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Well, this is very unexpected, and I'm very honored. Yes, basically it's the Beagary Trust. Education is very important. And along with education history is very important, and that's why the Museum is very important. I'm probably going to not say this right, but you can't rewrite history, but we can teach our children about the history, and have them learn from the earlier generations' mistakes. And so that's why it's very important to get this up in running [the Marine Hospital project], because even though it's just the history of the island, if you can get another generation interested in history they might take it up in school, they might go onto college, and that's important. That's another reason why I do outreach programs with Old Sturbridge Village and Mystic Seaport. It's amazing to see how kids get involved in history and say, "oh my God I didn't know that" you know. "I can do a lot with what history is all about." And then of course the other educational programs are also important because those are usually the subjects the art programs, the performing art programs, the music programs, the sports programs that the boards of education cut out of their budgets every year. So to have a well-rounded student, which is extremely important to me, you gotta teach these things. You know academics are great, don't get me wrong. Colleges are not just looking at their SATs anymore. They're looking for well-rounded students. And that's what I'm hoping I'm doing. And you know that's going to be it. I said I'd be short.