

life's necessities. He finished Junior College at the Academy in 1935 and entered the U.S. Military Academy the next year. He graduated in 1940, the same year he married Xandree Hyatt with whom he would raise their four children, three daughters—Kay, Jan and Gail—and a son, Carl. Today, there are 15 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren in the Kintner clan. After Xandree died in 1986, Bill met and married Faith Childs Halterman who worked with him and tenderly cared for him during his final illness.

That is his family history, Mr. Speaker, but as I have said, Bill Kintner was a patriot in every sense of the word. Patriotism is not just a matter of flag waving or doing one's duty by voting. Patriotism is an attitude of life. It is measured by our willingness to sacrifice and give of ourselves for the common good. By that barometer, Bill Kintner was an extraordinary patriot.

At noon on June 6, 1944, then Major Kintner landed with the allied troops at Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy Invasion. He survived the shock of death all around him in that bloody invasion and wondered where God would take him after sparing his life. Bill Kintner served his Nation again in Korea as a Battalion Commander and Regimental Executive of the 17th Infantry, 7th Division during the battle of Pork Chop Hill. In 1961, now Colonel Kintner retired from the military. While in the service in 1948, he earned his Ph.D. from Georgetown University. His graduate thesis, published under the title "The Front Is Everywhere," was his first of many books he authored. This and his subsequent books earned him wide respect in the field of foreign affairs. While in the military, Bill's assignments sent him around the world many times over and he became more and more involved in our Nation's foreign affairs. His final assignment was as Chief of Long-Range Plans for the Strategy Analysis Section Coordination Group serving the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Upon leaving the service, he became a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, retiring as professor emeritus in 1985. While at the University, he also served as deputy director and then director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and as editor of ORBIS. At the same time, he worked for President Richard M. Nixon on the team which wrote the President's famous Checkers Speech. President Nixon sent Bill Kintner on a secret assignment to pave the way for the President's historic visit to China in 1972. The next year, Nixon appointed him Ambassador to Thailand, a post he held for 2 years.

Many great men and women of our time have known and respected Bill Kintner. Among them are Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State under President Nixon; President Dwight Eisenhower; General Alexander Haig; former United Nations Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick; Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel who was assassinated during his quest for peace, and former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the U.S. Peace Institute which is a think tank recommending solutions to conflicts before they grow into large-scale warfare. In 1989, he was appointed by President Bush to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

This was a long and impressive career in service to the nation he loved, the career of a patriot.

Bill Kintner's final publication, completed last November, is titled "The Role of Ancient Israel 'Written With The Finger of God'" with a subtitle: "A Swedenborgian Perspective on the History of the Israelites from Abraham to Jesus." This book was his way of expressing his life-long dedication to the church he loved.

We see in the life of Bill Kintner a model of dedication to the affairs of state. His was a steady pursuit of peace on Earth. Through the experience of war, he sought peace. His faith bestows blessings on the peacemakers calling them "the children of God." But he knew that peacemakers must often engage in war to make true peace possible as was the case when he battled the Third Reich and Nazi tyranny. The family and friends of Bill Kintner will remember him, not just as a friend, or father, or loved one, not just for his thoughtful commitment to world affairs, not just for his many accomplishments, but for his courage in seeking peace, for his dedication to duty, honor, and country.

We will all miss him.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENIA CHEN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugenia Chen, a dedicated young leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Eugenia Chen is an exemplary student who has taken the most rigorous academic program at Mills High School, achieving first place in her class of 327 students and being honored as a National Merit semi-finalist. She serves her school and her fellow students as student body president, is an accomplished musician playing both piano and flute, and was chosen most valuable player in tennis and badminton. Eugenia has been chosen National Youth Ambassador for the Organization for Chinese-Americans and will travel across the country, representing Chinese-American youth. She was elected Supreme Court Justice at last summer's Girls' State, and is serving as an intern with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. She is an extraordinary student and athlete, and gives generously of her time to her community.

Eugenia Chen is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

HUMMINGBIRDS, LEAKY PLUMBING, AND WILDERNESS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, hardly a day goes by without hearing about some outrageous ruling by a Federal agency that defies common sense and victimizes average citizens.

Syndicated columnist and environmental scholar Dr. Alston Chase has an uncanny abil-

ity to uncover these bureaucratic excesses and explain them in plain English. One of his recent columns entitled "Hummingbirds and Other Prey of the EPA" began by asking the following question. "What do rescuing hummingbirds, owning leaky plumbing, getting lost in the wilderness, and smuggling refrigerator coolants have in common?"

This column, which appeared in the February 28, 1997 edition of the Washington Times, cited specific horror stories involving how Federal agencies dealt with all these items. I urge my colleagues to read this well-written column by Dr. Alston Chase.

[From the Washington Times, Feb. 28, 1997]

HUMMINGBIRDS AND OTHER PREY OF EPA

(By Alston Chase)

Question: What do rescuing hummingbirds, owning leaky plumbing, getting lost in the wilderness, and smuggling refrigerator coolants have in common?

Answer: They're all crimes against nature, punishable by stiff fines or imprisonment or both. And if one federal agency has its way, our jails may soon be filled with folks who have committed equally harmless offenses.

As to hummingbirds, last fall one of these creatures, having summered around Billings, Mont., didn't migrate south as it should have. Bad decision. Probably, it had been surprised by the sudden cold snap that made that autumn the second most frigid on record. Whatever the reason, a kindly couple found the shivering bird and took it to Jill Herzog, owner of a local bird store. Miss Herzog was making arrangements to ship it south when officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service knocked at her door.

Release the bird immediately, they told her, or pay a \$10,000 fine. So, release it she did. By this time it was January, and outdoor temperatures hovered around 18 below zero. End of hummingbird.

As to the other criminals:

In November, a New York court convicted Kent and Glenda Druell of 164 counts of pollution. The couple, who are of modest means, face \$32.6 million in fines and 1,000 years in prison. Their crime? Owning a leaky septic system. The case is on appeal, as the state never adduced a shred of evidence to show that this effluent was contaminating state waters, as charged.

In December, race car driver Bobby Unser got lost in a blizzard when snowmobiling in Colorado. While trying to find his way, he accidentally strayed a half-mile into federal wilderness. For this offense, the U.S. Forest Service brought charges against Mr. Unser that carry a \$5,000 fine and a six-month prison term.

Then, there's the case of the banned coolant. In January, federal authorities brought charges against several people and businesses for smuggling the refrigerant Freon into the United States. Relying on what many scientists believe is a flawed theory claiming this substance causes stratospheric ozone depletion, the government forbids its manufacture or import. Yet since millions of air conditioners cannot run without it, prices are skyrocketing, which leads to widespread smuggling.

And lest you think that's the end of the matter, Freon substitutes—so-called HCFCs—which are currently being installed in new car air conditioners, are slated to be banned by the year 2020, thus promising to generate another lucrative illegal trade when supplies run out.

Notice the pattern? Each year, the list of eco-crimes gets longer. Each year, more erstwhile law-abiding behavior is declared illegal. Each year, environmental agencies extend their police powers. Each year, Americans lose a little more liberty to laws that

don't protect plants and animals but do put people at risk.

This process proceeds by such incremental steps that few take notice. But it continues as you read this. Consider regulations currently proposed by the Bureau of Land Management:

Two days after last November's general election, the bureau published in the Federal Register rule changes for law enforcement. These revisions are touted as merely stylistic, as only rephrasings couched in "plain English" to help ordinary citizens understand them. But actually, that's a deception. Under the guise of simplifying law, the bureau is pursuing vast extensions of its police powers.

The proposed regulations would criminalize thousands of minor offenses that previously were not deemed criminal. They would give bureau police unparalleled authority of arrest, search and seizure. They would extend federal enforcement to surrounding private properties. They would raise the maximum punishment for violations from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and authorize bureau agents to enforce not only their own rules but all other local, state and federal laws as well.

And they redefine guilt. No longer would ignorance of the law be an excuse. Instead, one could be declared criminally responsible for breaking a rule few ever heard of.

Thus, individuals could go to jail for violating "any regulation, authorization or order"—such as walking a dog in a recreation area without a leash, not wearing a seat belt, failing to display a state inspection sticker on one's car or entering "wilderness areas without a permit, where permits are required by BLM."

The bureau has set a March 7 deadline for receiving public comments on these provisions. And on March 20, the House Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands will hold hearings on them.

Let's hope Congress can stop this power grab. Otherwise, those who hike in wilderness may discover the greatest dangers they face are neither bad weather nor grizzly bears but green police, and that their most essential survival tool is neither tent nor cook stove but a copy of the Federal Code of Regulations.

IN TRIBUTE TO MORDECAI LEE

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute today to one of the most respected community leaders in my hometown of Milwaukee, WI: Mordecai Lee.

The name Mordecai Lee has long been associated with excellence and one of our highest standards of civic pride. Mordecai Lee is moving on from his position as executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations after 6 years of outstanding service to the people of Milwaukee.

Mr. Speaker, our communities and our country have always relied on the contributions of those individuals who have the ability to rise above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of others, both personally and professionally. Mordecai Lee has demonstrated an unfailing and tireless commitment to the betterment of Milwaukee County, the State of Wisconsin, and the entire

Nation. With his steady guidance and strong leadership, Milwaukee's Jewish community has emerged as a powerful voice in Milwaukee.

We are surrounded by global conflicts, and the path to the peace is often a difficult road to travel. Yet we are constantly reminded of the necessity to pursue peace. Mr. Lee, with his dedication to the Middle East peace process, has been a voice of stability when many had doubts about advancing peace in the region and almost everyone had different approaches.

When someone leaves a post of importance, it is often said that his or her shoes will be hard to fill. But I can say without hesitation that, in Mordecai Lee's case, this is an understatement. In addition to his excellent work on behalf of Milwaukee's Jewish community, his influence has been felt far and wide—from the leaders of nations abroad, to college freshmen in Milwaukee.

Indeed, we need more people with his vision and energy to tackle the vast challenges we all face. Mr. Lee will continue his distinguished service to the people of Milwaukee as an assistant professor of governmental affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Division of Outreach and Continuing Education Extension. Mordecai Lee deserves our heartfelt thanks for his years of dedicated service as executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and our best wishes for the future.

JACQUELINE ALEX

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacqueline Alex of Oregon, OH, in my district. Mrs. Alex is the National Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary president, and is being honored for her work with a testimonial dinner on March 8, 1997.

Jackie and her husband, John, were married in 1947. Together they raised two sons, James and John. Her husband passed away only 10 years later, in 1957. A year later, Jackie joined the Toledo Logsdon—Walla Catholic War Veterans Post 639 Auxiliary, serving the auxiliary in every capacity. She was elected auxiliary president several times through those years, and in 1971 Jackie was named president of the Department of Ohio's Auxiliary. She began her service with the National Department in 1985, and served as the president of the 1995 Auxiliary National Convention.

Her tireless efforts have been recognized by the organization, and Mrs. Alex has been awarded numerous honors: the National Auxiliary President's Gold Medal Award For Outstanding Service; the Ohio Auxiliary President's Award; the Ann Senft Award For Meritorious Service to the Auxiliary; the National Auxiliary's St. Agnes Medal; Department of Ohio Auxiliary 1988 Woman of the Year; and a citation for meritorious service from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Gettysburg.

Our Nation pays tribute to its veterans in various ways, but often overlooked in such recognition is the role of women, wives, and families who served here on the homefront. For whether they bought war bonds, planted a

victory garden, worked in a munitions factory, went to work to support a family, or played both mother and father to a family growing up, they kept our Nation running in times of war. Their contributions created a strong backup system to those engaged in combat and in service to our Nation. Their ideals of service are upheld through their auxiliaries, which are the sinew that binds a veterans post together.

For nearly 40 years, Jacqueline Alex has served our Nation and its veterans honorably. I am pleased to join with her sons, grandchildren, colleagues, and friends in a deep and heartfelt salute of gratitude.

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDED BY READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Abigail Bauman, a 7-year-old second grader in Sciota, PA. Abigail is a student at Hamilton Elementary in Sciota.

Abigail was one of 41 honorable mentions in this year's poster contest sponsored by Reading is Fundamental [RIF]. Abigail's poster was chosen out of over 300,000 entries.

The theme of this year's National Poster Contest was "Read! Imagine!" Abigail's poster showed a tremendous effort to display this message to the youth of America. Her efforts in this endeavor earned her a commemorative certificate along with a dictionary and gift books.

In this year's State of the Union Address, President Clinton touched on the importance of literacy in America. Teaching children to read at a young age, and getting them interested in books is fundamental to improving literacy in the United States. Using posters as a tool to achieve this is a creative vehicle to do so, avidly conveyed through Abigail's drawing.

It is essential for our children to read and love books if they are to compete, as well as excel in tomorrow's world. The key to the high paying jobs and opportunities of tomorrow is for each and every American citizen to be able to read.

Abigail's colorful poster helps to make reading more fun and interesting for elementary school children. I congratulate her on using art to communicate such an important message.

HONORING SUSAN RICHTER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, every day it seems as if we pick up a newspaper or turn on the evening news and hear about the troubles of our young people. Critics argue they are disengaged with school, disinterested in their communities, and disinclined to become productive citizens of our country.

Not everyone agrees with this dismal view of our Nation's youth. Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsor the Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship program. This