

Award was given to Dr. Bobby Seidel for his exceptional service in communicating unbiased facts regarding nuclear power to the public, which, as you know, Mr. President, is not always an easy task. Dr. Seidel directs the student and faculty programs at Argonne-West and was the propelling strength behind the planning and construction of the nuclear energy display for the Idaho Falls-Bonneville County Museum. This is a particularly important exhibition of nuclear technology for the people of the Idaho Falls area because so many times a hands-on look at how this process works is a much more effective means of education, rather than merely reading about such technology in a pamphlet or newspaper.

The American Nuclear Society is a nonprofit, international agency comprised of individuals who represent more the 1,600 corporations, educational organizations, and Government agencies. These people, most of whom are engineers, scientists, educators, and students, have created an astounding membership number of over 17,000. Each year, the society chooses the top contributors to the institutes of nuclear science and engineering, and recognizes them with distinctive awards, specific to their fields of work. I am proud to know that this year a few of these awards were given to four outstanding Idaho citizens.

Again, Mr. President, I would like to commend these gentlemen on their accomplishments and contributions to the nuclear scientific and engineering community. These individuals are a valuable asset not only to Argonne-West, but to all of us who rely on nuclear power as an inexpensive, renewable, and reliable source of energy.●

THE BRONX RECEIVES RECOGNITION AS A TOP 10 ALL-AMERICAN CITY

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the New York City borough once derided as "the worst slum in America" has been named an All-American City by the National Civic League. This achievement, announced last weekend by Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, is the result of a decade of hard work and careful planning. Improved economic conditions have spawned a renewal of spirit; a cultural and economic renaissance that gives hope for the future.

In his 1997 State of the Borough Report, President Ferrer writes, "Ten years ago, the Bronx was best known as the borough of window decals and trash-strewn vacant lots. Abandoned buildings. Illegal Medicaid mills. With its broken windows and broken dreams, the Borough of the Bronx stood as the international symbol of urban failure."

What a difference a decade can make. The National Civic League Award confirms what the residents of the Bronx already knew; their community has undergone an unprecedented trans-

formation. This metamorphosis is evidenced by strong economic growth, 522 new businesses, the preservation of the Old Bronx Borough Courthouse, improvements in transportation, 30,000 new housing units, new parks and recreational facilities, and a celebration of the cultural and ethnic diversity of the people of the Bronx.

President Ferrer, New York City officials and community leaders deserve our praise and our admiration. Together, they have earned an honor for the Bronx that makes all New Yorkers proud. In so doing, they have provided hope to other communities throughout the world. I ask that news stories from the New York Times and the Daily News be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

[From the New York Times, June 9, 1997]

THE BRONX IS NAMED AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

The Bronx—once called "the worst slum in America" by former President Carter—is one of America's top communities, the National Civic League said, announcing its annual top 10 All-American Cities.

Other winners were Fremont, Calif.; Hillside Neighborhood (Colorado Springs), Colo.; Aberdeen, Md.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Asheville, N.C.; Statesville, N.C.; Bismarck, N.D.; Aiken, S.C.; and Texas City, Tex.

The 48-year-old competition, sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, judges cities based on citizen participation, collaborative approaches to problem-solving, diversity and education, among other criteria. Each winner receives a \$10,000 grant.

Genevieve Brooks, the Bronx's deputy borough president, said strong grass-roots efforts have helped stem crime, improve neighborhood blight and open access to primary health care for the poor. "We are truly very excited that someone else sees the hard work that we have done," Ms. Brooks said.

[From the Daily News, June 9, 1997]

AWARD BRINGS CHEER TO BRONX

(By Bob Kappstatter)

Aaaay. Don't diss the Bronx anymore.

The gritty borough—once called "the worst slum in America" by President Jimmy Carter—has kicked its arson-scarred stereotype.

It has been named one of the top 10 All-American Cities by the prestigious National Civic League, which recognized it for its long battle against crime and drugs.

"We are no longer one of America's best kept secrets, but one of its strongest success stories," crowed Borough President Fernando Ferrer, who handily rattled off a list of the borough's urban renewal accomplishments.

They range from 30,000 new and restored units of housing, to 522 new businesses representing an \$460 million investment.

The 48-year-old competition, sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, judged 128 original entrants based on citizen participation, approaches to problem-solving, diversity and education, among other criteria.

Each winning community receives a \$10,000 grant.

Celeste Ortiz, a member of the Undercliff-Sedgwick Neighborhood Safety-Services Council who participated in the competition, said she was "excited to be living in a part of the city that is coming alive again."

"Our morale has changed and now we see the Bronx as part of the city, part of America," she said.

Genevieve Brooks, now Bronx deputy borough president, was one of the original driv-

ing forces that helped turn the ashes and rubble of Charlotte St. and places like it into blocks of sparkling new homes.

She said strong local efforts have helped stem crime, erase neighborhood blight and open access to primary health care for the poor.

"We are truly very excited that someone else sees the hard work that we have done," Brooks said.

Other winners announced Saturday night in Kansas City, Mo., were Fremont, Calif.; Hillside Neighborhood (Colorado Springs), Colo.; Aberdeen, Md.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Asheville, N.C.; Statesville, N.C.; Bismarck, N.D.; Aiken, S.C., and Texas City, Tex.

Some 120 communities applied for the reward.●

TRIBUTE TO THE ROBERTS VAUX MIDDLE SCHOOL MIGHTY BISHOPS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments of Senate business to congratulate a group of middle school students from Philadelphia. On April 29, the Roberts Vaux Middle School Chess Team won first place in their K-8 division at the National Scholastic Chess Championship in Knoxville, TN. Competing against 4,300 students from almost every State in the Union, team members also earned individual awards for the third and sixth best players in the Nation, as well as for the top sixth and eighth graders in their sections. Additionally, Vaux's Salome Thomas-El won a coach's award.

Collectively known as the Mighty Bishops, or the "Bad Bishops," Demetrius Carroll, Charles Mabine, Earl Jenkins, Anthony Harper, Anwar Smith, Denise Pickard, Latoria Spann, Alisca Shropshire, Tanisha Edwards, Tyeisha Falligan, Donzell White, Thomas Allen, and Ralph Johnson have worked hard for this victory. For instance, the Mighty Bishops practiced at least 5 days per week for 3 hours each day. They used a library of chess books and some computer programs to learn strategies for all aspects of the game. More importantly, they sharpened their problem solving, critical thinking, and decisionmaking skills—skills that will help them not only in competition, but also in life.

Prior to winning the national championship, the team secured significant victories at other competitions. This past January, the Mighty Bishops received first place individual and fourth place team trophies at the Greater New York Junior High Chess Championship. At the U.S. Amateur Team Championship in Parsippany, NJ, Vaux received the top record of any middle school. I would also note that the Mighty Bishops placed second at the Pennsylvania State Championships.

Mr. President, I am proud of these students. These bright young people are a credit to themselves, their school, their families, and their community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mighty Bishops and in extending the Senate's best wishes for continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN TALLMAN

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to an exceptional hometown hero, John Tallman, who is retiring as president of the Bourbonnais, IL, Fire Protection District after 48 years of distinguished service.

On June 7, 1997 colleagues, friends, and family gathered to celebrate John's retirement after a lifelong commitment to the fire department and the community of Bourbonnais. He certainly deserves such recognition.

Although a farmer by profession, at age 28, John began his service with the volunteer-operated fire protection district as an appointed trustee and was then elected president. As testimony to his commitment and integrity, John has remained the only president in the fire protection district's 49-year history.

Over the years, John guided the fire protection district through remarkable periods of growth and modernization. Under John Tallman's tenure, the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District distinguished itself as one of the outstanding all-volunteer fire departments in the State. Improvements to the fire department facilities, equipment, and service instituted under John's direction enabled the department to better respond to the growing number of emergencies and helped save lives and property.

In addition to his duties with the fire protection district, John has also been a dedicated husband and father, an 18-year member of the Bourbonnais Elementary School Board, a farmer, and a 19-year member of the Kankakee County Board of School Trustees.

John is a role model for all Americans and I commend him for his selfless service and effective leadership to the citizens of Bourbonnais and of our State. A fellow firefighter once described John as being one of a kind. John Tallman leaves behind big shoes to fill, and his leadership and vision as fire protection district president will be missed.●

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN SENGSTACKE

• Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, today I would like to offer my most heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of John Sengstacke, Chicago Defender publisher and owner, a Chicago native.

Mr. Sengstacke was a man of vision, who promoted and created opportunities through his words and his actions. He was a person who valued commitment, always urging others to follow through. Under his tutelage, the Chicago Defender became one of the most widely read, informative, and important, independent newspapers for countless Chicagoans.

His was a courageous life, and he always took a stand against segregation and discrimination, always fought to

give a voice to the voiceless. Most notable are his efforts as a member of Truman's committee to desegregate the military and his vigilant effort to get the first African-American correspondent into the White House.

He was clear that his role was not only to inform but to educate, by both his personal and professional actions.

John Sengstacke knew the power of the pen was one of the strongest weapons available to African-Americans. He worked tirelessly to get the National Newspaper Publisher's Association established, and it became an organization that would help more than 200 African-American-owned newspapers provide a voice for the African-American community.

We have truly lost one of our finest freedom fighters, but he left a legacy of tenacity and resilience that will endure.

We have much to celebrate in remembering the life of John Sengstacke. I thank John for his friendship, and thank him for blessing us with his legacy.●

WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to note that May 28 was a significant day in West Valley, NY, and in the field of nuclear waste disposal. In 1982 we authorized the West Valley demonstration project, in which we would learn to take liquid nuclear waste and mix it with glass. The process is called vitrification, and yields ten foot high glass logs that can be stored safely. After 14 years of preparation, research, and testing, vitrification began last July. On May 28th the 100th glass log was produced.

The success of the vitrification process developed at West Valley and at the Savannah River in Georgia led the Department of Energy to select it as the preferred method of disposal for such wastes. This is an accomplishment that the many hundreds of people in western New York who worked on the project can be most proud of.

They have another 110 logs to go at West Valley, but it is clear that the technology works. It can and will be replicated at other sites around the country, helping to solve one of our most vexing and serious waste disposal problems. Moreover, vitrification can be used to store other types of hazardous waste without fear of leaking. I congratulate all those at Westinghouse and the many agencies involved with the West Valley project for achieving this milestone.●

CBO COST ESTIMATES—S. 430 AND S. 210

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, when the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed its reports on S. 430, the New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1997 and S. 210, a bill to amend the Organic Act

of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and for other purposes, the estimates from the Congressional Budget Office were not available. Those reports have now been received and I ask that copies be printed in the RECORD for the information of the Senate and the public.

The material follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 21, 1997.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 430, the New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1997.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Marjorie A. Miller (for the state and local impact), and Victoria V. Heid (for federal costs).

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEIL,
Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

S. 430—New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act
Amendments of 1997

S. 430 would amend the New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act of 1910 and would consent to amendments to the constitution of the state of New Mexico approved by the voters on November 5, 1996. These amendments generally concern the administration of the state's permanent trust funds. Congressional consent to the amendments to the constitution of the state of New Mexico is required before they can be implemented by the state government.

CBO estimates the enacting S. 430 would have no effect on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 430 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enactment of this bill would give New Mexico state officials greater flexibility in investing and distributing the assets of the state's permanent funds.

The estimate was prepared by Marjorie A. Miller (for the state and local impact), and Victoria V. Heid (for federal costs). This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 2, 1997.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 210, a bill to amend the Organic Act of Guam, the revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are John R. Righter (for federal costs), and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact).

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

Enclosure.