

\$40,000 on his boat. I said that's nonsense. That is absolute, 100 percent nonsense. I said I'm not aware or ever heard anybody say anything about it. And they said J.J. Cafaro gave him money out in Youngstown personally and finally the FBI steps in and [unintelligible]. I had no knowledge of that.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Oh, but you know that Cafaro was such a liar. You know that J.J. wasn't giving me cash. If he was going to give me cash, he would have brought in \$26,000 to buy a boat, wouldn't he?

Mr. DETOR. If J.J. Cafaro wanted to go do something in a way, he would have just gone and done it. There's no doubt in my mind. J.J.'s proven to be a liar through and through. He induced my family to move down here. He fraudulently did it. Damn it, my family was able to hang on to the house by my wife's working, by me working. You know, I've got security plans. In my entire life I have never done one thing wrong in any way, shape or form. I respect the government; I respect the government offices. I respected the Congressional bodies, the executive bodies, everybody. I've worked for benefits for this government to a degree; and to hear this and—

Mr. TRAFICANT. And to be threatened that if you don't lie, you're going to go to jail, that doesn't sound American, does it?

Mr. DETOR. It's not. It absolutely is—

Mr. TRAFICANT. And that's the bottom line, isn't it, Richard?

Mr. DETOR. Yep.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Okay. Well, listen. If you file that suit, that suit should also be filed against Cafaro when you do it, or do you have one filed against him?

Mr. DETOR. I've got one filed against him now. And the other thing that I was requested to do was drop my charges against Cafaro or settle it because they did not want me in court with Cafaro before this case.

Mr. TRAFICANT. You know why? They know that J.J. is a liar. J.J. called them a liar on the stand in the Chance trial, and this is why they're worried about it. This is why they got to have somebody. They know what they're doing and it's completely illegal. They're forcing you not to, in fact, make yourself whole over an illegal act by Cafaro. He broke the law in Virginia.

Mr. DETOR. Yeah, what they have is—well, I've got him [unintelligible] he was writing all these bad checks, and I had even gone to the Commonwealth attorney to make sure that nobody had given their [unintelligible].

Mr. TRAFICANT. Yeah, and here they are trying to protect Cafaro because Cafaro to save his own ass from perjury is lying about me.

Mr. DETOR. What kind of witness does Cafaro really make when the reality comes out that the guy's lying—

Mr. TRAFICANT. Well, he's going to have Al Lang to make him look like he's telling the truth, but they can't handle the fact that you are so upright and upstanding a man of integrity, and it's going to blow their case; do you understand?

Mr. DETOR. Yeah, they tried to tear me apart, IRS. They tried then saying that I committed fraud in order to obtain my house, which is nonsense because the bank told them I qualified for the house before I even moved. I was all prequalified. They tried to tell me that I was trying to support my wife's lavish lifestyle. They had no idea that my wife has worked 20 years, worked her way through college and that her family is very financially well off; and we have never sought money from anybody. And when I moved from New Jersey, I was care-

fully, carefully debt free and had no obligations to anybody; and the thing about having to commit fraud with a bank in order to obtain a mortgage is pure nonsense. That's where they've gone. They've gone after me in every way, shape or form.

Mr. TRAFICANT. And Cafaro lied to you from day one, didn't he?

Mr. DETOR. Yes, he did.

Mr. TRAFICANT. And everything he said was a lie?

Mr. DETOR. And I have numerous other witnesses where he lied to them. He lied about their employment.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Who were some of those witnesses?

Mr. DETOR. You got Lonnie Sikowski, 30 years at the FAA. You got Walt Allison, former CIA, top level clearances. You have Amanda Simon. You've got a guy named Jim Phillips who sold the airplane to Cafaros, and then they try to say they're not responsible when I was right there in a meeting where they said it was Cafaro Company's. See, they're using it against me saying that they're not Cafaro Company. [Names are phonetic spellings.]

Mr. TRAFICANT. Have your attorney send me a list of those names, too. Listen, I'm going to let you go, but keep in mind I'm going to be calling you because I'm taking this son of a bitch to a hearing.

Mr. DETOR. Like I said, I can only tell the truth. I fear of my children's lives. I'm scared to death.

Mr. TRAFICANT. You're going to be subpoenaed by me.

Mr. DETOR. Do it through the attorney.

Mr. TRAFICANT. I will.

Mr. DETOR. The threats and intimidation; I'm willing to go to the media. I'm willing to go anyplace, you know.

Mr. TRAFICANT. File your lawsuit and go the media and say in their zeal to get Traficant, they wanted me to lie. That's the bottom line; and they pressured me to lie and made it known very clearly from what you told me that if I lie, all my problems would go way.

Mr. DETOR. I didn't lie. They wanted me to. I refused. I just said I keep calm. I've discussed it with my wife. I discussed it with other associates. They said that I was [unintelligible] with the IRS. I basically couldn't even speak, and my family members sat there with me, and they said, Rick, we know you; you won't lie; you don't lie; don't lie. Don't be coerced into lying. I said they're telling me they're going to ruin my life if I don't.

I basically am at a breaking point. I'm mentally running, I mean to tell you the truth, I'm ready to just go ahead and blow my head off. It is so bad, if it wasn't for my kids and the strain it would have on my kids, I'd be gone.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Richard, why don't you go public. Talk to your attorney; go public, file the lawsuit when you do, and I'm calling for a hearing on his conduct, on Morford's conduct. Listen to me carefully and you won't have any more problems because the truth sets us free.

Mr. DETOR. Yes, it does.

Mr. TRAFICANT. I'll get back to you. Thanks, big guy. All right. Have your attorney call me. Is he involved with any law firm or is that his firm?

Mr. DETOR. Plato Cacberis is Monica Lewinsky's attorney.

Mr. TRAFICANT. He was.

Mr. DETOR. Yes.

Mr. TRAFICANT. How do I reach him, is his phone number in the phone book?

Mr. DETOR. Yes, that phone number I just gave you.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Very good.

Mr. DETOR. All right.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Thanks, guy. Have him send me the documents. Bye now.

Mr. DETOR. Bye.

Mr. TRAFICANT. That was Richard Detor. This is Wednesday, August 1, 2001, and it's approximately 1:18 p.m. This conversation involved the behavior of the government, the FBI, the U.S. Attorneys and their extortion.

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the tape-recorded conversation represented to be recorded on August 1, 2001. This record was prepared from a tape recording provided by Congressman James A. Traficant, Jr.

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RECOGNIZING EL PASO ARTIST ERNESTO PEDREGON MARTINEZ

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an artist from my district. Ernesto Pedregon Martinez is a renowned international self-taught artist and muralist. He was an illustrator and artist for the federal government for more than 35 years. He also served as a professor of Mexican-American art at El Paso Community College for nine years.

Mr. Martinez was born and raised in the poor barrios of South El Paso. The focus of his work reflects his understanding and firsthand knowledge of the daily struggles of the Mexican people. Mr. Martinez is considered one the nation's leading Mexican-American artists. In addition, Ernesto Martinez has been a frequent guest speaker at many civic, religious, and military functions. This includes an appearance in Mexico City on the international program "Siempre en Domingo" with Raul Velasco.

Ernesto Martinez served our country in the military. He served in World War II with General Terry Allen's famed 104th "Timberwolf" Division in Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star in combat, Combat Infantry Badge, and Battle Stars. In addition, Mr. Martinez has been active in the community of El Paso by serving as the Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Number 9173 and the Vice-Commander of American Legion Number 36. He has also worked with the Disabled American Veterans, the Lions Club, the Boy Scouts of America, the Knights of Columbus, LULAC, and many other organizations.

Mr. Martinez has most notably been recognized for his artistic abilities. He was selected as the "Texas State Artist" in two-dimensional works of art in 1997–1998 by the Senate of the State of Texas. In 1998, he was featured in "The Voice of America," a U.S. Government overseas television program and has been featured in numerous books. He was also recognized in "Who's Who in American Art," in the years 1976, 1993, 1994 and was honored by the El Paso City Council for outstanding contributions to Mexican-American culture in 1977.

Mr. Martinez's work has been commissioned as murals in many locations in El Paso including works such as "Pre-Colombian Mexico," exhibited at Bowie High School; the "Congressional Medal of Honor," at the Veteran's Clinic; and "Desert Storm," which is a military mural commissioned by the Junior League and located at Stout Gym on Ft. Bliss. In addition, Mr. Martinez's work has been exhibited at the Centennial Museum and Glass Gallery at UTEP; the Corbett Gallery at New Mexico State University; the University of Colorado at Boulder; the El Paso Public Library; the Chamizal National Memorial Gallery; and the El Paso Civic Center.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the work and legacy of Mr. Ernesto Pedregon Martinez. He has made El Paso very proud.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATED BY OUR SAILORS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Halloween was recently celebrated by sailors aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. The crew celebrated with a door-decorating contest, improvised jack-o'-lanterns and the ship's mascot donning a ghost costume.

The festivities included a three-foot man-made jack-o'-lantern made by the ship's airframe department in their free time. The door-decorating contest produced a picture of Dracula in a cemetery, with one of the gravestones for Osama bin Laden. The ship's mascot, a moose, put on a ghost costume and trick-or-treated up and down the carrier's passage ways.

Activities like these keep spirits high and create a break from daily activities for our sailors during a difficult time. I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to America's men and women in uniform who nobly serve aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* and around the world.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the 150th anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia, CT.

Since its first meeting in 1848 at the home of James Booth, the Methodist Episcopal Society of Ansonia has been an invaluable member of the community. In 1851, the Ansonia Methodist Society was formed and began

meeting in the second story hall of a building on the corner of Main and Bartlett Streets. This hall became the first house of worship for the Ansonia Society. As membership expanded and the society outgrew its meeting hall, they began looking for a new house of worship. A new church was built on Main Street, and the first worship service took place there on April 22, 1865. A fire damaged the church in April of 1887. Through the dedication of the parishioners, and with the help of a local Baptist Church, the building was reopened in August of 1887.

Tragically, in December 1943, another fire destroyed the Main Street Methodist Church. In the true spirit of America, the Trinity Methodist Church opened its doors, minds, and hearts to the membership of the Main Street Methodist Church and in 1944 the two churches merged. Combining resources, a new sanctuary was planned and the first worship was observed on June 24, 1951. On November 5, 1951, Bishop G. Bromely Oxnam formally dedicated the newly completed building.

As the Trinity Methodist Church opened its doors to the Main Street Methodist Church, so has the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia opened its doors to the community. Hosting the Ansonia 2001 Education and School project meetings, making itself available to many community groups and organizations who need meeting space, serving as the site for the Ansonia High School Baccalaureate worship, and offering itself as a place of prayer and hope when many churches came together the day following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

At this troubling time in our Nation's history many Americans turn to their church as a foundation of support. For 150 years the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia has been providing its community with that support. As you can see, the First United Methodist Church is a sterling example of what America stands for—unity, diversity, and commitment to community. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the membership of the First United Methodist Church and wish them another 150 years of successful community service.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT C. SCHWARTZ, D.D.S.

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity and kindness of one of my constituents, Scott C. Schwartz, DDS.

Scott is an orthodontist in Deer Park, LI, who has brought much happiness—and beautiful smiles—to thousands of children and adults in Long Island. He now would like to continue to bring that happiness and those smiles by offering his services to all of the children of Suffolk County who lost a parent in the World Trade, free of charge.

It is so very heart-warming to see a person helping to get America to smile again. I applaud and thank Scott for his kind and heart-

felt actions. I ask my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLES HART FOR BEING NAMED 2001 TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and important member of the El Paso community.

The Texas Association of School Board's Superintendent of the Year is a person chosen for dedication to improving educational quality, board-superintendent relations, student achievement, and commitment to public support and involvement in education. This year's recipient truly epitomizes every one of these qualities. Mr. Charles Hart of the Canutillo Independent School District (ISD) has deservedly been named the 2001 Texas Superintendent of the Year.

Mr. Hart began his career teaching high school in El Paso in 1966. He steadily moved up the public school ranks and in 1997, he became superintendent of Canutillo ISD. During his four year tenure, Mr. Hart, along with the Board of Trustees, has been instrumental in moving Canutillo ISD forward into a leadership role in public education. Canutillo ISD has implemented instructional programs and policies in student services, special education, special programs, technology and career education that have helped students succeed academically and socially.

The selection committee noted Mr. Hart's ability to change the district's perception, bringing the community together in support of its schools. Also cited by the committee were the success of the innovative parental involvement Mother/Daughter and Father/Son programs and the steadily improving student achievement and fiscal stability of the district. Canutillo ISD has been at the forefront in a variety of innovative programs including Two-Way Dual Language, Reading Renaissance, Service Learning, Migrant Academics 2000, Agricultural and Health Sciences, and many more.

Mr. Hart currently serves on the boards of the Texas Fast Growth Coalition, the Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the El Paso Teachers Credit Union. In addition, he is a member of the Region 19 Administrators Council, the El Paso Jaycees, the Golden Boot Club, and the Boys Baseball of El Paso, among others.

The students, faculty and Board of Trustees are all fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated individual at the head of their school district. I have known first hand of the tremendous work he has done throughout the years and I would like to again, extend my congratulations to my good friend, Mr. Charles Hart of the Canutillo Independent School District for his well deserved recognition as the 2001 Texas Superintendent of the Year.