

Europe, policies have resulted in separating Romani children from their parents so they could be raised by non-Roma families.

The last decade has been no kinder to the Roma. During the Balkan wars of the 1990s, the Roma were severely victimized. And the abuse of the Roma continues now during peacetime.

The FRY has officially registered the Roma as a minority group, and has mandated that more Romani language programs appear on state television. These are important steps and are to be commended.

Much progress toward equitable and lawful treatment of the Roma, however, is yet to be made by the FRY, where the Roma are reportedly subject to frequent police brutality.

They often live in illegal settlements on the outskirts of towns, without electricity, running water, or sanitation.

International nongovernmental organizations willing to assist the Roma in constructing more permanent housing have been forced to cancel their projects, because the FRY and local authorities denied them the necessary land.

Roma in the FRY are also the targets of humiliating social discrimination. They are frequently denied access to privately owned restaurants and sports facilities. Roma do not receive adequate education, health care, or equitable access to public goods and services. In many FRY communities they are treated as a public nuisance.

Very little effort is made by state prosecutors to pursue cases of discrimination against Roma in the courts, partially due to widespread apathy for the Roma and partially because of weak legislation protecting the rights of minorities.

The Roma experience is one of suffering. Their's is a life of waiting, and one of hope lost as the tide of history threatens to sweep them aside.

As with its cooperation with the Hague Tribunal, the FRY's respect for the rights of the Roma must be closely monitored and verified. The President's certification to the Committee on Appropriations concerning funds appropriated for the FY should address both issues.

Continuing progress by the FRY in ensuring the safety and dignity of all its citizens, including the Roma, is the intent of our law and essential to the future stability of the former Yugoslavia.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, we often talk about how best to encourage the talents of our young citizens. In my home town of Wilmington, DE, there is a school that fulfills that mission literally, and with great success—the Cab

Calloway School of the Arts, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary at a ceremony on Friday, November 22, 2002.

Cab Calloway students have performed in prestigious venues from New York City to Washington, DC. Our colleague, Senator CLINTON, has been in their audience, as have Secretary of State Powell and members of the National Governors Association. They have earned recognition in the National Shakespeare Competition, the Delaware Theatre Company's Young Playwright's Festival, and various vocal and band competitions.

In the visual arts, Cab Calloway students have won repeatedly in Delaware's Youth in Art Month Flag Competition, and their work has been included in the Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts Calendar. When artists were invited to decorate downtown Wilmington with dinosaurs this past spring, a Cab Calloway student designed and made sculpture was in the display. Visual arts students have also worked with the March of Dimes to create educational materials, and they have been honored with Regional Scholastic Art Awards.

That would be impressive as the whole story, but it is just one chapter. Cab Calloway students have excelled academically, earning as many honors for their work in the classroom as for their talents on the stage or in the studio. The school has been recognized for its innovative programs, and it proudly boasts the best attendance record among all secondary schools in the district.

For a decade, Cab Calloway has given many of our State's most talented young citizens a chance to excel as student-artists. It is a true success story in public education, and we in Delaware are very proud to congratulate the administration, faculty, students and their families, as we all join to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Cab Calloway School of the Arts.●

TRIBUTE TO RANDY ATCHER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today among my fellow colleagues to honor and pay tribute to one of Kentucky's finest individuals. Last Wednesday, at the age of 83, Randy Atcher passed away in his bed at the Audubon Hospital in Louisville, KY. He had been suffering from lung cancer for many years. He will be missed and mourned by all.

Randy Atcher was born in Tip Top, KY in 1918 and from very early on, people could see that he was headed for big things. Randy grew up in a family of entertainers and musicians. His father played the fiddle, his mother the piano, his brother Bob the mandolin, his brother Raymond the bass and finally his brother Francis played the guitar. At age 13, Randy and his brother Bob were playing their catchy country tunes for WLAP radio in Louisville. Before Randy was even out of high school, he and Bob had a successful morning

show on WHAS radio which aired from 8 to 8:15 Monday through Friday. He always finished the show with just enough time to beat the bell for his first class.

After graduating from high school, Randy and Bob hit the road running, showcasing their musical talents all across the Commonwealth. However, this seemingly endless road adventure came to an abrupt halt when, in 1941, the Japanese maliciously and without warning bombed Pearl Harbor. Shortly thereafter, Randy joined the Army Air Corps, serving in such places as Australia, the Philippines and Okinawa. While in the South Pacific, Randy purchased a guitar and played his tunes for his fellow soldiers, bringing a little happiness and laughter into a very dark and frightening place and time.

After the war ended, Randy picked up right where he left off in 1941. He traveled around the country and worked for radio stations in places like Chicago. In 1946, Randy returned to Louisville and remained there for the rest of his days.

Randy Atcher's big break came in 1950 when his old friends at WHAS came to him with an idea for a daily TV show for Kentucky's children. The show, T-Bar-V, was an instant success and was on the air from March 28, 1950 until June 26, 1970. Many Kentucky children grew up watching this show and learning from the lessons it taught. In many ways, Randy Atcher became an integral part of many Kentucky families. He taught the children to save their money and to respect their elders. His warmth and sincerity were felt by all that tuned in. Throughout its 20 years on television, T-Bar-V celebrated 153,000 children's birthdays. When the show ended, many children felt as if they had lost their best friend.

Even after the show ended however, Randy couldn't keep the performer in him quiet. He sang his songs and entertained children at schools and the elderly at nursing homes. He was on the board of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Dream Factory, a group that grants the wishes of gravely ill children. He also recorded books on tape for the blind.

I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in honoring Randy Atcher. He devoted his entire life to bringing happiness to the lives of others. He represented a code of morality that seems almost lost today. I believe we all can learn from his example of caring for and serving others.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HON. JOHN S. MARTINEZ

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today with great sadness to pay tribute to the late State Representative John S. Martinez, Deputy Majority Leader of the Connecticut General Assembly, who lost his life on October 10 in a tragic automobile accident. Mr. Martinez served New Haven's 95th Assembly District where he served on the

Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee and the Judiciary Committee. He leaves behind a career of compassionate public service, particularly to the underprivileged.

Mr. Martinez was born in 1953 in the City of New York to Puerto Rican parents. His family has resided in the City of New Haven for 39 years.

From 1991 to 1997, Mr. Martinez developed and served as Project Director of the Hill Health Center/Grant Street Partnership, a Substance Abuse Intensive Day Treatment Program for women and men.

Mr. Martinez worked for 15 years with the homeless and substance abusing population. He was very active on both local and state-wide level community service boards and commission, including the Community Action Agency in New Haven, LULAC Headstart, Community Partners In Action, Latino Youth, Inc., New Haven Parking Authority Commission and Children Center in Hamden.

Mr. Martinez was also President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, and a member of the Council of State Governments/ERC, the National Criminal Justice Task Force/CSG, the Fighting Back Treatment Intervention Committee and the Connecticut Hispanic Addiction Commission, CHAC.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Martinez family, and the people of Connecticut, who will all feel this great loss.●

TRIBUTE TO DOTTY VATTES ON HER RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Vattes upon her retirement from service with the Federal Government.

Dotty has been a member of my staff for 18 years as a senior caseworker and immigration specialist. She has been a trusted friend and outstanding employee. She is committed to the people of New Hampshire, and has helped hundreds of citizens with problems they may have had with the Federal Government. She has helped re-unite families, helped seniors receive the benefits they deserve, and has exhibited tireless devotion to serving the people.

Dorothy Burnham Vattes, was born in Manchester, NH. She has been married for 41 years to John, also a good friend. They have four children, Wendy, Lori, Mark and Shane. I have seen her children grow into wonderful, responsible, adults—most of them also work in Government service. Her son Mark, who also works on my staff, and his wife Kathy, gave Dotty her greatest joy last year—a grandson, Benjamin.

Dotty began work in the 1960s, which was followed by a career as a legal secretary. She stayed at home to raise her family for 7 years, but returned to work in a law firm until 1981 when she began her career in public service. She worked for Senator Gordon Humphrey,

who held this seat before me, and then came to work for my office when I was elected to the House in 1984.

Dotty's retirement will enable her to spend the time doing what she enjoys: traveling, crafts, and community activities like the Manchester Federated Republican Women's Club and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, NARFE. She and her husband will spend winters at their home in Florida, and summers back in New Hampshire.

Dotty's service to the people of New Hampshire will be missed by all of those whose lives she touched. Her commitment, devotion, and the special way in which she helped so many, will not be forgotten. I commend her on her years of service, and her excellence as a valuable member of my staff. Best wishes, Dotty, for a wonderful retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR CRAIG THOMAS

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague, Senator CRAIG THOMAS, who this weekend will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, the University of Wyoming. I know how much CRAIG loves the Cowboys and the University, so this is a special honor indeed, and one all of us are proud that he has achieved. Senator THOMAS graduated from the UW in 1954 with a Bachelors degree in Agriculture.

As a student from Wapiti, WY, Senator THOMAS wanted to pursue a career as a veterinarian, but his 4-H experience steered him toward animal production. Aside from his studies, he also took an interest in wrestling, and as I understand it he was even good enough to earn a wrestling scholarship. If you ask him, he will tell you that his participation on the UW wrestling team was one of the biggest influences during his college career and that it taught him discipline and sportsmanship. There's no doubt it gave him a strong will to succeed.

Ultimately, it was those special years as a University of Wyoming Cowboy, or Pokes as we call them, that helped shape the life of the man who has served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and is now in his second term in the U.S. Senate. Despite his busy schedule, CRAIG continues to give his time and energy to the university, serving several terms on the College of Agriculture's Advisory Board and earning an Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995.

This is not the first time my friend has been recognized for his dedication to community and learning. After serving two years as president of the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation, and serving on its board for 10 years, CRAIG was inducted in April into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. This past August, he took first place at the State Fair during an honorary 4-H steer showmanship

class, and he always is a welcome face for 4-H participants who come to Washington, DC, for the national trips. These awards are a testament to his deep roots and the connection he still has to our great state and the people who make it work.

I believe the University of Wyoming selected an exemplary recipient for this award and I know he is both humbled and proud for the recognition. CRAIG is being honored not only because of what he did at UW, but for what he continues to do, he is a forceful advocate for the University here in Washington. The benefits of his labor on their behalf can be seen everywhere around campus.

Let me again say congratulations to my colleague and also to the University for recognizing someone so deserving of the distinguished Alumni Award. CRAIG, your hard work and dedication to the University of Wyoming have not gone unnoticed. Your on-going legacy will continue to be felt by many students and graduates to come.●

RECOGNITION OF ROBERT PORE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Robert Pore on the occasion of his extraordinary reporting career at the Huron Daily Plainsman in Huron, SD.

Robert graduated from Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, MO in December 1978. Before coming to Huron, Robert worked a variety of positions for several newspapers. He was a regional editor for the McCook Daily Gazette in McCook, NE for three years; managing editor for the Hope, Arkansas newspaper; regional director editor of the Le Mars Daily Sentinel in Le Mars, IA; and publisher of the Hillsboro Banner in Hillsboro, ND. He will be ending his South Dakota career on Friday, October 18 after 10 years as the lead agriculture reporter for the Huron Daily Plainsman.

Robert earned the respect and admiration of all those who had the opportunity to work with him. His love for South Dakota and passion for agriculture set him apart from other outstanding agriculture reporters in the state. Robert's friendly demeanor and wealth of knowledge helped him develop close relationships with various agriculture groups and state and federal officials. These relationships allowed Robert unique insight and access to news affecting South Dakota's agriculture community.

Robert and his wife Bette, a former editor at the Huron Daily Plainsman, will be greatly missed by the people of Huron for their years of valuable community service. On the occasion of his retirement, I want to congratulate Robert Pore for his tireless dedication to the Huron Daily Plainsman and commitment to quality journalism. The lives of countless people have been enormously enhanced by Robert's skilled reporting. His achievements will serve as a model for other talented