

the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle about strained relations in the Christian community noted that "it has gotten stickier than ever in the aftermath of a presidential election in which moral values played a key role in keeping George W. Bush in the White House."

A Nov. 22 op-ed in *Newsday* by political scientist Laura R. Olson also took off from the fatal assumption. "The much-touted exit poll finding that moral values were the most important Election Day concern of 22 percent of voters highlights the fact that a sizable number of Americans expect political leaders to offer a prophetic vision," she wrote. I'm not picking on her; that's just one example of many I could have cited.

Other scholars have tried to put the exit poll question in perspective. Lawrence R. Jacobs, a political science professor and director of the 2004 Election Project at the University of Minnesota, wrote: "The initial conclusion of media commentators that 'moral values' determined the outcome of the 2004 presidential election was off the mark, neglecting the impacts of partisanship and the economy."

Despite the best efforts of myth-busters, the moral values doctrine has morphed from a simple poll finding to a grand explanatory theory to gospel truth. This contaminated strain of punditry needs to be eradicated before it spreads further.

REMEMBERING REED IRVINE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as America has experienced a presidential election marred by shocking media bias, it is a sad reminder how important Reed Irvine's visionary role has been to promote fairness. Never before has the need been greater with CBS News presenting forged military records as fact, with *The New York Times* contriving an October surprise hoax to slander America's troops, with multiple news organizations gleefully producing fraudulent exit polls to influence voters, and with the Public Broadcasting System hysterically forecasting on election night a coup by Bush supporters. Despite these attacks, the voters knew better and President Bush prevailed.

Fortunately, the propaganda purveyors have been unmasked by Reed Irvine with the assistance of courageous magazines, talk radio, bloggers, and Fox News.

It is particularly fitting that the below obituary was prepared by the noted and courageous, crusading journalist John Gizzi in *Human Events* for the week of November 22, 2004.

DEATH OF A WATCHDOG: REED IRVINE (1922–2004)

(By John Gizzi)

To many liberals in the media targeted by his pointed criticisms, Reed Irvine, the founder of *Accuracy in Media*, was a tormenter. But to his legions of friends and admirers he was the "Sergeant Joe Friday of the American media."

Following his death on November 16 from complications following a stroke, the 82-year-old Irvine was remembered as the conservative movement's pioneering media watchdog.

Born in Salt Lake City, Irvine graduated in 1942, at the age of 19, from the University

of Utah. He then joined the U.S. Navy, which taught him Japanese, and became an interpreter for the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific theater of war and in occupied Japan. Following his discharge, he did graduate work at the University of Washington and won a Fulbright scholarship to Oxford, where he earned a master's degree in 1951.

From 1951 until he retired in 1977, Irvine worked at the Federal Reserve Board. The topic of media bias dominated a group Irvine regularly lunched with and soon he founded *Accuracy in Media* to try to keep the national press honest.

Through op-ed pieces, lectures, in-depth studies, a regular newsletter and frequent appearances on radio and TV, Irvine provided evidence that the major media indeed had a liberal bias. The grassroots following he developed provided AIM with the resources to launch national campaigns against the "gods of the antennae." In 1983, for example, an AIM crusade convinced the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) to give equal time to AIM to rebut an hour-long special, *Vietnam: A Television History*.

In 1985, Irvine started *Accuracy in Academia* to combat leftist teachings at U.S. colleges.

For those outside the movement, Irvine may be best remembered for his spirited appearances at town hall meetings hosted by Ted Koppel on ABC's "Nightline." Perhaps the most poignant tribute to Irvine came from Koppel. "Reed Irvine was, at times, a harsh critic of the television news industry and me in particular," Koppel told *Human Events*, "but throughout the many years that I knew him, he was never anything but courtly and personally gracious. Just as I would insist that all other enterprises in our society benefit from the presence of a critical and fearless press, so, too, the press benefits from being held to high and occasionally harsh standards. Reed Irvine fulfilled that function to the greater good of all."

Irvine leaves his wife of 56 years, Kay Araki Irvine, son Don (who succeeded him as president of *Accuracy in Media*), and three grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN EAGLESON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan Eagleson, who was recently honored with the highest award of Sacred Heart Schools, the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal by the Schools of the Sacred Heart in Atherton, California.

An extraordinary educator at St. Joseph's School, Joan has said her greatest teachers are the children she works with every day. The children are her delight and lifeline. Joan believes children are grounding and one has only to listen to their truth and see their beauty. Joan's ability to really hear children draws them to her and she is always there for them.

Joan received her MA in Counseling from the College of Notre Dame. Recognizing the need for children to be heard, she spearheaded the Middle School Advisory Program and the Rainbows Program. Joan is marvelous at helping children recognize the light and love in themselves. One student said, "Have you ever noticed how good you feel about yourself after talking with Mrs. Eagleson?" What better testimony to Joan's ability to bring out the best in a person.

When Sister Ann McGowan, RSCJ hired Joan 16 years ago, she was given the opportunity to teach and run the library. Joan recalls with gratitude Sister Helen Daly's mentoring. Sister Daly saw in Joan the capacity to become a bridge where children could find consolation and support in the new and mysterious world of books and learning. Anyone who has ever walked through St. Joseph's library can feel it is a welcoming place of comfort, warmth, trust and generosity. Joan doesn't fit the stereotype of the librarian who only says, "Shh, be quiet." Joan creates an atmosphere of enthusiasm for learning, a place where children have time to discover, to be curious, to be imaginative, to know the value of not knowing and then, of asking the question and knowing how and where to find the answer. Most importantly, Joan guides children to recognize that what is essential they have within.

When asked what she hoped for the children to learn at St. Joseph's School, Joan said, "the value of simplicity and balance in life; the value of time to be; the value of being present to the moment; the value of embracing life wholeheartedly; the value of working in community; the value of human touch; the value of experiencing joy in the process of learning."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and inspiring educator, Joan Eagleson, as she is honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal.

RECOGNIZING THE MCGRAW HIGH SCHOOL LADY EAGLES ON THEIR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the McGraw High School Lady Eagles for their outstanding performance and their victory in the New York State Class D Soccer Championship.

The Lady Eagles won the title match with a 1–0 victory over Chateaugay on November 20th. Under the leadership of coaches John and Kathy Rutan, they concluded an amazing undefeated season with winning the state championship. Their impressive 24–0 record was the first perfect season for the Lady Eagles, as well as the first state title in school history.

I would like to recognize goalkeeper Christy Mott, forwards Taryn Bilodeau, Jen Rutan, and midfielder Laura Buerkle for their outstanding individual achievements. Christy Mott was awarded the State Tournament Class D Goalkeeper award, as well as an Honorable Mention in the Central Counties League All-Stars. Taryn Bilodeau, in addition to being named a Central Counties League All-Star, scored her 100th career goal this season, was named to the 2nd team in the Central New York All-Star voting, and the Section III Class D All-Star Team. Along with Bilodeau, Jen Rutan and Laura Buerkle shared Central Counties League All Star positions, as well as Section III Class D All-Star honors.

Their remarkable season is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the sport and to the character of these young ladies.

The 2004 McGraw High School Girls Soccer team members include: Roster: Sarah Bilodeau, Taryn Bilodeau, Laura Buerkle, Monica Byron, Caroline Byrne, Megan Camillo, Jamie Harriger, Rachel Harriger, Natasha Ignatowski, Ashley McAdam, Allison Murray, Christy Mott, Diane Ralyea, Amanda Reynolds, Heather Rogers, Jen Rutan, Amanda Stevens, Sandra Suomikallio, and Kaci Williams. Coach: John Rutan, Assistant Coach: Kathy Rutan.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN C.W. BILL YOUNG AT THE CLOSE OF HIS REMARKABLE TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my distinguished friend and Florida colleague, Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG, as he concludes his remarkable tenure as Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

During his 17 terms in Congress, Chairman YOUNG has set the benchmark for integrity, compassion, and diligence in serving his constituents, our State, and our Nation. With his steady hand at its tiller, the Appropriations Committee has remained a sanctuary of comity and productivity as it navigated the heavy winds of terrorism, recession, the stock market crash, and corporate scandals, as well as the budgetary pressures that these crises produced.

Of course, we Floridians were extremely fortunate that this island of calm resolve was serving as Appropriations Chairman when our State suffered the devastating, unprecedented blows of four hurricanes earlier this year. Within days after we returned from the August District Work Period, Chairman YOUNG built a consensus around a \$2 billion relief package that the victims of this disaster desperately needed—just as FEMA's available funds were exhausted.

During our consideration of the subsequent \$12.6 billion supplemental relief bill, the pressure to include other disasters naturally arose. Exhibiting the same empathy and fairness that served as the hallmark of his chairmanship, Chairman YOUNG managed to address these concerns while achieving swift passage of this legislation.

Our Nation has been just as fortunate that Chairman YOUNG headed the Appropriations Committee as we confronted the daunting challenges of a changed world in the aftermath of September 11. A veteran of the Army National Guard, Chairman YOUNG has garnered national recognition for his expertise on defense and security issues. He had previously chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, and he has served the longest term on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of any member in history.

While ensuring that our military has the best resources available to fight the War on Terror, Chairman YOUNG has always placed his highest priority upon the men and women who risk their lives to preserve our freedom. He regu-

larly meets with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs. As a result of his unflagging efforts on their behalf, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment.

Chairman YOUNG has also successfully fought for the health security of every American. A leading advocate for increased biomedical research, he has worked to double Federal medical research over 5 years. He has striven to increase the immunization rate for preschoolers, improve public health programs, and provide the resources necessary to find cures for scourges like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

In 1986, Chairman YOUNG played a leading role in founding a national registry for bone marrow donors, which now bears his name in his honor. Today, the registry contains more than 4 million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases and serves as a model for similar diseases around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we look forward to many more years of effective, caring service from this dedicated public servant, who exemplifies the appellation, "the gentleman from Florida."

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams of the University of Colorado for claiming the NCAA National Championship titles on November 22, 2004.

While the University of Colorado has won the title for both teams before, the men's squad in 2001 and the women's team in 2000, never before have teams of the university claimed both titles in the same year. In fact, this remarkable feat has happened only four times in NCAA cross country history. Both teams achieved their goal of winning the national championship by all five of the female runners finishing in the top thirty, and all five of the male runners in the top fifty.

These athletes are the epitome of dedication and hard work. I join the University of Colorado in taking pride in this noteworthy accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these student athletes and ask all our colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Colorado Men's and Women's Cross Country Team on their National Championships.

HONORING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown, New Jersey in

my Congressional District, which this year is celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

The Committee, a local public service group, has solicited the involvement of the total Morris County community, and especially its young people, in its annual services commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. since 1970. This celebration of faith, endurance, and commitment is a tribute to the rich legacy of the life and works of Dr. King.

The Observance for 2005 marks the Twentieth year that Dr. King's birthday will be commemorated as a national holiday. As an expression of local unity and in recognition of this important event, the Martin Luther King Observance Committee is inviting the Morris Clergy Council to cooperate with the Committee in jointly sponsoring the commemorative services on Monday, January 17, 2005.

The Martin Luther King Observance Committee will use for a theme "The Dream of Peace Is Dedicated Wholly to Truth." Each of us still makes a difference. Each of us needs to trust, to hope, to care, and to have the courage to make our democracy work for all of us. Yes, today we face great uncertainty and trepidation. Nevertheless, we will pull together as a community and nation during time of crisis. We are Americans indeed.

From those individuals who spearheaded the initial celebration, the late Rachel Viola Jones and Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, the planning efforts has broadened to include members of the Morris Area Clergy Council, with representatives from all major faith traditions. In addition to the two founders, other volunteers who assisted in the early years included Emma L. Martin, George Dorsey, William "Jack" Harris, Reginald and Emanueline Smith, Flora Webb, Norman Jean Matthews, Woody Huff, Elizabeth Lubar, Cecelia Dowdy, Rabbi Z. David Levy, and Rev. Charles Marks.

The core planning committee is continuing to carry on a tradition of excellence for this great program and has grown to include dedicated volunteers. Some of those individuals include Charles Jamison, Jr., James Mack, Janet Bonar, Patricia Johnson, Esq., Barbara Klingsporn, Mae Williams, Ronnie Rogers, Elie Sims, Nadine Alston, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, James Vance, Horace Melton, Marian Sykes Johnson, Gerald Martin, Dorothy C. Parker, Agnes Boyd, Rev. Paul Ratzlaff, and Rev. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite certain that the Martin Luther King Observance Committee will continue in the years ahead to promote the cause of equality and educate our community in helping to promote opportunities for our young people to pursue productive, fulfilling lives. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown as they celebrate 35 dedicated years of serving our community, and especially Chairwoman Dr. Felicia Jamison.

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, sixty years ago this week, one of the greatest battles of