

May 11 / Administration of William J. Clinton, 1993

president of the Colorado Education Association; former Peace Corps volunteer
Carla Nuxoll, Washington, President of the Washington Education Association; chair of the board of PULSE
James Shimoura, Michigan, former special assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan; shareholder in the law firm of Kemp, Klein, Umphrey, and Edelman
Eddie L. Smith, Jr., Mississippi, former high school teacher; Mayor of Holly Springs, MS
Dawn Steel, California, president of Columbia Pictures from 1987 to 1990, the first woman to head a major motion picture studio
Niara Sudarkasa, Pennsylvania, president of Lincoln University in Chester County, PA;

previously the associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, where she was the first African-American woman to receive tenure
Nancy Verderber, Missouri, administrative liaison for disability-related issues for the St. Louis County School Districts; member of the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Greater St. Louis
Margaret M. Whillock, Arkansas, executive vice president of the Baptist Medical Systems Foundation in Little Rock; director of development at the University of Arkansas
Tracey Bailey, Florida, National Teacher of the Year

Nomination for Posts at the Interior and Transportation Departments

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The President named a total of four officials at the Departments of Transportation and the Interior today. He expressed his intention to nominate Frank Kruesi to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy and Ada Deer to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. The President also approved the appointment of Richard Mintz to be the Director of Transportation's Office of Public Affairs, and Patricia Beneke to be Associate Solicitor for Energy and Resources at Interior.

"I am gratified that these individuals will be joining me in Washington," said the President. "Frank Kruesi has been an innovative and successful policy adviser to Mayor Daley. Ada Deer has been a powerful and eloquent voice for changing national Indian policy. Both will be valuable parts of this administration, as will Richard Mintz and Patricia Beneke."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Interview With Don Imus of WFAN Radio, New York City

May 12, 1993

Mr. Imus. Good morning, Mr. President.
The President. Good morning. How are you?
Mr. Imus. I'm fine. How are you?
The President. I'm all right.

The First 100 Days

Mr. Imus. Let me ask you something. What the hell is going on down there in that White House? What do you mean, you've lost your focus? [Laughter]

The President. I haven't lost my focus. You've just been seeing me through the foggy lens of television instead of the direct one of radio. [Laughter] There's a big headline in the Washington Post today, "Clinton Wins Third Major Victory In Congress." I think we're doing fine. You know, we lost one bill, and a lot of people think it's like the last days of Pompeii. I mean, if you're going to fight for change, you've got to be prepared to lose a few as well as win some. But I think we're well on track.