench: Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Sam Alito. (Applause.) I thank the Senate for confirming both of them. I will continue to nominate men and women who understand that judges must be servants of the law, and not legislate from the bench. (Applause.)

Today marks the official retirement of a very special American. For 24 years of faithful service to our nation, the United States is grateful to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. (Applause.)

... has institutions of science and medicine that do not cut ethical corners, and that recognize the matchless value of every life. Tonight I ask you to pass legislation to prohibit the most egregious abuses of medical research: human cloning in all its forms, creating or implanting embryos for experiments, creating human-animal hybrids, and buying, selling, or patenting human embryos. (Applause.)

A hopeful society expects elected officials to uphold the public trust. (Applause.) Honorable people in both parties are working on reforms to strengthen the ethical standards of Washington -- I support your efforts. Each of us has made a pledge to be worthy of public responsibility -- and that is a pledge we must never forget, never dismiss, and never betray. (Applause.)

As we renew the promise of our institutions, let us also show the character of America in our compassion and care for one another.

A hopeful society gives special attention to children who lack direction and love. Through the Helping America's Youth Initiative, we are encouraging caring adults to get involved in the life of a child -- and this good work is being led by our First Lady, Laura Bush. (Applause.) This year we will add resources to encourage young people to stay in school, so more of America's youth can raise their sights and achieve their dreams.

A hopeful society comes to the aid of fellow citizens in times of suffering and emergency -- and stays at it until they're back on their feet. So far the federal government has committed $85 billion to the people of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. We're removing debris and repairing highways and rebuilding stronger levees. We're providing business loans and housing assistance. Yet as we meet these immediate needs, we must also address deeper challenges that existed before the storm arrived.

In New Orleans and in other places, many of our fellow citizens have felt excluded from the promise of our country. The answer is not only temporary relief, but schools that teach every child, and job skills that bring upward mobility, and more opportunities to own a home and start a business. As we recover from a disaster, let us also work for the day when all Americans are protected by justice, equal in hope, and rich in opportunity. (Applause.)

March 10, 2005

Ms. Carolyn L. Willson
Minister Counsellor for Legal Affairs
United States Mission to the United Nations
140 East 45th Street
New York, New York 10017

Dear Carolyn:

Thank you for the impressive work you did over several years that led to the passage of a strong declaration on human cloning at the United Nations General Assembly on March 8, 2005. As you know,

Your professionalism, creativity, and perseverance resulted in a major victory for the United States that will have implications for generations to come. The loyal service you offered was admired by your colleagues and appreciated by us all.

Sincerely,

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It is clear that in scope and complexity, the task of rebuilding the Gulf Coast remains staggering. The destruction caused by Katrina has created what many believe to be the worst humanitarian crisis in our country since the Great Depression. Some progress has been made in removing debris, returning basic services to local communities, and providing short term assistance to residents. Yet the job of longer-term reconstruction has barely begun. Entire communities remain completely destroyed more than five months after the storm. In many areas there is little sign of rebuilding, and enormous piles of debris continue to slow these efforts.

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If you have any questions about this matter, please contact any of us or have your staff contact Michael Bopp with the majority staff at (202) 224-4751 or Joyce Rechtschaffen with the minority staff at (202) 224-2627.

Sincerely,

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