

anti-abortion views were discussed negatively. No nonreligious or pro-abortion applicant seems to have been found too "rigid" or, for that matter, too lax or cavalier about abortion. All the interviews and evaluations assume a consensus among the doctors that abortion and the willingness to perform it are desirable, and that any reservations about them are cause for suspicion and alarm. Here is one place where liberals don't seem to seek "diversity" and "pluralism." Or rather, they equate "diversity" and "pluralism" with agreement with their own attitude.

Only religious applicants were grilled about their views—in spite of a state law governing the school that forbids denying admission because of opposition to abortion, and in spite of other laws prohibiting religious discrimination. Presumably the school's own formal code proscribes these admissions policies too, but that doesn't seem to stop anyone.

So while pro-lifers are writing their congressmen or pounding the pavement to change the bogus constitutional law of *Roe v. Wade*, this is what's going on behind the closed doors of the medical profession. If you've had trouble finding a Christian doctor, or if you've wondered why the American Medical Association is so fervently pro-abortion, here is your answer. Christian students are getting the message that they're unwelcome in the medical schools. If they want to try to get in anyway, they usually sense that it's a good idea to keep their views under wraps.

This is a sampling from only one school, but it may be worth noting that the school apparently isn't in New York or Los Angeles, but in a conservative and heavily Christian region. We can only guess what things are like in the pagan precincts.

TRIBUTE TO THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 1997

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the excellent work of Assistant United States Attorneys Paula J. DeGiacomo and Despena F. Billings and of FBI Special Agent Thomas J. Daly, Sr. in investigating and prosecuting Paul E. Lowe for carjacking, kidnapping, and transportation for illegal sexual activity.

On December 10, 1995, Lowe abducted a 21-year-old medical secretary at gunpoint after helping her push her vehicle out of a snowbank at the end of her driveway in Lowell, MA. Lowe commandeered the victim's car and drove north to a remote area of New Hampshire, where he hit her in the face and sexually assaulted her. Lowe eventually returned to Lowell with the victim, at which time he threatened her with death were she to call the police.

This case was investigated jointly by the Lowell Police Criminal Bureau and the FBI. It was prosecuted in the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, because Lowe was charged with carjacking, a federal crime. The case broke new legal ground in Massachusetts, as it was the first time that DNA evidence was admitted in a federal criminal case. Lowe was convicted in November 1996, and Judge Patti B. Saris sentenced him to 36 years in prison in March 1997.

The investigation and prosecution of Lowe was a model law enforcement effort. Special Agent Daly, the FBI, and the Evidence Recovery Team [ERT] worked in cooperation with local law enforcement officials to apprehend Lowe and build a strong case against him. Assistant U.S. Attorneys DeGiacomo and Billings worked tirelessly at developing an extremely effective trial strategy. At the same time, they displayed a sincere and much appreciated concern for the victim.

The efforts of Paula DeGiacomo, Despena Billings and Tom Daly, Sr. should not go unnoticed. Massachusetts residents are safer in and outside their homes due to the arrest and conviction of Paul Lowe. The individuals who brought Lowe to justice deserve our recognition and thanks.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMBERTVILLE- NEW HOPE ROTARY CLUB

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Lambertville-New Hope Rotary Club as it celebrates its 75th anniversary dinner on Friday, June 13, 1997.

In today's society as we move further toward the end of big Government, civic responsibility is of particular importance, though it often goes unacknowledged. Think of the value that libraries, parks, little leagues, fire departments, school scholarship funds, or school and work programs provide. Like so many Rotary Clubs across the Nation, the Lambertville-New Hope Club over the years, has been and continues to be, a generous contributor and supporter, to all of these many community organizations, as well as to other combined charities.

The Lambertville-New Hope Rotary Club has had a long history of service to the community. Its inception was in January 1922, and was established as a result of the efforts of Charles Muddock, Arch Moon, and Howard L. Hughes. Over the years, the Lambertville-New Hope Rotary Club has grown significantly and now boasts 25 members on its roster. For many years its members have worked hard to create a diverse array of programs designed to help better the community. For example, the Ely Field project was created to rehabilitate the recreational park and it will forever yield benefits to all community members: small children, recreational sports teams, families, and the elderly.

The club has contributed over \$250,000 since its inception in 1922. These funds have gone toward projects that will long benefit the community. I applaud the exemplary sense of social and civil responsibility demonstrated by the club's contributions. The Lambertville-New Hope area has greatly benefited as a result of these contributions.

I would like to recognize Tom Allibone, for his efforts as chairman of the 75th anniversary extravaganza. It promises to be a memorable event which will include a birthday card signed by many citizens in the communities, as well as Governor Whitman. The officers of the club deserve commendation for their efforts during this memorable year. I would like to recognize

the president, Gustavo Calderon, president-elect, Dr. Robert Muller, treasurer, Annamarie Heil, vice-president, Lynn Brittingham, secretary, William Buchanan, and sergeant-at-arms, Michael Welsh.

Like the members of Rotary Clubs, I am devoted to facilitating the process of entrepreneurs and business men and women as they work to establish themselves in the community. The Lambertville-New Hope Rotary Club is a prime example of the benefits that citizen leadership can have on a community. Together, we will work to continue to improve the quality of life for the people of the 12th district of New Jersey.

HONORING PASTOR EDWARD McCREE, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise before you today to recognize the achievements of Pastor Edward L. McCree, Sr. of Pontiac, MI. On Sunday, June 15, the congregation of Pontiac's Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church will honor Pastor McCree for the many contributions he has made over the last 24 years to both city and State in the name of the Lord.

It is difficult to imagine what the Pontiac community would be like today had Pastor McCree not been called to become Pastor of Macedonia in 1973. From that point on, the Pastor has made it his goal and his promise to beautify the church, the community, and the spirit. Over the years, Macedonia has been blessed with a beautiful new educational facility, renovated sanctuary, day care center, and several other projects that have enhanced the appearance of the church. The church's emergency food kitchen has fed over 5,000 people. These projects were made possible through the strong positive efforts of Pastor McCree and the support of the Macedonia family.

Pastor McCree's time with the ministry has allowed him to develop a strong support network that extends outside the church, yet with the same goals in mind. The pastor has been affiliated with and has been honored by groups such as the Oakland County Ministerial Fellowship, Crystal Lake District Congress, Greater Pontiac Missionary Baptist District Association, and Wolverine State Congress, to name a few. Not one to forget his alma mater, Pastor McCree has also established associations with the American Baptist Church, including serving as its Alumni Association's National president.

Pastor McCree's deeds in the name of the Lord are just as remarkable as his deeds on behalf of the Pontiac community. He has proven himself indispensable in his support of the Pontiac Economic Development Corporation Board, Pontiac Area Urban League, and the Montgomery Defense Fund. He has been appointed to various committees by the Mayor of Pontiac, and was also appointed in 1985 by the Governor to task forces dealing with the Child Abuse Council and Children's Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask you and my fellow members of the 105th Congress to join me in saluting Pastor Edward

McCree, Sr. Self evident is his lifelong commitment to enhancing the dignity and nurturing the spirits of all people. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had, and still have to work with him in many different faculties. It is truly people like him that serve as examples of what Americans should strive to be.

STATEMENTS BY IAN GOLLUB
AND AMANDA SCHROCKE, HAN-
OVER HIGH SCHOOL, HANOVER
NH, REGARDING CLEAR-CUTTING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 1997

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by high school students from Hanover High School in Hanover, NH, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

Mr. Gollub. Hello, Congressman Sanders. My name is Ian Gollub and I am here today to represent the views of my classmates from Hanover High School in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Clear-cutting the forest in Vermont and elsewhere in our nation is very important to our Vermont-New Hampshire students. My classmates and I sincerely believe that clear-cutting the forests and woodlands not only inhibits future growth but dangerously jeopardizes other aspects of our ecosystem.

The two main issues we have chosen to cover are the environment and economics. First the environmental issue:

Not only are we destroying the forest's aesthetic beauty but we are injuring the long-term health of the forest as well. When we remove trees by clear-cutting, we tear up the ground and compress the soil. The trees are gone, leaving roots and subterranean soil organisms tightly compacted underground to stave and die. Necessary fungi and nutrients are killed by erosion of powerful sunlight falling on an open area for the first time.

For the specific reason organisms, plants or animals are killed then any diversity is lost or impoverished by chronic reduction of regional populations said E.C. Pineau in the magazine, *Nature's Companion*. Which brings me to my next point.

Large populations of animals are being driven away by the lack of shaded areas in which to live. With such drastic changes in habitat to the local animal populations and the deaths of many preexisting animals and plants we are retarding the rate of ecological regeneration by many, many years.

While some efforts have been made to regenerate the cut forests we will never see the forests full again; just scattered arrangements of various flora growth with no relation to the region's ancestors. But the most typical resolution for the forest is a giant open wasteland, a wasteland which is comprised of dead roots and massive eroded mud surfaces.

The conclusion of our argument confirms our assertion that in no way and no how is clear-cutting beneficial to our nation's flora and fauna life. I would now like to pass the remainder of my time to my classmate and end short.

Ms. Schrocke. So long does the American dream become endangered as the huge logging industry strives to take control of our land. In Maine the large paper industries have reduced the spruce and fir populations valuable for paper production by 40 percent.

Currently half of paper pulp is hardwood as a result; hardwood, which is traditionally used by the smaller local timber industries.

These large corporations undermine the values of such industries as local sawmills, fishing and hunting, guides, river rafting companies and perhaps more important to Vermonters, maple syrup producers. These large companies ship an astonishing 24 percent of timber cut overseas as whole logs eliminating jobs for local mills. The name of the game is money, and if selling the timber to the Japanese makes 40 percent more money, that becomes the priority. These corporations yield the rewards while the human consequences are borne by the working people.

If the clear-cutting continues millions of jobs will be lost because people care more about short-term profits than long-term preservation. Vermonters will be forced to pay millions of dollars to plan and instigate reforestation. The government of Alaska found out the hard way when confronted with the need to pay \$40 million to reforest the Tongas.

We must also look for further solutions when reforestation plans fail because the nutrients once prevalent in the soil have gone up in smoke and the wasted fields have been sold to condominium developers as many have in Maine. Loggers will become their own breed of endangered species if we do not do something now to preserve our forests for both ecological and economic purposes.

Our classmates at Hanover High School ask that a government policy be instigated which would ban or greatly reduce the practice of clear-cutting in favor of a selected cutting policy. This policy would preserve our forests for future use by reducing soil damage and improper pruning technique which come hand-in-hand with clear-cutting. A law for the continuation of the natural habitat which has stood for centuries and provided for animal and logger both. Now is not a time for talk, now is the time for action.

Mr. Gollub. When you decide that you are going to clear-cut your own property and you decide you would like to therefore ruin your land, the nearby land and surrounding areas, ecosystems and the plants and animals that might only be found in that area would be severely damaged.

Ms. Schrocke. One of the problems is that we are not necessarily asking that private land be regulated so much as the public land because unfortunately as the logging industry and the timber industry cuts the trees on their land they are continually asking our government to sell some of our national forest which we consider to be national treasures.

Mr. Gollub. Well as you might know actually the bill in Vermont was passed I think two days ago and actually I was reading it on the way up, and what it is saying is that when you want to clear-cut now you have within a certain number of feet from other people's harvesting area, you have to have that approved because if you just wanted to destroy your land and your own ecosystem that is not possible because you are influencing the surrounding area. Clear-cutting devastates the soil in the area where trees are cut because of the way the soil is compacted and the trees were removed from nutrients and the other soil organisms are killed and left to die; therefore, the area can be eroded by the sunlight and the water passing through.

Ms. Schrocke. Saying people have the right to do whatever they choose is an okay argument only willing to think in the short term, but if you are willing to think in the long term and you are looking at the long-term repercussions of this, I would say it is more

important to feed your family for a lifetime than it is for just a couple of years. And as things are going right now, we are not going to have any forests left for loggers to cut down.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO
THOMAS AND IRENE NEWSHAM

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a couple who have endured the test of time. On June 14, 1997, Thomas and Irene Newsham are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Natives of Bay City, Tom and Irene met after a rolling skating party at a cafe on Midland Street. Shortly thereafter, they fell in love and made a commitment to spend their lives together, a commitment they have taken very seriously.

In these days of disintegrating families, it is reassuring to see a strong, stable marriage built on love, respect and trust. They show the rest of us by example that a marriage can truly endure. Their faith and loyalty has been a great example to their 8 children and 13 grandchildren. Their willingness to help others by giving their time throughout their lives has been greatly appreciated by their family and friends.

Their home was always open to friends and strangers—a policy that continues today. While their house was full of children, they took in one more child, bringing the total to nine, to ensure that he, Jerry, would have a loving and caring home. Father Xavier, as he is now called, grew up to become a priest and shares with others the loving and caring nature he learned from the Newshams.

Tom and Irene are also very proud of their eight biological children who have all dedicated their careers to service. Their eldest child Mary is a nurse and Janet and Tom both work for the sheriffs department. Ken and Jim, both retired, served in the Air Force and Navy respectively. Patrick is working toward his teaching degree, Ann works in the mental health field and their youngest, Maureen, is continuing her family tradition of public service.

Tom served as a positive role model for his family. A World War II veteran, he was the fire marshall for the Bay City Fire Department until his retirement. Irene is a dynamic and energetic woman and her children and grandchildren often have a hard time keeping up with her fast pace. Following Tom's retirement, Irene worked for the Division on Aging until last year when she retired to help her daughter with her newborn twins. Together, Tom and Irene blossomed into a strong family that is on 50 years and growing. Their newest grandchild is due in August.

With so much talk on reinstalling traditional family values, this event deserves special recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Tom and Irene good health and many more happy years together.