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To: The Blog: BEFORE INCARCERATION

Hello out there, I've never "blogged" before, so here I am. I hope you are well.

Here's 2 pics - so you can see who's the "blogger" & some info about where I graduated High School - is St. Mary's in Berkeley, California. If you're not familiar w/ California, it's about 15-20 minutes from SAN FRANCISCO.

I've also enclosed a couple articles about the circumstances of my incarceration - because whoever is reading this will want to know & I can only say so much because I'm pending appeal.

Up until I was incarcerated, I was very active in community; youth events, positive activities & alternatives so young people won't get "caught-up".

If you're a young person reading these letters, I really encourage you to make positive things happen.

It feels great to do good. You also meet very nice people & the more nice people you know, the better of a network you've created for yourself & future opportunities.

* If you have any questions: Please give me a "blog" reply.

Culturally / Ethnically: My last name is Singh, I am Sikh; My Mom's Side of the family is Hindu. I love being part of both worlds, it's a blessing. I speak Hindi & can write it as well -

although not as well as I'd like. My parents ~~are~~ ^{were} born in the Fiji ISLANDS; I was born in Berkeley, Ca in 1975.

Despite the fact that I am incarcerated, I try to be involved in many positive ~~activities~~ activities. I will be writing about some of the various things I am involved in with my future posts.

While you wait for that (I hope) here's what 'prison food' menu looks like. I enclosed a 'Standardized inmate Menu' for you to see. On paper, it's great, ~~is~~ but when you walk to the chow hall & receive your ~~tray~~ tray... I guess it's like watching a commercial for a Big Mac, then when you go & buy one - you say "where's the Beef?", In here - when you receive the tray - it's like, "damn, where's the food?" After eating a dehydrated 'happy meal' 2 hours later you're hungry again, ~~there's~~ that's when you hope you have some 'canteen' / commissary, if you're fortunate enough to either have, a prison job that 'pays' or family / loved ones ~~who~~ who send money onto your prison account, so you can buy food, personal hygiene products (soap, deodorant etc), or goodies like Honey Buns, or candy - SNICKERS.

Standardized Inmate Menu

(Modified -- Reflects Ongoing Changes)

Quarter 2, Week 6

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Nov 8 2010 M O N	Fruit Juice 8 oz Hot Cereal 6 oz Pancakes 3 ea Syrup 2 oz Margarine 1 oz Peanut Butter (2oz) 1 ea Non-Fat Milk, ½-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Lunch Meat 2 oz Cheese 1 sl Wheat Bread (4) 4 sl Mustard (2) 2 ea Almonds 1 pk Graham Crackers 2 pk Fresh Fruit 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Tossed Green Salad 3/4 cp Salad Dressing 1 ea Salisbury Steak 4 oz Brown Gravy 2 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Wheat Bread 2 sl Pudding 4 oz Beverage 8 oz
		Cheese 2 ea	Halal: Beef Patty w/Gravy 1 ea Vegetarian: Beans 6 oz
Nov 9 2010 T U E	Fruit Juice 8 oz Cold Cereal 6 oz Boiled Eggs 2 ea Fried Potatoes (F) 4 oz Bread/Toast 2 ea Margarine 1 oz Non-Fat Milk, ½-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Peanut Butter (2 oz) 1 ea Jelly 2 ea Wheat Bread (4) 4 sl Chips 1 ea Cookies 1 pk Fresh Fruit 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Three Bean Salad 3/4 cp Chicken Chow Mein w/ Noodles 8 oz Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Dinner Roll 1 ea Peach Cobbler 4 oz Beverage 8 oz
			Halal: Chicken Patty 1 ea Vegetarian: Beans 6 oz
Nov 10 2010 W E D	Fresh Fruit 1 ea Hot Cereal 6 oz Country Breakfast 6 oz Biscuit 2 ea Hash Brown Potatoes (Dehy) 4 oz Non-Fat Milk, 1/2-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Lunch Meat 2 oz Wheat Bread (4) 4 sl Mustard (2) 2 ea Peanut Butter Crackers 1 pk Graham Crackers 2 ea Fresh Fruit 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Tossed Green Salad 3/4 cp Salad Dressing 1 ea Beef Stroganoff 6 oz Egg Noodles 4 oz Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Dinner Roll 1 ea Cake 1 pc Beverage 8 oz
		Cheese 2 ea	Halal: Turkey Franks 2 ea Vegetarian: Cheese 2 ea
Nov 11 2010 T H U	Fresh Fruit 1 ea Hot Cereal 6 oz Breakfast Pastry 1 ea Sausage Patty 2 oz Non-Fat Milk, 1/2-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Lunch Meat 2 oz Cheese 1 sl Hoagie Roll 1 ea Mustard 2 ea Mayonnaise 1 ea Relish 1 ea Cookies 1 pk Fresh Fruit 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Tossed Green Salad 3/4 cp Salad Dressing 1 ea Chicken Patty 1 ea Italian White Beans 6 oz Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Wheat Bread 2 sl Mayonnaise 1 ea Jello w/ Fruit 4 oz Beverage 8 oz
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Nov 12 2010 F R I	Fresh Fruit 8 oz Hot Cereal 6 oz Scrambled Eggs 4 oz Pinto Beans 6 oz Tortillas 2 ea Salsa 2 oz Non-Fat Milk, ½-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Peanut Butter (2 oz) 1 ea Jelly 2 ea Wheat Bread (4) 4 sl Snack Pack 1 ea Graham Crackers 2 ea Fresh Fruit 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Coleslaw Salad 4 oz Breaded Fish 4 oz Maccaroni & Cheese 6 oz Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Wheat Bread 2 pc Tartar Sauce 1 oz Cake 4 oz Beverage 8 oz
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Nov 13 2010 S A T	Fresh Fruit 1 ea Hot Cereal 6 oz French Toast 2 ea Turkey Ham 2 oz Margarine 1 oz Syrup 2 oz Non-Fat Milk, 1/2 Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Tuna 2 oz Wheat Bread (4) 4 sl Mayonnaise 1 ea Mustard 1 ea Relish 1 ea Cookies 1 pk Peanut Butter Crackers 1 ea Fresh Fruit 1 ea Celery Stick 1 ea Punch 1 ea	Macaroni Salad 3/4 cp Chili w/ Beans 4 oz Hot Dogs on Buns 2 ea Onions/Cheese 1 oz ea Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Frozen Dessert 1 ea Beverage 8 oz
	Peanut Butter (2 oz) 1 ea	Peanut Butter (2 oz) 1 ea	Halal: Turkey Franks 2 ea Vegetarian: Beans 6 oz
Nov 14 2010 S U N	Fruit Juice 8 oz Hot Cereal 6 oz Fried Eggs 2 ea Sausage Links 2 ea Fried Potatoes (F) 4 oz Bread/Toast 2 ea Margarine 1 oz Jelly 1 ea Non-Fat Milk, 1/2-Pint 1 ea Coffee 8 oz	Lunch Meat 1 ea Wheat Bread 4 sl Mustard 2 ea Carrot Sticks 1 ea Fresh Fruit 1 ea Cookies 1 pk Punch 1 ea	Salad w/Dressing 3/4 cp Meatballs 4 ea Mariana Sauce 1 oz Shredded Cheese 1/2 oz. Blackeyed Peas 6 oz Deli Roll 1 ea Vegetable of the Day 4 oz Brownie 1 pc Beverage 8 oz
	Fried eggs 2 ea	Peanut Butter & Jelly 1 ea	Halal: Beef Patty w/Mariana Sauce 1 ea Vegetarian: Beans 6 oz

Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice

Shaded items denote Religious Substitutions. Use in place of meat items when inmate presents a valid MCSP Religious Dietary Card

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Saint Mary's College High School



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

MICHAEL MANJEET SINGH

HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A COURSE OF STUDY PRESCRIBED FOR
GRADUATION FROM THIS SCHOOL AND IS THEREFORE AWARDED THIS

DIPLOMA

GIVEN AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, THIS SIXTH DAY OF JUNE,
NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-THREE

Thomas M. Brady
President

James Baulli
Principal

The Daily Grind (11-15-05) U.C. Berkeley School News

Ex-Student Asserts Innocence

Sentencing postponed, attorney expected to file for new trial

By SEVE SEXTON
U.C. BERKELEY STAFF WRITER

Pleading for a reprieve from a life in prison, 45-year-old Singh, the former UC Berkeley economics major who was convicted last May of three murders, said he is desperate for help.

Singh, an ardent and desperate, Singh's case is expected to stretch on, as his sentencing hearing scheduled for tomorrow has again been postponed.

Singh was found guilty of murdering his former girlfriend, Rhonda Phipps, their seven-month-old son, and her unborn child. The murders took place in a hallway parking lot in Hayward on Nov. 1, 1996.

Nearly four years later, Singh has yet to be sentenced, though he has been behind bars since the verdict came down six months ago.

The sentencing, which was originally scheduled for Aug. 8, has again been pushed back, following a motion for continuance filed by Singh's attorney, William Linahan.

Linahan is pushing for a new trial for his client, arguing there was a rush to judgment on the part of the district attorney's office and that several leads were not investigated by police. In a handwritten letter from prison, Singh argues that the criminal justice system has become a "juggernaut." He claims a new trial will prove his innocence.

"Twenty-eight I lay and wonder how the jury convicted me," Singh wrote. "From day one, I just knew I'd be vindicated, since I am innocent."

In the letter, Singh cites new evidence and an allegedly perjured criminologist as justification for a new trial.

He claims that a video which likely would have shown the victim with her killer was repeatedly destroyed before trial. Singh also contends that an unidentified set of fingerprints found at the crime scene likely point to the real killer, as does the identity of an unknown caller who confessed to the crime after Singh was behind bars.

In addition, Singh and his lawyers argue that the testimony of the prosecution's forensic expert is unreliable because she lied in the preliminary hearing when she was asked if she had passed a criminologist test. She said she had not yet taken it, when, in fact,

Student

more report next

she had failed the test several months before.

"If the jury knew these things, would they have acquitted me, or at least Singh?" Singh asked in the letter.

Confident that the jury would not have convicted him had they been aware of this additional evidence, Singh and his attorney are hoping for a new trial.

Deputy District Attorney Stuart Hing, the lead prosecutor for the case, denied the existence of any compelling new evidence.

"The police investigation was very thorough," Hing said. "Our office's inquiry was even more complete. We checked down other possible suspects. We double-checked tests."

Hing said the credibility of the criminologist was weakened by her perjury, but that her testimony was otherwise accurate and that the perjury did not affect the facts of the case.

"It's hard to speculate whether Singh will be awarded a new trial," he said. "But I know of no reason why that should be."

No motion for a new trial has been filed yet, although one is expected soon. The formal sentencing hearing cannot take place until a judge rules on a motion for a new trial.

If a judge refuses to set aside the conviction and hold a new trial, the sentencing will proceed and a judge will likely condemn Singh to life in prison without the possibility of parole, as a trial jury recommended in June. Linahan could then file several appeals on his client's behalf. The legal process, which has already lasted nearly four years, could carry on for several more. Hing attributed the long, drawn-out process to the busy schedules of the courts and attorneys.

In the meantime, Singh, who had once hoped to attend Harvard Law School, remains behind bars.

"When I was arrested, I was a 21-year-old UC Berkeley student," he said. "Now I am barely incarcerated."



GURDWARA SAHIB



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The Sikh Center

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District Attorney
Alameda County
Oakland, California

Subject: Michael Manjeet Singh

We will like to bring to your attention that Michael Manjeet Singh who is about to appear in Alameda Court on December 1, related to a murder case of December 1, 1996 in Hayward, California.

The Sikh Center, El Sobrante is a non-profit organization and has a membership of more than 2000 members. We, the Management Committee of the Sikh Center on behalf of the Sikh congregation will like to bring to your attention that several key points have been ignored or have not been fully investigated. For instance, the following points are important to consider in this case:

- Willi William, live-in boyfriend of the deceased had gun residue on his hands and sleeves
- Willi William's alibi was that he was sleeping
- Willi William has extensive criminal past (kidnapping & assault with a gun etc..)

Furthermore, the following points were never fully investigated:

- How did store videotape get damaged, only section damaged was during the time victim was in the store with her possible killer? Receipt of this purchase was found in the car.
- Michael's alibi was ridiculed and discounted by prosecution because of poor health and lack of education.
- Witness who saw someone fleeing the crime scene was discounted and ridiculed as well.
- Confession call recorded on the business machine of victim's mother
 - Call was made and recorded after the arrest information was televised
 - Caller used nickname only known by victim and her family

Furthermore, there was no evidence that Michael Singh was present at the scene of the crime and no physical evidence was present, i.e. murder weapon, finger prints, eyewitness.

We have strong notion that Michael Manjeet Singh is basically good young man pursuing his education and had demonstrated good morality by helping needy and participating in community affairs.

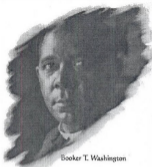
We strongly request you that this case is further investigated before trial and urge you to provide full justice to Mr. Michael Manjeet Singh.

Yours truly

[Redacted Signature]
Harpreet Singh Sandhu
Vice President
The Sikh Center, El Sobrante

11/26/00

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Booker T. Washington

Presented to

Michael Singh

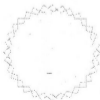
for your support and services during the
5th Annual Booker T. Washington Revisited Conference
On this Twenty-sixth Day of March
Nineteen hundred and Ninety-four

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Solano County Superintendent of Schools

Seretha Jefferson

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Conference Coordinator





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JIM OCHS
Assistant Superintendent
Personnel and
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May 13, 1994

TO: Emcee
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Workshop Presenters

FROM: Seretha Jefferson *SJ*
Chairperson, Planning Committee for the Fifth Annual Booker T. Washington
Revisited Conference

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The enclosed Certificate of Appreciation is our way of thanking you for your involvement in the Fifth Annual Booker T. Washington Revisited Conference, which was held on March 26, 1994, at Solano Community College.

Approximately 500 students, parents, presenters, resource center exhibitors, and community supporters attended the one-day conference.

Overall conference evaluations indicate that the conference was successful in acquainting students with traditional and nontraditional career choices and providing positive adult and peer role models.

We look forward to your continued support for the 1995 conference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in your endeavors.

Once again, thanks for your involvement and support.

SJ/ga
enclosure

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Drug-Free Communities by the Year 2000



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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Micheal Singh
has successfully completed
The Institute for Partnership Development
January 26 - 29, 1994
Berkeley, California


CSAP Representative



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Public Health Service
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August 15, 1994

Michael Singh
836 Addison St.
Berkeley, CA 94710

Dear Michael,

Thank you for participating in The East Bay Corridor Project Youth Summit on August 3, 1994. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to speak about your personal experience in the morning plenary session. You were very eloquent and you were able to engage the attention of the other youth in a very special way.

We hope you will continue to participate in the Corridor Project. In all, two hundred eight youth and one hundred thirty-eight adults attended the Summit, representing one hundred fifty-nine community institutions and organizations. We will convene the Youth Task Force in September to oversee the process of developing program to address the five needs that came out of the small groups.

Again, thank you for participating in the Youth Summit, and we look forward to working with you again!

Sincerely,



Tom Bates
Assemblyman



Barbara Lee
Assemblywoman



BERKELEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Winter 1994

You Can't Get Fit by Working Out Just Once

To build a caring community will require hard work over a long time but it will be worth the effort

MICHAEL SINGH

Upon looking at the many faces of our community, one can only question when progress will be made in a society so rich with cultural diversity. When we examine many aspects of the community, surely we see there are many muscles to strengthen. From our eyes comes sight and from sight comes the awareness that a total body workout at the local gym truly is in order.

Our gym is the City of Berkeley. The weights necessary to lift are the burdens of mischief oppressing many young souls in today's ever so rapidly growing world. The mentality of survival requires the thought of repairing the world with the act of carrying it out within the city. "I can't get fit by working out just once."

The stairmaster we have to tread must be a consistent effort that brings back the joys that once filled each and every day with hope. The large number of plentiful resources must not be turned from but toward each other. This step creates the reality for winning over the heartfelt commitment of young people to make things better than they ever were. "They can't get fit by working out just once."

The chilling reality behind the facade of many Berkeley faces becomes revealed if eyes were open to see, not glance at the things going on. No one can know every facet of the negativity that occurs, but the positive alternative is

to take what we do know, document it and improve upon any negative thing blocking our way to success. "We can get fit by working out together."

Ah, the ever so strengthening benchpress. Realize the time to act is now and the longer we wait, the more of it (weight) we'll have to benchpress. So after reading this, I mean now put on your workout clothes with the idea c



cleaning the world, but start by improving Berkeley. And if you find it difficult, which you will, do it even harder, knowing that the harder you work now the less weight we will have to carry in the future. ■

MICHAEL SINGH is currently majoring in Political Science and Business. He is a member of the Youth Commission as Berkeley Community Partnership Steering Committee and a chair of the Youth Advisory Board.

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City of Berkeley



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
The Young Adult Project
1730 Oregon Street
Berkeley, California 94703

(415) 644-6226

November 23, 1993

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter comes to offer endorsement and support for Michael Singh. I have known Mr. Singh for over five years and he is a very concerned and responsible person. My relationship with Mr. Singh began in 1988 when he was a youth worker in the Youth Employment Program. Since that time he has served as a member of the Berkeley Youth Commission.

Mr. Singh has participated in various activities sponsored by the Young Adult Project, including the Friday Nite Live Teen Club, After-school Tutoring Program and special events. Mr. Singh's dedication, interest and energy has resulted in his being a role model for the younger participants in our programs.

I am pleased to share with you my relationship with Mr. Singh. If I can be of further assistance or if you have questions, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Harper-Cotton
Youth Services Coordinator

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Early Academic Outreach Program
Transfer Center Program
Upward Bound Program
Upward Bound Math/Science Regional Center
Young Musicians Program

2115 Hillegass
Berkeley, California 94720

April 5, 1993

RE: MICHAEL SINGH

I am pleased to offer my full endorsement to Michael Singh.

Michael was a part-time student employee with the Office of Academic Preparation and Articulation from June-August, 1991, through the City of Berkeley's Summer Youth Employment Program. Michael was required to perform general receptionist duties in a fast paced office environment, which included greeting visitors, receiving incoming calls, inquiries, and forwarding calls to appropriate personnel. Other duties included computer input and preparation of general office correspondence on an IBM PC computer, a variety of campus errands, and duplication of office materials.

Michael demonstrated a refreshing exuberance and steady enthusiasm in his work, and exhibited a sense of maturity and focus approaching the challenge of new assignments. He was also punctual and conscientious in attending to his duties with a keen attention to detail.

Throughout his employment with this unit, Michael invariably demonstrated his capabilities in staff support, while showing an easy interaction with all employees. His genuine warmth and dedication to doing a job well, will serve Michael well in whatever endeavors he chooses. I am certain that he will make a fine contribution to any team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Sue Sanders
Business Manager



CITY OF BERKELEY

Linda R. Maio

COUNCILMEMBER

April 12, 1993

To whom it may concern,

Michael Singh has served on the City of Berkeley Youth Commission since October of 1992. In that time, he has clearly demonstrated a genuine concern and commitment to helping the younger people of the city. He has proven to be a dedicated member of the commission, as seen through his constant involvement in various youth services -- in particular his work with the Youth Tutorial Program and the Youth Employment Program. These are two of the most beneficial programs for Berkeley youth, as each sets out to empower young people and keep them off of the streets. Michael's work experience conveys his motivation and enthusiasm for youth related projects -- projects which are vital in making a serious impact upon the youth of today.

Before my term as Councilmember began, Michael served on the Youth Commission for my predecessor in the district, Nancy Skinner. Upon taking office, I was so impressed with his work that I was happy to reappoint him to the Youth Commission. Michael Singh is a talented young man who has made a difference in his community and someone who will continue to give back to society. I recommend him without reservation. If you have any questions, feel free to call my office at (510) 644-6359.

Sincerely,



Linda Maio

CITY OF BERKELEY

April 12, 1993

Loni Hancock

MAYOR

To Whom it May Concern:

Michael Singh served as a City of Berkeley Youth Commissioner throughout his senior year of high school. During his term as a commissioner, Michael was responsible for a variety of projects beneficial to Berkeley young people. He helped review and develop the plan for twilight basketball. The program was designed to give at-risk youth alternatives to hanging out on the streets.

Michael has been involved in many activities throughout the community. He serves as the only youth Steering Committee Member for the Berkeley Community Partnership. The Partnership is a community coalition building drug prevention program sponsored by the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Michael is very involved with tutoring youth through the City of Berkeley Young Adult Project, he is the leader of his church youth group, and participates in the Friday Night Live program both locally and with the national youth leadership conferences.

Michael will be the first member of the Singh family to graduate high school and attend college. He has been determined to reach his goals as well as dedicated to his personal success. He demand excellence in himself and his service to his community.

Michael is an intelligent, responsible, and industrious young man. He is able to work independently or as part of a team. He has demonstrated the ability to do many things at one time and conscientiously meets deadlines. Michael is a leader. He can shoulder a sole leadership role or work as a leader within a group. He is a resource to both the city as a youth commissioner and the community. Michael will be an asset to any academic institution. I wholeheartedly recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,



Loni Hancock
Mayor