Final Results

1996 California State Tournament

			Ora	Oratory
1	First	Miriam Nalumansi	James Logan	"Age of the Empty Promise"
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_	Third	Jamal Watkins	Bakersfield	"Stand up for What Is Right"
1	Fourth	Nina Lee	Mt. Carmel	"I'm Searching for Bird Poop"
I	Fifth	Lesley Secayanan	Rowland	"A Feather in Our Hands/Questioning One's
				Dreams"
9,	Sixth	Nekesha Bell	Turlock	"Racism"
			Original P	Original Prose/Poetry
_	First	Aaron Metachik	Arroyo Grande "Peace"	"Peace"
01	Second	Jesse Celedon	Leland	"Interview with a Blind Boxer"
	Third	Christy Spencer	Westmont	"Storyteller's Dinner"
_	Fourth	Blair Manwell	Miramonte	"The Twins' Predicament"
-	Fifth	Ganae Jefferson	Eisenhower	"Rape: It Couldn't Happen to Me"
	Sixth	Susie Wilson	Miramonte	"The Seven Deadly Sins"
			Exp	Expository
	First	lennifer Lin	Leland	"Names"
	Second	Kevin Collins	Bellarmine	"Twins"
	Third	Ben Epperson	Bellarmine	"Milk"
	Fourth	Joy Huang	Miramonte	"The Chinese New Year"
_	Fifth	Adam Tullman	Clovis	"Chaos"
	Sixth	Asheesh Kumar	Leland	"Coffee"
		0	ratorical	Oratorical Interpretation
	First	Caryn McCurchin	Crenshaw	"Essence 25"
	Second	Aaron Kissinger	Oceanside	"Twice Pardoned"
4	Third	Jacinthe Krause-Roy	El Molino	"AIDS-Mary Fisher"
	Fourth	Sheila Howard	Bakersfield	"Clarence Darrow's Plea for Mercy"

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Rosalyn Lee	Stagg	"What Can You See Now?"
Richard Mendoza	Colton	"That Place Is Not Your Place"

Dramatic Interpretation	"Having Our Say"	"Pretty Fire"	"The Glass Menagerie"	"Zooman and the Sign"	"Mrs. Cage"	"Breaking the Surface"
Dramatic	James Logan	James Logan	Buchanan	James Logan	Mt. Miguel	Colton
	Jelena Moore	Mishua Lockhart	Shaudy Elmi	Tarafi Walston	Carmen Flores	David Lee

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"The Role of the Woman" "The Media"

Duo Interpretation

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Advocacy

"SSI: Time of Reform"	l "Tuberculosis"	"Sexual Harrassment in Schools"		"Nuclear Weapons Smuggling"	"H.M.O.'s"
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International Extemporaneous First Kaushik Mukherjee Monte Vista

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National Extemporaneous

Bellarmine	Leland	San Marino	Bullard	Bellarmine	Irvine
Adam Lauridsen	Sanrabh Prakash	Matt Spence	Gretchen Hoff	David Applegate	Ariel Lavinbuk
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First	William Silverman	Torrey Pines
Second	Jordan Becker	Redlands
Third	Leslie Newman	W. Bakersfield
Fourth	Josh Wilkerson	Beyer
Fifth	Neil Malhotra	Bellarmine
Sixth	Nicole Reed	W. Bakersfield

Have you ever wondered what people who don't own computers do for frustration? You have to give technology a lot of credit. It's amazing how many kids today have jumped from childhood to computer literate without ever having landed on literate. Let us never forget this bit of timeless wisdom-that it is better to be on the Internet than never to have any sex life at all.

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STUDENT CONGRESS FINAL RESULTS

Harvard-Westlake Miramonte Miramonte El Molino Lauren Osofsky Robert Lundin lacob Towery Adam Glesser Adam Safen Laura Bull Bram Elias Seventh Second Fourth Third Fifth First

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Lincoln-Douglas Debate

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Policy Debate

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in the National Forensies League Championships: The following students were winners

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Michael Washington (Texas) Dan Vukelich (Minnesota) John Couriel (Florida)

Matt Spence (San Marino H.S., California) Dustin Marshall, Lindsay Harrison (Texas) Jelena Moore (Logan H.S., California) Heather Mack, Nelson Ellis (Illinois) Reah Johnson (New Mexico) Michael Shumsky (Virginia) Joseph Jones (Pennsylvania) Susan Szadkowski (Indiana) Patrick Quigley (Louisiana) Daniel Habib (New York) Adam Zirkin (New York) Jessica Trent (Iowa) Veena Iyer (Texas) Supplemental

Championship Speeches

Miriam Nalumansi, James Logan High School "Age of the Empty Promise" Original Oratory

Ever since I was a child, I've always had this fondness for doctors. There was these contraptions to my teeth to give me that million dollar smile. Of all these doctors, though, there is one who will always be particularly dear to my heart. You was Dr. Seuss. Of course, I did eventually find out that I couldn't eat green eggs was my realization that there are few Hortons in today's world. You see, Horton was an elephant who promised the bird Lazy Mazy that he would sit on her egg for Dr. Stewart, the pediatrician who guided me through a rather accident prone childhood. Dr. Liu, my skilled optometrist, oh, and Dr. Michaels, the dentist who wired see, this man taught me, at the tender age of four, the meaning of life. This man and I never did get to see any Cats in a Hat. Most disappointing of all, however, her until she returned. He went through horrible weather, hunters, and innumerable dangers, but through it all he stuck to his promise. In the words of the great Dr. Seuss, Horton the Elephant "meant what he said, and said what he meant," and ham. There was no Grinch who stole Christmas, no Mulberry Street existed, proving that "an elephant's faithful one-hundred percent."

the idea of the promise. We live in an era when a promise made by no means ise made in good faith simply can't be kept. But what happens when an entire society stops taking its commitments seriously? Ladies and gentlemen, gone are These days, few things can be regarded as one-hundred percent, least of all guarantees a promise kept. The concept of the promise has taken on a whole new meaning. What used to be a person's bond is now little more than a tentative statement of intent, dependent upon one's convenience, or good mood. Now I'll concede that there are times when even the best of intentions can go awry and a promthe Hortons of yesteryear; we are now living in the age of the empty promise. Responsibility for our commitments is decreasing. It is decreasing on a societal level, and on a personal level.

truth and promise us all perfection...that is, for a nominal fee. How many times Even on a larger scale, though, we've been promised everything under the sun. Do you remember the war on drugs, the war on crime, the war on poverty, and the revolution in our schools? You should, we've been promised them all, Now certainly none of these promises are bad ideas, or even implausible ones, but at this Now, we are all familiar with the saying, Nobody's Perfect! Well, I'll be darned if there aren't a million companies out there willing to defy that age old have you been watching TV or flipping through a magazine only to be seduced by enhanced health, or perhaps all you really need is that...million dollar smile? Well receive all four. Hey, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!" sure sounds like a promise to me. In fact, these are the very miracles Mitchel Friedlander of Fort Lauderthat advertisement asking, "Do you seek the perfect body? Improved intellect, you can have any of the above for just \$9.95! Send \$10.95 today and you will dale, Florida, promised his customers, until he was caught and charged with fraud.

Ryan Syrek (Nebraska)

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