

good psychiatrist!) led me to rediscover pure, unaltered joy—the kind my three year old seems to feel when I allow him to choose any one thing he wants in the bakery near our home.

So, that tumor, as unwanted as it was, changed my life for the better—forever. It's been said that it's easy to forget a lesson from a brush with death, and I do catch myself taking life for granted on occasion. Yet, there's an underlying permanence to the shift in perception that cannot be reversed for me. I've talked with other patients—brain tumor and otherwise—who've said the same thing. It amazes me. It takes something terribly frightening to make us appreciate all the fortunes we have.

I'll close by going back to my thoughts on responsibility. It seems that many of my friends are searching—soul-searching or otherwise—and it seems that others are too. I want to do my small part to help someone in their search, or to make them breathe easier. Perhaps we all can help. Perhaps those of us who have had the occasion to contemplate mortality, at any level, can perpetuate the important lessons we each learn from the experience. We can tell our stories, thereby reminding ourselves and informing others of what we've found when everything but the basics of life are stripped away. By telling our stories, maybe we help each other to help each other. Maybe then we all breathe a little easier. What a success!!

SPECIAL AGENT TIMOTHY LATTERNER

• Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I want to bring to your attention a true American hero, FBI Special Agent Timothy Latterner.

Almost one year ago to the day, Special Agent Latterner confronted an armed suspect in the lobby of a busy Manhattan hotel. But putting his life on the line was nothing new to Tim. After all, he was a decorated army veteran who bravely served as an enlisted infantryman and officer in the 82nd Airborne.

However, during the early morning hours of May 11, Special Agent Latterner came face to face with a violent felon and one of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Most Wanted. Following a lead, Latterner and his colleagues entered the hotel lobby taking by surprise a man wanted for sexual assault, kidnaping, armed robbery, and murder. With shouts of "he's got a gun" echoing throughout the lobby, bewildered hotel guests sought cover while Special Agent Latterner struggled with the suspect, who had drawn his weapon. Due to Special Agent Latterner's instinctive and heroic actions, the fugitive was subdued without injury to innocent civilians or law enforcement officers. Indeed, Special Agent Latterner's lightning quick reflexes saved the lives of his partners, hotel guests and staff.

One year later, Special Agent Latterner continues to be a role model, dedicated to his family, community, country, and the Bureau. On another fateful day, September 11, Tim provided invaluable assistance to the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center, again disregarding his own safety to help others.

Today, this honored eight-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation focuses his indefatigable efforts on a different type of criminal—terrorists who threaten our very way of life.

I am proud that such a man is one of my constituents, residing in the bucolic Borough of Allendale. His devotion to duty and professionalism will long be remembered and appreciated. I am pleased that I had the opportunity to bring him to your attention.●

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM E. ALBERTSON RETIRES

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today it is my honor to share with my colleagues the life and achievements of Brigadier General William E. Albertson, a man who has served his country honorably and enthusiastically.

Brigadier General Albertson is a distinguished graduate of the United States Army's Engineer Officer Candidate School. Over his thirty-four year career, Brigadier General Albertson has served as an individual mobilization augmentee in the U.S. Army Reserve, Office of the U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, the Pentagon, and the Air Force Reserve.

For five years, Brigadier General Albertson served as the mobilization assistant to the director of intelligence at Offutt Air Force Base, the United States Strategic Command Headquarters in Bellevue, NE. He currently serves as the mobilization assistant to the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC.

His awards and decorations include the Aerial Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters and numerous service medals.

He is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Cost Analyst, as well as a member of the Air Force Association, American Society of Military Comptrollers, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Air War College Alumni Association and University of Missouri Alumni Association.

Brigadier General William E. Albertson has honored us with his dedication and on May 17, 2002, the day of his retirement, it is my honor to recognize him for his 34 years of service to our country.●

SEATTLE SLEW: TRIBUTE TO A TRUE CHAMPION

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I proudly rise today among my colleagues to pay tribute to one of the greatest thoroughbreds that horse racing has ever known: Seattle Slew. Yesterday morning, 25 years to the day after his victory in the 1977 Kentucky Derby, Seattle Slew died peacefully in his sleep in his stall at the Hill 'n Dale Farm near Lexington, KY. He was the

last living winner of the Triple Crown and truly a great champion.

On July 19, 1975, Dr. James Hill, a New York veterinarian, and his wife helped Karen and Mickey Taylor pick out a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton's sale. The horse they bought that day for a mere \$17,500, a near-black beauty, was the ideal confluence of strength, grace, and class. In the 1940s, the American thoroughbred industry began importing European stallions in a concentrated effort to produce the greatest species of thoroughbreds in the world. One such stallion, Nasrullah, had begotten Bold Ruler and this genealogical line led to an amazing eight Kentucky Derby Winners in the 1970s, including Seattle Slew.

During the 1970s, the sport of horse racing was at its ultimate peak. There were great speed horses such as Mr. Prospector, Danzig and Ruffian. And how can anyone forget such classic winners as Secretariat, Affirmed, Alydar and Spectacular Bid? Although these horses were great champions in their own right, none were able to combine amazing raw speed with distance-running capability like Seattle Slew. As owner Mickey Taylor stated, "He was the most complete thoroughbred the industry has seen."

From the very beginning of his racing career, Seattle Slew was destined for greatness. He won his first three starts as a 2 year-old, including the prestigious Champagne Stakes, which he won by nearly 10 lengths, running a mile in an astounding 1 minute 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds and smashing the record set in 1942 by the great Count Fleet. After these three victories, he was named champion 2 year-old colt. In 1977, Seattle Slew became one of only 11 horses in history to win the coveted and elusive Triple Crown. On May 7 after breaking slowly from the gate and swerving to the outside, Slew won the Kentucky Derby in a heated and intense battle with For the Moment by just 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. Two weeks later, he won the Preakness by an impressive 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths with the second fastest time, 1:54 $\frac{1}{2}$, ever in that race. In June of '77, he captured the Triple Crown with a 4-length win at the Belmont Stakes and become the first horse to win the illustrious Triple Crown while still undefeated. As a 4-year-old, Seattle Slew continued to build on his reputation for greatness. In two epic battles of Triple Crown winners, Seattle Slew outsped Affirmed at the Marlboro Cup and easily defeated him in a race at Belmont Park. In 1979, Seattle Slew retired to stud at Spendthrift Farm having won 14 of his 17 career races. Although his racing career was now over, Seattle Slew's impact on the industry was just beginning. Overall, Seattle Slew sired 102 stakes winners including the great horses Swale and A.P. Indy. As of last year, there were 1,066 Slew foals around the world. In 1984 when Swale won the Kentucky Derby for Clairborne Farm, Slew became the first Kentucky Derby winner in more than

20 years to sire a Derby winner. In 1985 after 7 years at Spendthrift Farm, Seatttle Slew was moved to Three Chimneys Farm in Woodford County. After surgeries in April of 2000 and March of 2002, Slew was moved to Hill 'n Dale Farm in April of 2002. At the age of 28, with his loving owners by his side, Seatttle Slew passed away.

I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in honoring Seatttle Slew. He was a great champion. The racing industry has lost one of its ultimate treasures.●

HONORING KENTUCKY'S TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I would like to congratulate and honor two young Kentucky students who have achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in their communities. Elizabeth Scoville of East Bernstadt and David Tao of Bardstown have been named State Honorees in The 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on only one high school student and one middle-level student in each State, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Elizabeth Scoville, a junior at North Laurel High School, is being recognized for her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community. She started a computer collection project that provided refurbished personal computers to 26 low-income students in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky. Elizabeth asked businesses that were upgrading their computer systems to donate their old hardware to needy children. She cleaned and repaired every donated machine, and then worked with teachers and counselors at her school to select students to receive them, based on need and effort in school. Elizabeth also trained each recipient in basic computer skills.

David Tao, a seventh-grader at Bardstown Middle School, designed and created a candle and broom-making exhibit for a log cabin in the Old Bardstown Village and Civil War. When David found out that the village needed a new display for pieces of donated Shaker broom-making tools, he saw a unique opportunity to contribute to Bardstown's historical preservation. He researched the history of brooms and candles, then traveled across the Commonwealth to learn Shaker broom-making techniques. After the individual components were finished, David and his mother set up the display, which is now a permanent part of the Old Bardstown Village exhibits.

It is vital that we encourage and fully support the kind of selfless contributions these young people have made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Elizabeth and David are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought these young role models to our attention, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 7 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 125,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Elizabeth and David should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. As part of their recognition, they visited Washington on May 5 for several days of special events, including a Congressional breakfast reception on Capitol Hill. While here in Washington, 10 will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year by a distinguished national selection committee.

I heartily applaud Elizabeth and David for their initiative in seeking to make their communities better places to live, and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others. I also would like to salute other young people in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who were Distinguished Finalists by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for their outstanding volunteer services. They are: Robert Campos of Lexington, Daniel Knausz of Neon, Lydia Kullman of Owensboro, and Kathryn Reynolds of Louisville.

All of these young people have demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserve our sincere admiration and respect. Their actions show that young Americans can, and, do play important roles in their communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JOHNSON CENTRAL ACADEMIC EAGLES

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Johnson Central High School Academic Eagles for winning the prestigious and coveted Derby Festival Academic Challenge. The 14th Annual LG&E Energy Foundation Derby Festival Academic Challenge is a quick recall tournament which began in 1989 with just 16 middle schools from Jefferson County. Over the years, the tournament has grown to include both middle and high school quick recall teams from around the Commonwealth. In this year's competition, 105 middle and high school teams throughout Kentucky competed in each of the two divisions for 3 days for the \$1,000 prize and the right to be named the Derby Festival champion.

Led by coaches Brenda Porter and Freda Spencer, the Johnson Central

team dominated the competition from the onset and proved to everyone involved that they are the best-of-the-best. Josh Daniel, the captain of the Academic Eagles, deserves special recognition for placing an impressive second in the Catherine Burmleive Individual Achievement Award competition for performance on individual assessment exams. By capturing the Derby Festival Academic Challenge crown, the Eagles were presented with a crystal trophy, \$1,000 prize, medals, commemorative Kentucky Derby Pins, and Derby Festival Academic Challenge Championship jackets. Furthermore, the team participated in the 128th annual Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade as Kentucky's premier academic team.

I once again congratulate the members of the Johnson Central High School Academic team on their amazing accomplishment. They proved that teamwork, hard work, and dedication lead to success. I thank them for their commitment to education and urge them to continue to reach for the stars.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:41, a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 378. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2818. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the State of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971.

H.R. 2911. An act to designate the Federal building located at 5100 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park, Maryland, as the "Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building."

H.R. 3908. An act to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3954. An act to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in