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Dear Duane:

Congratulations to you, and to DENVER MAGAZINE for recognizing your contribution to Colorado business.

I wanted to take this moment to thank you for some very special insight you provided to me when I was an employee at Statitrol.

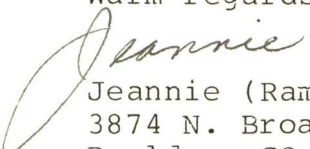
You may or may not remember that I was a receptionist at that company in 1973 for about six months. At that time I was single, living in Evergreen, and avidly reading literature books at the front desk, much to everyone's chagrin. I was troubled and talented at the same time. Marlene McMenemy had taken me under her wing, and I had developed a friendship with "Sam."

With a Master's Degree in English and a desperate need to live in the mountains, as well as a raving case of "singles," I tried to balance Statitrol with an evening cocktail job at El Rancho, and a slight flirtation with speed and cocaine. One afternoon, when I was particularly wound up, I was no longer able to handle the simple routine at the front desk. You took me into your office and spent about an hour with me, asking sensitive questions, and offering me gentle, caring support. I have never forgotten your care and concern, your respect for my feelings, and your appreciation of my intelligence. I have carried a warm regard for you since that day.

I was laid off, which was no problem. Since that time I have gone on to wonderful things: Director of Public Relations for the Steamboat Ski Area (where I lived for ten years, and where I met my wonderful husband), Director of Public Relations for the Sheraton Corporation, writer, photographer, and, presently, Account Supervisor at Wells Communications, a public relations firm based in Boulder. My husband has returned to school to complete engineering and computer science degrees, so we live in Boulder while I put him through college.

Thank you for your respect, your kindness and your encouragement. Thanks, also, for seeing the light in me that I could not. It has made all the difference.

Warm regards,


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