

This was too much for the home folks, black and white. None of them remembered a black church being torched, ever. Well, never mind. The story sounded good at the time, and since he had long since shredded the good name of his native state, what difference could it make?

His hometown paper, the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, called him on it the next day, quoting skepticism and outrage from the state historian and a collection of knowledgeable black ministers and NAACP officials. Washington read about it in the pages of this newspaper, which, like his hometown paper, knows him best. The news didn't fit in certain other famous places.

TRIBUTE TO TODD KAMINSKY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Todd Kaminsky of Long Beach High School for the outstanding leadership which he has shown as a columnist and political activist to his school and community. It is encouraging to see an active, independent young man playing such a leading role in our political process.

Mr. Kaminsky will be graduating this month from Long Beach High School and plans to attend the University of Michigan. I am certain that he will have a particularly successful academic career.

I am pleased to insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a recent column which Mr. Kaminsky wrote for the April 1996 edition of the "Tide" which is the student newspaper for Long Beach High School.

KING CALLS FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT (By Todd Kaminsky)

For a few months a year, a couple of hundred of men and women gather in a neatly assembled, large, white building to discuss a few matters concerning the state of our nation's well being. Welfare reform, gun control, the environment, and even the occasional blurb on nuclear weapons are some of the random sounds you might hear bounce off the inner walls of this stately building.

These are just some of the great topics most teenagers couldn't care less about. But these men and women are our Congressmen, easily some of the most important people in our country. Although the attitude on politicians reflected in the prior paragraph may be the prevailing one amongst teenagers, the teens of Long Beach have reason to breathe a little easier.

Of the near 500 members of Congress, struggling to tackle daily important foreign and domestic issues that face this nation, you will see that at least one of these brave souls is looking out for the future of our nation. Congressman Peter T. King, who represents Long Beach among other areas in the House of Representatives, knows how important teenagers are to a prosperous democracy.

"Even when I was very small, I was still interested in political events. I guess it was a natural interest," said King, who is one of the few politicians who realizes how vital a role teens actually play in our government.

In Congress right now, there are many important domestic issues that our Congress-

men vote on. Some of this legislation effects teens directly, and some will affect them later on down the road. This is why King feels, "Teens owe it to themselves to get involved."

King has gained most of his fame in Congress, by passing or being the sponsor of bills that directly affect teenagers. Recently, he was given much attention for a bill which would make English the official language, and would end bilingual education. Representative King has always been involved in making important educational decisions. "I feel that my greatest work as a Congressman was done with the English bill. It has been one of my greatest accomplishments," said King.

There is a great variety of things a teenager can do to make a difference in his or her community. Most political meetings, (school board, or otherwise) are held publicly. Just by attending a few of these meetings, you can become aware of what is taking place in your community.

It is almost considered a fact, that most teenagers would rather play sports than follow the nation's political affairs. We have a whole slew of sports teams in LBPS, but do we have a Young Republican Club? Of course, we don't.

Congressman King played basketball in high school and boxed as well. He admits to never being great at these sports, but he always tried his hardest. If you ask any coach what makes a great athlete, he will tell you hard work, good thinking, and perseverance. It is no coincidence that when I asked Congressman King what are the characteristics one needs to be successful in Congress, he replied, "hard work, smarts, and perseverance."

Of all the characteristics King described, he felt that perseverance was the most important. He lost a race for State Attorney General a number of years ago. Not only did he lose, but he got clobbered. He lost by almost 1 million votes. But King kept coming back again, and again, and again. Now he is among the most powerful in Washington.

A TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY FIEGE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Beverly Fiege on the occasion of her retirement. A teacher at both Richard Montgomery High School and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Ms. Fiege has taught French in the Montgomery County school system for over 15 years.

At Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Madame Fiege was beloved by her students. A joyful, cheerful educator, she transformed the learning of a language from the mundane memorization of grammar and vocabulary to a creative, enjoyable learning experience. Her enthusiasm for her work was undeniable to those who saw her teach. In addition, her remarkable attentiveness to every one of her students was never forgotten by those who were members of her class.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to salute Beverly Fiege, an outstanding educator.

"TEENS ASSISTING SENIOR CITIZENS" VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in honoring and thanking the volunteers at Teens Assisting Senior Citizens [TASC], located in Pico Rivera. On Friday, June 14, 1996, TASC will hold its annual recognition dinner to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who make this program successful year after year.

TASC is a program that serves the needs of Senior citizens while allowing local youth to benefit from service and involvement in the community. It began in 1983, with local youth and adult volunteers being recruited and trained in aging, communication, and emergency management. The volunteers were then sent to the homes of older community members who could benefit from help in their homes and sharing with youth. Volunteers provide friendly visiting, light housekeeping, shopping assistance, and yard work.

The goal of the program is to help older individuals of the community to remain independent and avoid unnecessary or premature institutionalization. TASC is a program of Catholic Charities Aging Services Department, a United Way Agency, and is supported by funds from the city of Pico Rivera. Kiwanis of Pico Rivera, and private donations.

The volunteers who deserve special recognition are: Rosa Alcocer; Lorraine Aldarondo; Frank Alvarez; Sergio Aguilar; Tiffany Avila; Adriana Bagues; Stephanie Barba; Cherly Bautista; Elizabeth Blanco; Omar Bravo; Cesar Chavez; Fabiola Chavez; Richard Chavez; Greg Cordova; Carlos Covarrubias; Diana De La Rosa; Araceli Delfin; Janice Diaz; Monique Dovalina; Mark Elias; Janet Gallogos; Gabriela Garcia; Michelle Garcia; Sandra Garcia; Ernie Gevara; Hugu Gomez; Sally Gomez; Carolina Gonzalez; Matthew Heilgeist; Gia Hua; Sakina Hussain; Luis Jimenez; Stephanie Kary; Lendy Le; Tanya Lopez; Jessica Mecado; Eric Medrano; David Morales; Patty Morales; Sandy Mudry; Mary Nguyen; Fernando Ortega; Susana Ortega; Chantha Ouk; Priya Patel; Andy Perez; Richard Perez; Erin Perez; Carmen Ramirez; Janet Renteria; Fabiola Robles; Armando Rodriguez; Rocio Rodriguez; Yazmin Romero; Cesar Ruiz; Jennifer Salamat; Veronica Singh; Frances Soliz; Rosemary Soliz; Jessica Tapia; Andy Torres; Peter Ubugen; Lisa Valles; Elizabeth Vasquez; Michael Velasquez; Linh Vuong, and TASC program director Cristina Quijada.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers in our community who have dedicated themselves to selfless service by participating in Teens Assisting Senior Citizens.

HONORING THE WILLIAMSON
COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Williamson County Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a 4- to 6-month period which includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their service especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community voluntarism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY E. GRIFFIN

HON. MIKE PARKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House to ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Larry E. Griffin, the current president of the International Right of Way Association and a resident of Laurel, MS.

Born on December 28, 1949, in Laurel, Mr. Griffin earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Following his graduation he began his career as a specialist in the acquisition of power line and pipeline rights-of-way. While serving in the Mississippi highway department, Griffin earned his senior right-of-way designation and worked to ensure that his peers were recognized and rewarded for their achievement. After 12 years of dedicated service to the department and the people of Mississippi, Mr. Griffin moved on in 1987 to become the director of lands at the South Mississippi Electric Power Association.

Mr. Griffin has been active with the International Right of Way Association serving in many capacities—treasurer, membership chairman, local president, director, public awareness chairman, course coordinator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a course coordi-

nator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a representative for the pacesetter campaign, and as vice-chair and chair of the Southeast United States Region. In 1985, he received his chapter's Professional of the Year Award. He also has been recognized by two international awards: the Gene L. Land award for the greatest percentage increase in chapter membership, and the Frank C. Balfour professional of the year award.

A year ago, I had the privilege of installing Mr. Griffin as the 41st president and the first Mississippian to be president of the International Right of Way Association. In addition to holding this prestigious position, he has continued his daily responsibilities to the people of Mississippi, and his other commitments to his church and family, his children's schools and civic organizations. He is an advisory board member of the Word of Life Church, Parent Teacher Organization president, and director of the Kiwanis Club of Laurel.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I ask you to join with me in thanking Mr. Griffin for his dedicated service and in wishing his continued success. Mr. Griffin, thank you for all you have done for Mississippi and our Nation.

DEJA VU BUDGET

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep concern for our children, senior citizens and the working poor. This budget is deja vu all over again. I thought that the leadership learned a lesson last year when they shut down the Government and lost favor in the eyes of the American people but here we go again with the same old gimmickry. Just like last year, they are using the annual report published by the Medicare Board of Trustees to justify these extreme cuts in Medicare, while everyone knows that these cuts are going to be used to pay for the tax cuts they plan to bestow on their wealthy friends.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have the American people believe that they are doing seniors a favor by causing them to have to choose between going to the doctor and buying groceries. This is no favor it is a vicious attack on the Nation's elderly. There are over 388,000 medicare beneficiaries in Mississippi and this bill will have a devastating impact on them.

Mr. Speaker, because this budget is just like the old one, more than 6 million families with children will see a reduction in the earned income tax credit. This is a credit that goes to working families and is not a welfare payment. To take this credit away from working families makes about as much sense as asking the Bulls to play without Michael Jordan tonight.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day when we are forced to stand before the American people as leaders and speak out to protect the most vulnerable people in our society against an irresponsible plan that would cause undue pain. I urge a "no" vote on this budget resolution.

RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED
FAMILY COALITION**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the United Family Coalition for its commitment to regaining control of their community in Ward 7, Washington, DC. On June 13, 1996, UFC will courageously march against drug offenders in their neighborhood. The organization will march from 60th and East Capitol Streets to the U.S. Capitol Grounds as a symbolic show of their solidarity and determination to rid the community of drug dealers and their illegal activity. The United Family Coalition will put all drug dealers and abusers on notice that the sale of narcotics and violent behavior will not be tolerated in Ward 7. UFC and march participants will announce to Congress that Ward 7 can govern itself.

UFC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, youth, and families in at-risk communities. This organization provides individual and group counseling on substance abuse, AIDS, employment, and parenting skills. They also provide tutoring and college preparation referrals.

We should all applaud the United Family Coalition for its efforts to regain control of their community. I enthusiastically support the march's objective to create safer communities for our children and families. I urge my colleagues on Capitol Hill to make a similar commitment.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA M. RICH OF
EDGEFIELD, SC**HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, Martha M. Rich, who is known affectionately throughout Edgefield County as Miz Martha, has served the people of Edgefield County in many ways since moving here in 1956. In that year she began work with the South Carolina Highway Department. Previously, she had worked as a bank teller in Augusta, GA, and operated a restaurant and motel in McCormick County.

It was in 1963 that Martha Rich was asked by then-County Commissioner Frank Timmerman to consider working for Edgefield County. Starting her county work in the tax assessor's office, she was involved that year in the very first property value reassessment program. In 1970, she was named assistant county administrator. During her 33 years with the county, she has served the public on matters as diverse as roads and bridges, emergency medical and fire operations, and waste disposal. Ms. Rich was a key figure in the transition to home rule, when county governments were gaining local control under new laws enacted at the State level. In the often trying political environment of county government, Ms. Rich has served six county administrators and numerous local elected officials. She has also remained a key contact person with State and Federal office holders on behalf