

Awards Program to recognize teachers, librarians, media specialists, and administrators for their innovative use of Cable in the Classroom programming and the development of successful technology-based projects.

Jay was specifically recognized for his role in the development of a video-yearbook program at Rollinsford Grade School in Rollinsford, NH. Fifth and sixth grade students at Rollinsford Grade School use the daily CNN Newsroom program and Continental's original "Master Control" show to analyze and understand the elements of television productions. The students then use the skills they have mastered to produce a video-yearbook, which is sold to students, parents, and school staff. Proceeds from the video-yearbook sales enable the school to purchase technology related products.

Continental Cablevision's director of government and public affairs, Tom O'Rourke, praised Jay's project because it addressed both television production techniques and media literary skills. O'Rourke also added that the judges were especially impressed with Jay's innovative use of the project as a fundraiser, and the subsequent reinvestment of those funds in technology. In addition to Jay's Educator Award, Continental Cablevision will present the Rollinsford Grade School with a \$500 grant for video equipment.

As a former teacher myself, I understand the personal dedication, hard work, and innovation necessary to better prepare the most valuable resource we have in America today—our children. I am proud to honor Jay for donating his time and talents to help New Hampshire's best and brightest students learn how to use technology in their lives. I congratulate Jay for this prestigious recognition.●

HEROES IN MONTANA

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor three individuals who are heroes in my State of Montana. They live in eastern Montana, an open spread of plains and rolling prairie. They vary in age, background, and experience. But they do have one thing in common: Each person merits recognition for extraordinary acts of courage.

Shirl Pinto of Lame Deer was recognized in April by Attorney General Janet Reno, who presented her with the Crime Victim Service Award, 1 of only 13 in the Nation, for her work as a victim's advocate. I know Shirl's family—she and her husband Rick Robinson, who heads up the Lame Deer Boys and Girls Club, and their children, are dedicated to providing safe haven for women and children. Shirl is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, directing Healing Hearts, which is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Her family knows she is devoted to her community—she has managed to make a big difference in the lives of so many people with few resources and great barriers to overcome.

Candice Rush is a 15-year-old from Sidney who rescued Lindsay Clayton of Glendive from a near-fatal drowning in a reservoir last summer. In her nomination statement of Candice for an American Red Cross Certificate of Merit, Lindsay related how she panicked after cramping up while swimming halfway across a reservoir. She grabbed onto a friend who was also in danger of being pulled under. Candice, who had received training as a life-guard, swam to Lindsay, cleared away other swimmers who were trying to help, gripped Lindsay from the back and swam to the shore. Lindsay recounted how she was so scared and weak that she literally could not stand up on the shore. Candice displayed a cool head and used her training to save Lindsay's life—something neither Lindsay nor her family will ever forget. This kind of courage should be recognized.

Dakota Taylor, a 7-year-old, stopped by his friend's house in Whitewater, a small town near the Canadian border, and noticed something smoking in the fireplace. Dakota made sure that his clothing would not catch fire and then put out the smoldering material with water—one glass at a time. He then notified the family. Without his quick action, it is very likely his friend and his family would not have a house to live in today.

I am inspired by knowing of people like Shirl, Candice, and Dakota who have displayed courage, thoughtfulness, and leadership—qualities that we all seek in our daily lives. On behalf of myself and the rest of Montana, I am proud to recognize these individuals on the floor of the U.S. Senate.●

THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, on the occasion of President Ronald Reagan's 85th birthday, the Wall Street Journal ran an op-ed piece by Trude Feldman, which payed tribute to this extraordinary man and his lifetime of achievements. As a great admirer and friend of President Reagan, I am pleased to bring this article to the attention of my colleagues. I ask that the op-ed be printed in the RECORD.

The op-ed follows:

[From the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 5, 1996]

RONALD REAGAN AT 85: A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE
(By Trude B. Feldman)

Tomorrow Ronald Reagan celebrates his 85th birthday, thus becoming the fifth American president to reach that milestone. "The anniversaries of my birth aren't important," he once told me. "What is important is that I've tried to lead a meaningful life, and I think I have."

The meaning of his extraordinary life goes beyond his various achievements as our 40th president. Those achievements would not have been possible were it not for a moral fiber and affability that most Americans expect but seldom get from their presidents. While Ronald Reagan's ethics and principles played a major role in his efforts to balance economic growth with true human needs, his

courage and steadfast convictions helped set a new, positive direction for America—lifting it from a feeling of discouragement, and giving the people renewed confidence and pride in their nation. His commitment also served as the necessary catalyst in developments that led to the end of the Cold War.

In an era of cynicism about the character and veracity of political leaders, Mr. Reagan's integrity and vision warrant particular attention on this, the 85th anniversary of his birth.

THE "GREAT COMMUNICATOR"

His courage as the "Great Communicator" was evident in his dramatic open letter 15 months ago in which he revealed that he had been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. His handwritten letter was poignant, and vintage Reagan. Afflicted with the irreversible neurological disorder, he wrote that "In sharing the news it might promote greater awareness of this condition . . . I intend to live the remainder of the years God gives me, doing the things I've always done. I now begin the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life."

Colin Powell is among the millions who were moved by Mr. Reagan's gesture. "It was a beautiful personal letter to everyone," Gen. Powell told me. "Frankly, that action made it easier for me to deal with my wife's depression when it became public."

During a conversation I had with Ronald Reagan last year, he wondered aloud whether he had inherited the illness from his mother. Alzheimer's may have somewhat diminished his spark, but Mr. Reagan's genuineness and charisma still shine through. Away from the Oval Office for seven years now, he still looks presidential. Routinely working in his office, he continues to captivate visitors with his inimitable personality and attentiveness.

His dark brown hair is now tinged with a bit of gray, and he remains the model of good grooming and fashion. One day last week, he was his old handsome self attired in a blue pinstripe suit and blue tie, accentuated by a gold tie clip in the shape of the state of California, where he served eight years as governor. "The reason I'm doing as well as I am," he says, "is because of loving support from Nancy [his wife of 44 years]. She is my comfort, and has enhanced my life just by being a part of it. She has made it so natural for us to be as one that we never face anything alone."

Mr. Reagan's close brush with death 15 years ago changed his attitude toward life and death. It was on his 69th day as president when, from a distance of 13 feet, I saw him shot by a would-be assassin. Mr. Reagan told me the traumatic experience had given him a greater appreciation of life that he had previously taken for granted. "My survival was a miracle," he said. "The ordeal strengthened my belief in God and made me realize anew that His hand was on my shoulder, that He has the say-so over my life. I often feel as though I'm living on the extra time God has given me."

When Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in Tampico, Ill., his delivery was so complicated that his mother was cautioned not to bear more children. So she doted on him and soon became the primary influence in his life. From her, he acquired the stability and confidence that later enabled him to weather personal and political storms with equanimity. She fostered in him and his brother an incentive to work hard, and to live by the Ten Commandments and by the Golden Rule.

"My parents were rich in their live and wisdom, and endowed us with spiritual strength and the confidence that comes with a parent's affection and guidance," the

former president told me. "The Reagans of Illinois had little in material terms, but we were emotionally healthy."

The Rev. Billy Graham describes Ronald Reagan as a man of compassion and devotion, a president whom America will remember with pride. "He is one of the cleanest, most moral and spiritual men I know," Mr. Graham told me. "In the scores of times we were together, he has always wanted to talk about spiritual things."

On many occasions over the past 21 years, Mr. Reagan shared with me his philosophies and his views on politics, foreign affairs, religion and human nature. "I believe that each person is innately good," he observed. "But those who act immorally do so because they allow greed and ambition to overtake their basic goodness."

These beliefs, while the source of many of his greatest triumphs, also set the stage for some of his disappointments. One regret was that he did not demand greater accountability from his staff—"especially those who abused their power with arrogance." He acknowledged that the tendency not to fire anyone had serious ramifications. "For instance, any errors in our dialogues with Iran resulted because some of my subordinates exceeded their instructions without reporting back to me," he stressed. "When I read the Tower Commission Report, it looked as if some staff members had taken off on their own."

Another issue that troubled him was the public perception that he was prejudiced against minority groups and not concerned about the poor. He maintains that he had fought for legislation that would make welfare programs more effective. "My economic program was based on encouraging businessmen to create more jobs and to better the conditions of their employees," he noted. "I think I succeeded."

On the day before his presidency ended, Mr. Reagan granted me his last interview in the Oval Office. He told me that the saddest day of his eight-year tenure was on Oct. 23, 1983, when 241 U.S. servicemen died in a terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. "To save our men from being killed by sniper from private armies that were causing trouble in Lebanon, it was decided to shelter them in a concrete-reinforced building," he recalled. "But no one foresaw that a suicide driver with a truck load of explosives would drive into the building and blow it up."

At the close of that Oval Office interview, I asked him to describe his presidency in one line. "We won the Cold War," he said without hesitation. "That phrase didn't originate with me, but I'll settle for it. What counts is that there is an end to the Cold War, and I now feel justified in my theme of 'Peace Through Strength.'"

Former President George Bush adds: "Ronald Reagan's foresight put us in a position to change our relationship with the Soviet Union and to make it possible for the changes that took place in Eastern Europe. And he certainly helped bring democracy to our hemisphere."

Mr. Bush, having worked closely with Mr. Reagan as his vice president, also told me: "True, he was a man of principle on the issues. But, even more than that, the American people loved him for his genuine decency, his unfailing kindness and his great sense of humor. He is a true believer in the goodness of America."

THE FINEST GIFT

Edwin Meese III, former attorney general, notes that Mr. Reagan's legacy to America continues to this day. "Many are calling the congressional leadership's agenda the Second Reagan Revolution," he says. "More importantly, Mr. Reagan continues to inspire Americans of all ages to value the patriotism and leadership which he so splendidly demonstrated."

Longtime Reagan aide Lyn Nofziger concurs, adding: History will surely record that the finest birthday gift already given to Mr. Reagan by Americans is a Republican House and Senate that are determined to carry on the Reagan Revolution."

Yet Mr. Reagan says that the best birthday gift for him this year would be that scientists receive the support they need to fund a treatment and a cure for Alzheimer's so that others will be spared the anguish that the illness causes.

Ever the altruist, Ronald Reagan—even for his birthday wish—places the welfare of others above his own. It is a characteristic that has served him faithfully until now, and is one that will sustain him on his "journey into the sunset" of his life.●

WARD VALLEY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, the Senator from Alaska, the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, spoke on the floor earlier today in favor of S. 1596, which would transfer federally owned land in Ward Valley, CA, to the State of California for the purpose of building a low-level radioactive waste dump. I want to set the record straight and briefly explain why S. 1596 is not in the best interest of the people my State of California.

I am opposed to S. 1596 because it circumvents the efforts of many Californians and the administration to put

safety first and to ensure the safety of the drinking water supply of over 12 million California citizens.

S. 1596 amounts to an unconditional transfer of Federal land in violation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 which requires the Secretary of Interior to include "such terms, covenants, conditions and reservations as he deems necessary to ensure * * * protection of the public interest."

In May 1995 the administration announced its commitment to transfer the Federal land to the State subject to receiving a binding commitment from the State of California that the additional safeguards recommended by a National Academy of Sciences panel be carried out; that the total volume and radioactivity of the material to be disposed of at the site would be limited to the amounts currently specified in the State license for the facility, and that there be a specific limit on plutonium deposited at Ward Valley. The State refused to enter into any kind of enforceable agreement.

Lack of cooperation from the State and the discovery of evidence that may indicate radioactive leakage to groundwater at a site of similar characteristics in Beatty, NV, led the administration to announce in February 1996 that it will carry out a supplemental environmental impact statement and perform key safety tests at the Ward Valley site before proceeding with the transfer.

The bill transfers the land for a payment of \$500,100, and a nonbinding, nonenforceable letter from Governor Wilson to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the State will "carry out environmental monitoring and protection measures based on recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences."

The bill is another end-run at a process that needs to put the health and safety of California citizens first. It undermines the safety first approach that we have been pursuing together with the administration.●

FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1995

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
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Senator Connie Mack:									
Ireland	Dollar		62.00						62.00
Total			62.00						62.00

MARK O. HATFIELD,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Apr. 17, 1996.