

Governor Harry Hughes. The confidence and support I received from Meg Greenfield and the Post editorial board gave me pride and momentum, and helped lead me to victory.

Meg Greenfield's colleagues at the editorial page wrote the day after her death, "The anonymity typical of editorial pages could not disguise the hand of Meg Greenfield. As a writer her work was often instantly recognizable . . . for its felicity and stateliness and not least for its wry and mischievous humor. As an editor she imprinted her special blend of a wise skepticism and a reach for the public good on a long generation of Post editorials." In this tribute, they describe not only her as the consummate professional, but as the wonderful and caring woman that she was.

Meg Greenfield will be dearly missed in the many circles of Washington life. Her spirit and legacy will inspire us for years to come.●

FREEMEN PROSECUTION AWARD

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I am pleased to come to the floor to honor a Department of Justice team that is receiving the top prosecution award today at Constitution Hall. This team of 12 prosecutors and investigators was faced with the challenging task of bringing LeRoy Schweitzer, Richard Clark, Daniel Petersen, Rodney Skurdal, Dale Jacobi, Russell Landers, and others, known as the "Freemen," to justice.

As you may remember, the Montana Freemen were a group of individuals who refused to recognize any authority by U.S. officials. Instead, they created their own "republic" and court system. After warrants were prepared for multiple counts of fraud, armed robbery, and firearms violations, they holed up on their ranch for 81 days in a tense standoff. The team recognized today were critical in preparing the warrants, negotiating the peaceful resolution of the standoff, and convicting twenty-one members of the group. In addition, this team worked with many other prosecution teams to prepare and present related cases in over thirty federal districts.

It makes me especially proud that there were seven Montanans among the group being recognized. They are Assistant U.S. Attorney James Seykora, Paralegal Specialist Deborah Boyle, IRS Special Agents Michael Mayott and Loretta Rodriguez, FBI Senior Resident Agent Daniel Vierthaler, FBI Special Agent Randall Jackson, and Montana Department of Justice Agent Bryan Costigan. I also appreciate the contribution of Robertson Park, George Toscas, David Kris, Tommie Canady, and Timothy Healy as award winners contributing from agencies outside of the state. I also think it's only appropriate to recognize the in-

vestigation and prosecution leader, Montana U.S. Attorney Sherry Matteucci. Although this entire prosecution effort fell under her responsibility, as a political appointee, she is not eligible for this award.

The Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service is given once each year, with the decision based upon the following: performance of a special service in the public interest that is over and above the normal requirements and of an outstanding and distinctive character in terms of improved operations, public understanding of the department's mission, or accomplishment of one of the major goals of the department, exceptionally outstanding contributions to the Department of Justice or exceptionally outstanding leadership in the administration of major programs that resulted in highly successful accomplishments to meet unique or emergency situations, or extraordinary courage and voluntary risk of life in performing an act resulting in direct benefits to the department or nation. From where I sit, this team has met or exceeded all of these high standards during the course of the investigation. Few other prosecutions have received the external scrutiny in the press, Justice management, and the public eye as did the Freemen prosecution. A terrific amount of juggling priorities and concerns was necessary to pull off a peaceful resolution of this crisis. Their conviction record on this case was solid, and will likely be the model from any similar situations in the future.

So, it gives me great pleasure to bring our attention to this team's success, and I add my thanks for a job well done. We wish them nothing but continued success as they move on to other jobs within their home agencies. Again, congratulations on this great, well-deserved honor.●

BEATRIZ RIVAS ROGALSKI

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to salute my Deputy Chief of Staff, Beatriz (Bea) Rivas Rogalski, on the occasion of her upcoming retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the people of the United States. As director of casework in my House and Senate offices for more than 16 years, she has helped literally thousands of Californians get the timely assistance they need from their federal government. As Deputy Chief of Staff, she is beloved by staff members and constituents alike.

Bea began her public service as I did, in the office of then-Congressman John Burton. In 1974, Bea Rivas was a recent immigrant from El Salvador. While working at Macy's department store in San Francisco, she took a second part-time job to help support her mother.

Bea went to work in John Burton's campaign office on a temporary basis

as a key-punch operator. Given a six-month project, Bea completed it in two months. Following the election, she went to work as a staff assistant in Congressman Burton's district office, answering phones and tracking bills. Her diligence and demeanor quickly impressed her supervisors, who promoted her to case worker.

It was a perfect fit. She quickly learned the most arcane workings of government and did her utmost to help constituents negotiate the shoals of bureaucracy.

Bea has what it takes to help people get their due from their government. She is kind, considerate, generous, and above all patient. I cannot overstate how she always listens carefully, always acts diligently, always goes the extra mile to take care of constituents' needs. She is incomparable and irreplaceable. She will also be irreplaceable.

Mr. President, by serving the people of California so well, Beatriz Rogalski has brought honor on this institution and the United States Government. I hope you will join me in thanking her and sending best wishes to her, her husband Hans Rogalski, and their son Hans, Jr.●

TRIBUTE TO HITCHINER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President I rise today to pay tribute to Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc. for receiving Business NH Magazine's 1999 Business of the Year Award.

Since the company moved to Milford, New Hampshire in 1951, Hitchiner has been extremely active within the community. Hitchiner supports the community through contributions to the arts, education, and community welfare. Specifically, they offer much-needed dollars to local and state nonprofits and they make time available for their employees to participate in community affairs. Hitchiner President/CEO, John Morison III, believes when employees work in the community their experiences will translate into a positive experience for the company as a whole.

In addition to being involved in community affairs, Hitchiner Manufacturing is a leader in technology. The company is an international player for investment castings for customers such as General Motors, BMW and General Electric. Hitchiner will soon acquire their tenth patent, thereby establishing themselves as the leader in metallurgical advances.

Hitchiner's profit sharing philosophy has helped create a spirit of team work among its employees. President Morison believes that by sharing the profits and risks, of working as a team, the company will be better equipped to stay on the cutting edge of technology—this is the key to future success.

Mr. President, I salute Hitchiner Manufacturing Company, Inc. and commend their president, John Morison, for his innovative ideas and spirit of community. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

SOUTH CAROLINA PEACHES

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize South Carolina's peach farmers for their hard work and their delicious peaches.

My staff has been delivering South Carolina peaches to offices throughout the Senate and the U.S. Capitol all day. Thanks to South Carolina peach farmers, those of us here in Washington will be able to cool off from the summer heat with delicious South Carolina peaches.

For a relatively small state, South Carolina is second in the nation in peach production. In fact, this year farmers across South Carolina planted more than 16,000 acres of peaches. As my colleagues can attest, these are some of the finest peaches produced anywhere in the United States.

As we savor the taste of these South Carolina peaches, we should remember the work and labor that goes into producing such a delicious fruit. While Americans enjoy peaches for appetizers, entrees, and desserts, most do not stop to consider where they come from. Farmers will be laboring all summer in the heat and humidity to bring us what we call the "perfect candy." What else curbs a sweet tooth—is delicious, nutritious, and satisfying, but not fattening? The truth is, Mr. President, that our farmers are too often the forgotten workers in our country. Through their dedication and commitment, our nation is able to enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other foods. In fact, our agricultural system, at times, is the envy of the world.

Mr. President, as Senators and their staff feast on these delicious peaches, I hope they will remember the people in South Carolina who made this endeavor possible: David Winkles and the entire South Carolina Farm Bureau; and the South Carolina Peach Council. They have all worked extremely hard to ensure that the Senate gets a taste of South Carolina.

I hope everyone in our Nation's Capitol will be smiling as they enjoy the pleasure of South Carolina peaches.●

TRIBUTE TO TOM RECHTIN, SR.

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fine Kentucky businessman, Tom Rechtin, Sr., President of Tom Rechtin Heating, Air Conditioning and Electric Company.

Tom was recently named "1999 Outstanding Business Person" by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for his community leadership

and 35 years of education advocacy. The honor was given as part of the A.D. Albright awards program, which is named for Northern Kentucky University's president emeritus, who was known for encouraging educational excellence in the region.

The Albright Award recognizes Tom's commitment to supporting and encouraging educational activities in the workplace and in the community. His own company serves as a model for his philosophy, as his employees attend and participate in numerous classes and seminars he facilitates. Tom Rechtin's company also employs student interns who are seeking certification.

Tom was also recently named the "1998 National Contractor of the Year" by the National Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, and "Kentucky Contractor of the Year" by the Kentucky Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors.

Tom began working in the industry after high school and, over the years, moved through the ranks from an entry-level position to eventually owning his own company. Today, Tom is one of the most well-known and well-respected businessmen in the state, with over 12,000 customers in Northern Kentucky, Eastern Indiana, and Southern Ohio.

Tom is a three-time appointee by the Governor to the Kentucky HVAC Licensing Board, which oversees the licensing and continuing education programs for the state's HVAC journeymen and Master License holders. He has been an example to board members and the entire industry by implementing his own rigorous employee training programs. His leadership and success in the field is one of the reasons Tom has been named Vice President of the Kentucky HVAC Licensing Board.

My colleagues and I congratulate you, Tom, on your recent accomplishments and commend your many years of service to Northern Kentucky's business community. Best wishes for many years of continued success.

Mr. President, I ask that the following Campbell County Recorder article from June 17, 1999, be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Campbell County Recorder, June 17, 1999]

CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ALBRIGHT WINNERS TOM RECHTIN

This year's Outstanding Business Person recipient, Tom Rechtin, has been a community leader, role model and an advocate for education for more than 35 years. Rechtin has used his personal and professional experience, knowledge and ability to include others to advance the educational system and consequently the economy in Northern Kentucky.

This recipient of the Albright Award encourages employees to attend certification

classes, participate in seminars and get involved in company educational programs. He provides tuition assistance for employees and currently employs four student interns who are seeking certification.

He supports education within his company and is an educational advocate in the community. Coupled with Cincinnati Public Schools, he helped found the first apprenticeship and continuing education program in the Tristate. Along with the Northern Kentucky Home Builders Association, he helped develop the first heating and cooling apprenticeship program in Northern Kentucky, and as chairman of the apprenticeship committee, he continues to develop new programs and lead efforts to fund the program.

Further, Rechtin is a member of the Kentucky State Licensing Board, serves on a Citizens Task Force aimed at evaluating and improving Bellevue Schools, and founded SMART TECH—a class that is offered at NKU annually to journeymen to meet state licensing requirements. Most recently, he sought to carry out a federal School-To-Work federal initiative promoting schools and businesses to share knowledge and develop practical curriculums for students entering the workforce.

Outside of his work with education and his company, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce's Workforce Readiness Council, a Master with the Boy Scouts of America, an athletic sponsor with the Bellevue Vets, a member of the Bellevue Renewal Committee and a council member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Chamber of Commerce is the largest volunteer business organization in Northern Kentucky. It works to encourage and promote economic well being, quality growth and community development for both Northern Kentucky and the region.●

TRI-CITIES, TN-VA: 1999 RECIPIENT OF THE ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, when our Founding Fathers began their fight for our Nation's independence, they had a vision of what America would be like. They saw a free and self-reliant people, ruled by State and local governments, who took responsibility for their own welfare and progress, and cared for themselves and for others in their own communities.

When Alexis de Tocqueville came to America almost a century later, that is what he saw. He later wrote that, in America, when a citizen saw a problem that needed solving, he would cross the street and discuss it with a neighbor, together the neighbors would form a committee, and before long the problem would be solved. "You may not believe this," he said, "but not a single bureaucrat would ever have been involved."

While today our citizens are increasingly ruled, not by local governments, but by Washington, the essence of what it means to be an American has not changed: We are a people willing to lend a hand, lift a spirit, and work together to make our land a better place.

For 50 years, the All-America City Awards have designated—from among all the cities in America—10 communities that have carried on this time-