

Virginia in the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" state finals held on February 9, 1999, at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

After successfully competing against other students from Virginia, these bright and talented students will compete against more than 1,200 students from across the country at the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" national finals, to be held on May 1-3, 1999 in Washington, D.C. These young students have worked extremely hard to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional democracy.

This intense educational program was developed to educate our young students about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These students work in teams and give oral presentations before a panel of adult judges who represent various regions of the country and a variety of professional fields.

The student presentations are followed by a question and answer period. Throughout the contest, the students will demonstrate their knowledge of constitutional principles and their relevance to contemporary constitutional issues.

The "We the People . . ." program has provided educational materials for 26.5 million elementary, middle, and high school students across the country. I value this program because it is an extensive educational program for students and teachers to discuss current constitutional issues.

The students from the Governor's School are currently preparing for the upcoming national competition. I commend the students and their teacher Philip Sorrentino on their accomplishments thus far and wish them the best of luck at the national finals.

EXPOSING RACISM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, racism is a cancer that is ravenously devouring its way through the threads of liberty, unity and equality that hold America together. Unfortunately, the damage being done to our nation has primarily gone unnoticed. Although a dragging death, the sadistic beating of a Marine, and an indefensible, racist comment made by a radio shock jock have left their indelible marks on the American conscience, these incidents have not been enough to facilitate the serious, introspective discussion about race our country so desperately needs.

That is why I have decided to submit the following articles exposing racism and racist activities into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It is my hope that the tacit and conspicuous acceptance of bigotry will not go unnoticed by future generations. By documenting these cases for all the world to see, maybe, it will finally force Americans to take stock of the atrocities that are being perpetrated against our friends and neighbors.

It is my intention to drop these articles into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the end of

every week, and I challenge Members and the rest of America to take a long hard look at them. I defy any American who is genuinely concerned about the future of this great nation to look at these articles and to tell me that racism does not exist, or that it is not a problem.

The American legacy is a shared legacy. African Americans have served in every war in which America has fought. Blacks and whites have stood side by side in everything from driving the British from American soil to taming the west. Harmony and equality are our destiny. No matter how hard we fight it or try to deny it, one day we will all stand together as "one nation, under God, indivisible."

I would like to close with a quotation from George Santayana. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Hopefully, this effort will make it impossible for future Americans to forget our Nation's less than honorable days.

RACIAL BEATING CASE JUDGE RECEIVES DEATH THREAT

(By Mike Robinson)

CHICAGO.—A judge who sentenced a white youth to prison for an attack on a 13-year-old black boy has received an apparent death threat and now is under round-the-clock police protection.

Circuit Judge Daniel Locallo says he won't be intimidated by the threat, which was apparently made last month.

"I'm going to continue to do the job that I was elected to do," Locallo said Tuesday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

He sentenced Frank Caruso, 19, to eight years in prison for the March 1997 beating that left Lenard Clark in a coma. The youngster, who was bicycling in a white neighborhood at the time of the beating, continues to suffer brain damage as a result of the attack.

Prosecutors say race was the sole motive. President Clinton condemned the beating in a national address.

Caruso was found guilty of aggravated battery after a trial. Two others arrested for the attack were placed on probation under plea bargains.

The existence of the death threat was reported Monday night by Channel 7 News in Chicago and in Tuesday's editions of the Chicago Tribune.

The FBI said in a statement that "during January 1999 information was received . . . which indicated that a possible threat had been made against the life of Cook County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Locallo."

The FBI is continuing to investigate the alleged threat.

BUSINESS & RACE: SAMPLERS AND GETAWAYS HELP PUSH BLACK BOOKS

(By Leon Wynter)

To promote books to an African-American audience, some experienced authors and publishers recommend finding a gimmick because traditional marketing tactics often miss the mark.

Denene Millner and her husband, Nick Chiles, plan to push their new book, "What Brothers Think, What Sistahs Know," published by William Morrow & Co., with a multicity series of parties starting this month in New York. They figure black singles and couples will mingle, play games like "The Dating Game" and talk about relationships with them.

The two believe reaching the young professional black "grapevine" is the most effi-

cient route to the "Blackboard," a list of top-selling black-oriented books that appears in Essence magazine and usually generates additional sales. "We're trying to draw people who might not necessarily go to a signing or a book store but will go to a party," Mr. Chiles says.

To boost "Just Between Girlfriends," a celebration of black female friendships published by Simon & Schuster, author Chrisena Coleman organized a getaway weekend in the Bahamas for "200 of my closet girlfriends" with backing from such corporate sponsors as Tommy Hilfiger.

One World Books distributed more than 10,000 "samplers" of book chapters to a list of over 1,000 black beauty parlors to pump the romantic novels "Waiting in Vain" and "Gingersnaps" last summer. Cheryl Woodruff, associate publisher of the Ballantine African-American imprint, was responsible for the approach. She cites a recent Gallup survey that found African-Americans buy 39.7 million books a quarter and tend to be college-educated women. Waiting in Vain has now sold 25,000 copies in hardcover. Gingersnaps has sold 22,000 and recently made the "Blackboard" list.

Ms. Millner experienced the shortcomings of traditional marketing when she was promoting her first book, a semi-satirical romance guide for African-American women called "The Sistahs' Rules." Last Valentine's Day, she recalls, she was booked "on a radio show with a woman who thought she was the female Howard Stern" and spent the segment making anatomy jokes and eliciting Ms. Millner's feelings about O.J. Simpson and white women.

"I was just infuriated," Ms. Millner says. "It was obvious these people had no idea what I'd written." Though her book eventually sold a respectable 70,000 trade-paperback copies, she believes it would have done better if her publisher had paid more attention to details like booking her on the black-oriented New York station WBLS on Valentine's Day to talk about real relationships.

Mr. Chiles says he realizes that authors of all colors are left on their own, and everyone has a tough time getting an audience for traditional book promotions. But, he says, "what works for white authors won't necessarily work for us. You have to make sure they aren't putting you on radio shows where you hear the Beach Boys playing before the interview starts."

DREADLOCKS, OIL EXPLORER HERALD NEW RACE POLICIES

To show they are now "walking the walk," two recent corporate diversity pariahs are "talking the talk" on diversity with strikingly different television commercials.

In one of a series of ads launched by Denny's Restaurants last month, a dreadlocked black man stares into the camera and says "Let me let you in on a little secret: I'm black . . . Noticing somebody's color doesn't make you a racist; acting like it matters does." The tag line, "Diversity. It's about all of us," appears with the Denny's logo.

In 1994, Denny's paid \$45.7 million to settle a discrimination lawsuit filed by black customers. The chain now operates under a negotiated anti-discrimination regimen so strict that toll-free numbers for the U.S. Justice Department are posted in every restaurant so customers can call to complain about any instances of bias.

The commercials should remind Denny's 40,000 employees that "we have a strict policy: 'If you discriminate, I'm gonna fire you,'" says James Adamson, chief executive

officer of Denny's parent, Advantica Restaurant Group. But he concedes that "at the end of the day I hire America, and America discriminates."

Mr. Adamson says his main goal with the commercials is to spark a national dialogue on race. The starkness of the ads prompted initial rejections by Fox and ABC, according to Denny's spokesmen. "I hope it does spur some controversy and get people willing to talk," Mr. Adamson says, "because I'm genuinely frightened at how polarized this country is becoming."

In Texaco Inc.'s ads, a black petroleum explorer leads a team through a sandstorm, mounts a dune, whips out a pocket computer and shouts with a chortle, "This is it; we are here!" Later, setting up camp, he leaves viewers with the tag line, "Don't you just love this job?"

In November 1996, Texaco settled a race-discrimination suit for a record \$176 million after one of its former executives released tape-recorded conversations of Texaco officials making disparaging remarks about blacks.

The company's new focus on racial diversity was a conscious subtext for its first-ever corporate-image campaign, says Mary Moran, director of corporate advertising. An image of diversity is "critically important" for recruitment, she says, "not just to say that we value it, but so that we will be perceived as a more agile, younger and forward thinking company."

REPORT FROM INDIANA—PORTER COUNTY

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my "Report from Indiana" where I honor distinguished fellow Hoosiers who are actively engaged in their communities helping others. Today, I want to mention a true gentleman from Porter County, Indiana who I had the privilege of meeting recently.

Mr. Speaker, it has always been my strong belief that individuals and communities can do a better job of caring for those who need help in our society than the federal government. The wonderfully kind and committed Hoosiers who I have met traveling around Indiana has not changed my view.

Ruthie and I have met hundreds of individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place in which to live and raise our children—we call them "Hoosier Heroes."

I met a genuine Hoosier Hero in Porter County, Indiana recently. He is Pat Bankston who is on the Board of Christian Community Action which runs a homeless shelter for those who don't have a roof over their heads. Pat chaired the "Raise the Barn" effort at Sunset Hill County Park. He also serves on the Board of the Volunteers of Greater Valparaiso working to instill the spirit of voluntarism throughout the community. Pat's work has given so many people the most precious gift possible, hope.

He doesn't do it for the pay, which is zilch; he does it for the smiles and laughter. He is a true hero in my book, good works for others with no other motive than Christian charity.

Pat deserves the gratitude of his county, state, and nation and I thank him here today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues the following comments made by Deila Steiner, Director of Federal funding for the Lincoln Public Schools, which appeared in the Friday, March 12, 1999 edition of the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

If I had to choose, we would want more special education funding to meet the current obligations. Funding special education at appropriate levels will keep our class sizes down. They go hand and hand. Just sending us more teachers who are unprepared and new isn't necessarily going to serve the children.

CELEBRATING THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOLL'S CAFETERIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the Members of the House to join me in celebrating 71 years of extraordinary food at reasonable prices by Scholl's Cafeteria. In an era when fast food dominates the field, Scholl's is a precious holdout offering service, nutritious meals, and hospitality.

The tradition of family-owned restaurants like Scholl's has all but faded, and many of us in Washington are trying to make sure that Scholl's remains a cafeteria landmark in the nation's capital. It is difficult for many to understand how Scholl's has been able to keep its prices so modest and its food so good for so long. Scholl's has put quality and service above all else and it may have to pay a heavy price. If Scholl's had answered solely to profit motives, its prices might be higher and it might not face the exorbitant cost of a lease renewal beyond its means. We must not let a lease come between Washingtonians and tourists and the low cost delicious food that thousands have relied upon.

We should all be grateful that Jim McGrath, one of the District's most effective civic activists, is leading "Save Our Scholl's (SOS)" Cafeteria Committee. I know that Members, especially those who have spent years in Washington, would want to join Jim McGrath and me in helping to save Scholl's. After almost three quarters of a century of service, Scholl's Cafeteria must be here to bring in a new century.

HONORING JERRY POLDEN AND BOB POLDEN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two local heroes from western Wisconsin. I want to honor Jerry and Bob Polden who took courageous action to aid another citizen.

For the past 3 years the Eau Claire Fire Fighters Local Union 487, in conjunction with the Eau Claire Fire Department, have recognized area residents who acted bravely in emergency situations. The recipients of the Citizen Community Involvement Awards are citizens who put the safety and well being of their neighbors ahead of other concerns in a time of need.

Jerry and Bob Polden are two of those extraordinary citizens. On October 12, 1998 Jerry and Bob were pouring a concrete garage floor on Boardwalk street in Eau Claire, WI. Their father Kenneth Polden stopped by to help his sons with the job. As they were pouring the concrete their father suddenly collapsed on the ground in cardiac arrest. The two sons rushed over to him and found him pulseless and not breathing. Without hesitation the two sons began CPR on their father. Jerry did the rescue breathing and Bob did the compressions. They continued CPR for several minutes while they waited for the fire/rescue units to arrive. CPR sustained circulation in Mr. Polden's body and continued the flow of oxygen to his vital organs. Jerry and Bob were able to keep Mr. Polden alive until the rescue team arrived. This was the second time that Jerry had done CPR on his father. Five years previously Mr. Polden had gone into cardiac arrest and a friend who knew CPR had helped Jerry administer CPR to his father for the first time. This had triggered Jerry to take a CPR class so that if he was ever in a similar situation he would be able to help, not knowing that the next person would be his father.

On behalf of all the citizens of western Wisconsin I ask that the U.S. House of Representatives recognize Jerry and Bob Polden for their courage and thank them for being concerned and giving community citizens.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT L. OZUNA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound sadness in my heart to pay tribute to Mr. Robert L. Ozuna, a dear friend who passed away this past Saturday, March 6, 1999 at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina, California.

After 69 fulfilling years of life, Robert Ozuna joins Rosemary Ozuna, his beloved wife of 35 years who lamentably left us just months ago on November 27, 1998. He is survived by his mother, Amelia Ozuna; his sons, Steven