UNITED WAY VICTORY DINNER
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R. M. Price

Thank you, Marilyn. It's reassuring to any rookie to have the coach say a kind word or two. So I truly appreciate it. But for a rookie, Albreta, the staff coach who helps you through the learning process, is more important than anybody.

One thing us rookies generally have in common is to be a little bit awed by the performance of all the stars around them. That has certainly been true in my case as I look at what has been achieved in all the many divisions of this United Way Campaign. But the most impressive performance to me has been that of a special group of people -- my loaned executives -- most of whom are also rookies. In Pacesetter "A", there were only four loaned executives so maybe I had a better chance to get to know them. And, uh, uh, you know (rookies always say "you know") even though they are very different people -- some more serious, some more bubbly -- even a downright character or two, they have one thing that really has made a difference -- they care.
They cared about the problems of the campaign coordination in the companies, and clearly they cared about the difference United Way can make in our community. But beyond that, they cared about each other. That caring -- that love -- has carried them over some very tough obstacles so that I can stand here and say to you that we have exceeded our goal, that Pacesetter "A" brought in $4,978,874.

Love does make a difference. I'll never forget it.