

Granite State in a special program for State-level winners in Washington, DC.

I congratulate Vincent Marconi Jr. on his outstanding accomplishments. I commend his hard work and perseverance and wish him luck in competition for national awards.●

CONNECTICUT STUDENTS' ESSAYS ABOUT ELIMINATING RACISM

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding students from my home State of Connecticut. Each of these young people has been recognized by the greater Hartford regional YWCA for essays they wrote on the elimination of racism. As authors of the winning essays, these young people attended the second annual "In the Company of Women" luncheon with featured speaker Maya Angelou. I was privileged to attend that luncheon and meet some of the essay contest winners. Their words have inspired me and I am proud to share some of their insight with you today.

Danalyn Elder of Weaver High School in Hartford, says "I do not consider color (except perhaps if I am saying it is beautiful.)" Courtney Yuen of Hall High School in West Hartford talks about dreams " * * * that offer a glimpse of a world without racism * * *" Richardo Solomon of Bloomfield High School quotes Dr. Martin Luther King in considering whether people can " * * * search deep down in their hearts to see a world without racism."

In her winning essay, Julie Meslin explains that "A world without racism would not be an easy place to live." Julie concludes, however, that " * * * we would be pioneers in a movement that the human soul has longed for since the beginning of time. And it would be worth it." Frederick Jelks of Bloomfield High School describes the pursuit of a world without racism as a collective effort of individuals regardless of race or heritage. This effort, he explains, "will not happen over night. The change will come about gradually * * * we may speed up that day when we can all kiss the glass of equality."

In his essay entitled "Color Me This," Greg Binstock of Hall High School considers the innocence of a young girl who loves all the colors of the rainbow equally and sees no reason to segregate the black and red pieces in a checkers game. In a moving biographical sketch, Radmila Khamzina shares her experiences with racism in her home country of Azerbaijan, and her insights on racism here in America.

Cheryl Vasquez of Wethersfield High School also uses personal experiences to share her thoughts on a world without racism. As a Puerto Rican girl, Cheryl has felt the pain of racism. In the end, she concludes that "A world without racism would be a world of more hope, a world of more dreams and a world of equality as God intended it to be." Samantha Allaire of Manchester High School discusses a world

without racism in which all employees receive equal opportunity and equal pay. This would produce a "more efficient and productive workforce altogether."

In his short story about a world without racism, Jamilla Deria of Weaver High School imagines a scenario in which his "Little Africa" is inhabited by people of every nationality, living in harmony. In this world, Jesus has "an afro and piercing black skin instead of having blonde hair and blue eyes." This seemingly mixed up world is, in the end, "groovy man, real groovy." Simshindo Msola of Weaver High School talks about the devastating effects that racism has had on members of the black community. The elimination of racism would enable African-Americans and indeed all people to perform to their fullest potential and "People would begin to have a positive and good attitude about themselves, and society at large would benefit and improve."

Nayoka Rose of Weaver High School sees a world without racism at "... the time of birth and death." Infants lay side by side in a nursery, regardless of color, creed or heritage, and at death we lay side by side as "... death knows no color or race." Michelle Davis of Weaver High School imagines a world without racism in which we would not have war, fewer people would be incarcerated and more people would have jobs. This world, Michelle says, does not have to be a dream.

Mizzara Belton of Weaver High School says that "The thought of excluding racism from my world is a joy." She envisions a society where the color of one's skin would not affect the treatment you receive in a department store, your educational opportunities or prospects for employment. Finally, Kelly Citroni of Bolton High School considers those who have died as a result of racism. The holocaust and slavery might never have happened, there would be no Ku Klux Klan, and Dr. Martin Luther King would not have been killed at the hands of a "... person prejudiced against his skin color." Our world, Kelly concludes, would experience "dramatic change for the better" without racism.

I am extremely proud of these young people and their thought-provoking essays. Each student is able to describe the beauty of a world without racism while sharing personal experiences and dreams.

These Connecticut students are well aware of the effects of racism. Most of them have experienced first-hand the pain of hatred and prejudice. Their essays, however, illustrate the hope that lies in each and every city throughout our great country. One must only stop to listen to the dreams of our youth to see that blossoms of hope and optimism are flourishing among us. These young people can help us appreciate that we do not have to live with racism. If we close our eyes and imagine all people are one, we can envision the joy of a world without racism.●

RECOGNIZING DAVID GIULIANI

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it is no secret to my colleagues that perhaps the greatest contributor to our Nation's economic success is the hard work, perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit of America's small businessowners. It is, therefore, appropriate that the U.S. Small Business Administration has honored Washington State businessman, Mr. David Giuliani, as the National Small Business Person of the Year. Mr. Giuliani is president and chief executive officer of the Bellevue, WA, based Optiva Corp. which manufactures the Sonicare brand of toothbrushes. Starting Optiva as a technology transfer project from the University of Washington in 1988, Mr. Giuliani has overseen the company's progression from a startup business to an employer of 250 with sales of over \$50 million in 1995. With growth of this kind it is not surprising that, last October, Inc. Magazine recognized Optiva as the second-fastest growing private company in the entire nation. To celebrate its success at the production of its millionth toothbrush last year, Mr. Giuliani's company gave away more than 1,000 Sonicare toothbrushes to individuals who couldn't afford them on their own.

Mr. President, I am proud to represent a State that is home to such an outstanding businessman and citizen. Mr. Giuliani certainly deserves the title of Small Business Person of the Year.●

COMMENDING MARK D. CHAMBERLAIN FOR HIS ACT OF BRAVERY

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I recently received a letter that remarked upon the bravery and fortitude of a former U.S. Coast Guard member, Mark D. Chamberlain.

On a chilly, rainy winter day, three generations of the Chamberlain family, Dale, Mark, and Justin set out on snowshoes in a wooded area of Lyndonville, VT. After 5 hours of trekking in the woods, the eldest Chamberlain, Dale, attempted to forge an ice-covered river when the ice gave way and dragged him under. Mark, his son, managed to grab a hold of his coat and pull him back to safety amid the chunks of ice and strong river currents. Despite the fact that Dale was numb with cold, Mark assured his father that he would be fine and convinced him to begin walking. Mark led the party back to their vehicle and the three Chamberlains returned safely to the warmth of their home.

Mark Chamberlain, not only set an heroic example for his son, Justin, to admire and follow, he also demonstrated the strength of the bonds that tie families together.

Mr. President, I ask that an article about this experience which appeared in the Caledonian-Record be reprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Caledonian-Record, March 10, 1997]

ST. JOHNSBURY—FATHER CREDITS RESCUE TO DARING SON

(By Andrew Turner)

Dale Chamberlain knows a thing or two about life, now that he's looked death in the face and survived to tell about it.

On March 2, Chamberlain was snowshoeing with his son Mark and grandson Justin on his property in Lyndonville when tragedy nearly struck.

As Chamberlain tells it, the weather was about 45 degrees and drizzly that day, the kind of mid-winter thaw that deceives snow travelers so often.

Chamberlain, his son and grandson, had been trekking the woods near the South Wheelock River for about five hours, he estimated, before coming to the river.

"We were making tracks back to the river. I could hear the roar of the water draining into channels in the ice. Arriving at the river, I could see a possible way to cross," Chamberlain stated.

He said he began the attempt to cross and the way was slippery. Water covered the ice to roughly 6 inches deep in parts and he was able to use his ski poles to stabilize himself, poking the ice ahead of him to make sure that it was solid.

"I punched a hole in one area (and) the ice let go in the whole area around me. I went into the water and under the ice," Chamberlain recounted.

Chamberlain floundered in the water helplessly, his head just above the surface as ice continued to break away, making it impossible to grasp onto anything firm. Hindering him was the fact that his snowshoes had become tangled around each other. He couldn't move his arms or legs.

"My muscles were going numb. The only thing I was really aware of was the roar of the rushing water," he said.

The next thing that he remembered was the feeling of his son's hand on the back of his waterlogged jacket, tugging him out of the current of the water and eventually to the shore.

"He talked to me and assured me I was OK. He said he was going to stand me up. He said it wouldn't do me any good to just lie there," Chamberlain said.

Eventually they were able to get to their cars and make it home, and to warmth. Chamberlain never received medical treatment but was comforted by the fact that he had a son who challenged adversity to save his father's life.

"Thanks to the quick thinking and strength of my son I am still among the living. I now know that no matter how much experience you have in the woods the unex-

pected can always happen. I just thank God for Mark's ability to analyze the situation and spring into action immediately," he said.●

NATIONAL RACE FOR THE CURE

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I want to lend my voice today to the thousands of women and men who are supporting the search for a cure to breast cancer.

Breast cancer is still the leading cause of mortality among American women between the ages of 35 and 54. In fact, odds are that one in every eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

The encouraging news is that early detection is very effective in curbing this disease. At the same time we continue efforts to find a cure, we must be equally diligent in our efforts to educate women about the importance of regular clinical and self examinations for breast cancer.

On June 7, Americans all over the country will again have the opportunity to show their concern by participating in the 1997 National Race for the Cure. The race is a series of 5k runs and a 1-mile walk sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Dallas.

I urge all of my colleagues, their spouses and staff to support the Capitol Hill Race for the Cure on June 7, where more than 50,000 are expected to participate. This event will help raise money for breast cancer research and education and bring us all closer to the day when a cure is found. ●

TRIBUTE TO MERCYMOUNT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, 1997 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Mercymount Country Day School of Cumberland, RI, which was recently honored as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School.

As I think all in this chamber know, it is a highly regarded distinction to be named a Blue Ribbon School, since these schools represent some of the

cream of our educational crop. Through an intensive selection process beginning at the State level and continuing through a Federal Review Panel of 100 top educators, many of the very best public and private schools in the Nation are identified as deserving of this honor. These are schools that are particularly effective meeting local, State, and national goals. But, Mr. President, this honor is not about determining who is best, it is about learning what works in educating today's children—the leaders of tomorrow.

Now, more than ever, it is important that we make every effort to reach out to students, that we truly engage and challenge them, and that we make their education come alive. At the Mercymount Country Day School in Rhode Island, partnerships between parents and teachers have made an enormous difference in the education of their students. They have understood that the quality of education depends not only upon the efforts of schools and government; it also depends upon the ideas and innovation of parents and community. At Mercymount, parent-teacher cooperation has brought computers into the classroom, and their "Pull the Plug" on TV initiative has helped students get away from television sets and into reading and other challenging activities. Mercymount has also developed a wonderful fine arts program, and as research has shown, the pursuit of education in the arts at an early age improves a child's cognitive ability. Again, Mercymount is making a huge difference in the lives of its students.

Mr. President, the Blue Ribbon School initiative shows us the very best we can do for students, and the techniques that can be replicated in all schools to help all students learn. I am proud to say that in Rhode Island we can look to a school like Mercymount Country Day. Under the leadership of its principal, Sister Martha Mulligan, its capable faculty, and its improved parents, Mercymount will continue to be a shining example for years to come.●

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 ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 1997

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Jeff Bingaman:									
Singapore	Dollar .....	.....	311.29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	311.29
Malaysia	Dollar .....	.....	143.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143.02
Taiwan	Dollar .....	.....	846.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	846.00
United States	Dollar .....	.....	.....	.....	4,429.85	.....	.....	.....	4,429.85
Patrick Von Borgen:									
Singapore	Dollar .....	.....	1,003.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,003.50
Malaysia	Dollar .....	.....	228.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228.00