

Sauvignon, the king of red wine. I raise my glass to the California Cabernet Society, the Culinary Institute of America and the Wine Spectator Greystone Restaurant for their tremendous generosity to the community and their meritorious service, and I wish them well this coming Cabernet Week.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN BLAKE
HORNE

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Arizona's finest young people, sixth-grader Justin Blake Horne of Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School in Tucson. We all too often complain that today's young people don't care about their communities or their schools. I think the following articles from *The Arizona Daily Star* and *The Tucson Citizen* show just how committed to others in their community some of our young people truly are.

[From the *Arizona Daily Star*, Mar. 19, 1999]
KODAK LIKES TUCSON KID'S CRIME DETERRENT
IDEA

(By Sarah Tully Tapia)

Sixth-grader Justin Blake Horne knew exactly how to push the buttons of Kodak's CEO.

The 12-year-old invoked company tradition in asking George Fisher to bankroll his idea: Give school monitors cameras so they can take pictures of suspicious activity such as last fall's string of attempted child abductions in Tucson-area schools.

"I have heard it said, 'A picture is worth a thousand words,'" Justin wrote to Fisher, chief executive officer of the Eastman Kodak Co. "Of course, my idea would be totally experimental, however, where would Kodak be if George Eastman did not undertake to perform experiments?"

Fisher accepted the challenge, donating 50 cameras and sending Justin a handwritten note. "Your idea seems interesting and we are always experimenting with new thoughts," Fisher wrote, adding that he wants progress reports.

Yesterday, Justin delivered 10 cameras to Kellond Elementary School. He plans to give 10 each to four more schools, including his own, Booth-Fickett Magnet School.

In his letter, Justin explains that in one of the attempted kidnappings, a monitor spotted someone approaching a child, but the man drove off before the monitor could get a good look at the man, car or license plate.

If Kodak donated cameras—worth \$15 to \$17 each—monitors could snap pictures of the vehicles and suspects for evidence, Justin wrote.

At Kellond, Justin gave Principal Marcia Baab explicit instructions for his "deterrent program," saying the cameras must be used only for security purposes and must be turned in to the police immediately. He plans to write instructions for all the schools.

"He'd got it so organized, I can't even mess up," Baab said.

The school had four instances of suspicious behavior in the fall, but no one could provide police a good description of the perpetrator.

The school resource officer said the cameras could help.

"It's good to see someone else being proactive besides us," said Officer Judy Augustine.

Justin said he hopes the mere presence of cameras will keep criminals away from the schools.

"I actually am not expecting pictures. It's kind of odd," Justin said. If it works, he said he's like to see the program go national.

This isn't the first time Justin has taken such an initiative.

In second grade, he wrote to a stapler company for parts to repair his teacher's broken stapler, which she was going to throw out. They sent him parts, staples and other goodies.

At Booth-Fickett, he arranged for police to bring a helicopter to the school. He convinced Iceoplex to donate 130 passes for students with improved grades and behavior.

A science whiz, Justin is already planning to put these activities on his application for MIT.

Justin's latest endeavor is attracting a lot of attention, including an interview on a Denver radio station and a planned visit from Congressman Jim Kolbe. Justin's ready for the spotlight to dim, as his classmates have ribbed him a bit.

But he has no intention of stopping.

"I want to help people and I don't want to be a slumball in life," Justin said.

[From *The Tucson Citizen*, Mar. 1, 1999]

CAN-DO KID'S IDEAS TURN INTO SOLUTIONS

(By Marty Bustamante)

Many people write to their congressman when they want something done.

Not Justin Blake Horne, who even at 12 years old is anything but like most people.

When the sixth-grader at Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School identifies a problem, he goes right to the top in seeking a solution.

His most recent missive was addressed to George Fisher, chief executive officer of Eastman Kodak Co.

The problem: a rash of attempted abductions of Tucson schoolchildren.

His solution: 50 cameras for adult monitors to help catch the creeps.

"Even though there are after-school monitors . . . on the playground, the children are still in danger," Justin wrote Fisher.

"In one incident the monitor saw a stranger approaching a child and when he saw the monitor he ran quickly to his car and drove off. The monitor saw both the abductor and his car, however, she was unable to identify the individual, his automobile or the license plate."

His letter continued: "I have heard it said, 'A picture is worth a thousand words.' Of course, my idea would be totally experimental, however, where would Kodak be if George Eastman did not undertake . . . experiments?"

How could a big-time CEO turn down a request like that?

It turns out he couldn't.

Fisher, in a handwritten note to Justin, concurred that "we are always experimenting with new thoughts."

Fifty cameras soon followed the note, in which Fisher asked that Justin give him a progress report on the idea.

And Fisher offered a little advice: "It would seem you need to make it generally known that the monitors have cameras to fend off potential troublemakers."

Indeed, the cameras—which will be in the hands of 50 monitors soon, according to Booth-Fickett Principal John Michel—can also be used as a deterrent.

Michel, along with Justin's parents, Michelle and Howard Horne, is helping Justin make his plan work.

Justin is trying to make arrangements to get the film developed free, should a monitor catch a snapshot of a potential abductor.

Start-up of Justin's plan is being accelerated after a teen-age girl walking home from school was raped a few weeks ago and, in another case, some teen-age boys apparently tried to abduct another girl near a school.

Going right to the top to solve a problem is not new to Justin.

As a second-grader at Borton Magnet Primary, he found a nearly brand-new, but broken, stapler in his teacher's wastebasket.

Outraged, he told his teacher she shouldn't be throwing away Tucson Unified School District property.

She assured him she had bought the \$20-plus stapler with her own money.

Justin then persuaded her to give him a shot at fixing it.

He wrote a letter to "Mr. Stanley Bostitch," believing the two last names on the stapler were the first and last names of the owner.

In his letter, he explained that the stapler needed for the class-room was broken, but that his teacher did not have money to again buy one out of her own pocket.

He told "Mr. Bostitch" that he would attempt to fix it himself if the company would just send him a replacement spring.

Justin received not only a spring—and safety glasses—for the repair job but also two new staplers, a staple remover and a box of 5,000 staples.

He fixed the broken stapler, by the way.

Granted, a broken stapler is hardly a life-or-death situation. But Justin has been involved in those cases, too, as a second-grader.

During an escape drill from a portable classroom, which had only one door, he noticed his teacher's aide could not get out of the window as an escape alternative, as the limber youngsters could.

He came home shaking his head. "Would you believe one of my teachers got burned up today?" he asked his parents.

They asked him what he meant, and he explained.

Portable classrooms are 2 feet off the ground. The windows are 4 feet up the wall inside, making it a 6-foot drop.

The teacher's aide helped students get out, but nobody was there to help her.

A videotape of the drill was shown to Principal Robert Wortman, who called Robert O'Toole, TUSD director of fiscal and operational support, for help with the problem.

Justin's father said O'Toole explained he had \$700,000 in requests for repairs and \$70,000 to spend.

"He said there was no way it could get done, at least for now," the father recalled. Justin piped in:

"Have you seen what we're talking about?"

"Not really," O'Toole reportedly replied.

"Come out and I'll show you," Justin said.

And so the young boy and O'Toole went out to the portable, followed by Justin's father and the principal.

"You see, this is where we have to jump, and my teacher couldn't get out. She would have gotten burned," Justin told O'Toole.

"What if it was your mother. Would you want her to jump or burn up?"

O'Toole nodded in understanding, praising the boy.

Give days later, the Hornes got a call from the principal.

"He said, 'You won't believe this, but they're out here installing (second) doors on all the portables,'" Justin's father recalled.

And it wasn't just at Borton.

TUSD installed additional doors—found in storage—for all 205 portable classrooms in the district.

Over the following years, Justin also spearheaded an effort to get the Tucson Police Department helicopter support group and the SWAT team to visit Borton and Booth Fickett.

In the fourth grade, he persuaded the president of Ice-O-Plex skating arena to donate 260 passes for Justin's program to reward students who made individual improvements in their classwork.

Justin spread word of his program with fliers and certificates printed from his home computer, which he built.

"You have to try," Justin said, summing up his philosophy for getting things done. "If you try, you probably will succeed. It's better to try and get rejected than not to try at all."

ROSA SUGRANES—THE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 1999

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent, Mrs. Rosa Sugranes, who was recognized recently in ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol by the Small Business Council of America as the Small Business Person of the Year for 1999.

Rosa has built Iberia Tiles into one of our nation's largest independently owned distributors of ceramic tiles, marble and stone. Starting out as a 22-year-old college student with just a \$100,000 investment, she opened a tile warehouse in 1980. Her hard work and dedication helped create today's major corporation which has annual revenues of over \$24 million and offices throughout South Florida and the Atlanta area. Miami's Bayside Marketplace, Joe's Stone Crabs and the World Trade Center in Panama are among the many famous buildings which have used Iberia tiles.

Among the many roles she is being honored for by the council include her commitment to the vital cause of multilingual education, as well as her many civic and charitable contributions which have greatly benefited our community and nation. She heads the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's multilingual task force and is chairwoman of the Multilingual Development Committee of the Miami-Dade Public Schools. Rosa also serves on the board of trustees of Florida International University and the United Way, and has played a major role in Miami-Dade County's Efficiency & Competition Committee and Cultural Affairs Council.

This is definitely a fitting tribute for Rosa Sugranes who, over the past twenty years, has very ably served as an entrepreneur, civic leader, education crusader and mother of two children.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE BAYONNE ELKS LODGE NO. 434 FOR ITS WORK WITH ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bayonne Elks Lodge No. 434 for all of its efforts with the Elks National Youth Week.

The Bayonne Elks Lodge has been committed to reaching out to our youth, shining a light on the contributions and accomplishments of young people in the community. Every year during the first week of May, selected area high school seniors are honored by the Elks Lodge for National Youth Week.

This year thirty outstanding students are scheduled to be honored on Youth Day, set to take place on May 4, 1999. Pictures and biographies of the selected students can be found in local newspapers as the Elks Outstanding Students.

As part of the Elks Lodge National Youth Week program, students get the opportunity to gain first hand experience of government. They are assigned positions within the city government, are sworn into these positions, and tour City Hall. This opportunity not only promotes work in government as a positive and honorable career choice, but it also opens students to the possibilities that public service has to offer.

Bayonne Elks Lodge No. 434 exemplifies leadership and dedication to young people and to the Bayonne community. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey, I am very happy to honor the Bayonne Elks Lodge for its achievements with the Elks National Youth Week program. I salute and congratulate the Bayonne Elks Lodge on these extraordinary accomplishments.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 5

9 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on the nomination of Timothy Fields, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on the current state of Federal and State relations.

SD-342

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Commodity Exchange Act.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on Tribal Priority Allocations and Contract Support Costs Report.

SR-485

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the proposed Financial Institutions Insolvency Improvement Act of 1999.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories. (Hearings may go into a closed session).

SH-216

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings on certain intelligence programs.

S-407, Capitol

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to markup S.305, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry; S.795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements; S.296, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way; S.342, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002; and S.376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Finance

To resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on financial obligations of taxpayers and beneficiaries.

SD-215

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on issues relating to the ABM Treaty, focusing on United States strategic and arms control objectives.

SD-562

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings on the programs of the Department of Justice.

SD-226