

Media Research Center Press Guide Available

The Media Research Center recently published *MRC's Press Picks 1995: Recommended Media Professionals* to help conservatives find the media outlets and reporters who will report the Right's side of the story fairly. The 179-page book lists **over 700 media professionals**—both liberal and conservative—with reputations for giving conservatives a **fair hearing** and is available for \$9.95 each from the Media Research Center, 113 South West St., Alexandria, Va. 22314.

Parental Rights Week Sees Action in 20 States

The grassroots group, **Of the People**, launched a campaign during last week's "**National Parental Rights Week**," urging the adoption of the text of its **Parental Rights Amendment** as an amendment to state constitutions nationwide. The **20 states** where the amendment has been proposed follow (italics indicate the six states in which the amendment enjoys bipartisan sponsorship): Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, *Kansas*, Kentucky, Michigan, *Minnesota*, *Mississippi*, Missouri, *Nebraska*, *New York*, Ohio, Oregon, *Pennsylvania*, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The Parental Rights Amendment is a response to the belief that parental rights and responsibilities are now being usurped by **bureaucrats** at all levels, particularly in the **public schools**. It reads: "The right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children shall not be infringed."

In announcing the campaign, Of the People Chairman **Jeffrey Bell** said, "Across America, parents are demanding that government policies help, not hinder efforts to raise their kids. The **populist push** for the amendment shows **grassroots determination** to reclaim responsibility for their lives and the lives of their children. And since they don't trust Washington to resolve these **contentious social issues**, the people are taking matters into their own hands by amending their state constitutions.

"With the Parental Rights Amendment, they've found a concrete way to **limit gov-**

Budgeteers Seek Your Input on Spending Cuts

The **House Budget Committee** began a series of five **bipartisan field hearings** seeking Americans' views on **cutting the federal budget** last Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

"We want to hear from the **real America outside the Washington Beltway**, the **America that pays the bills**," said Budget Committee Chairman **John Kasich**, who will preside over the field hearings.

February 11, and at the Rocky Mountain College Gymnasium, Billings, Mont., on February 18.

To participate in the hearings, call the following contacts (listed in the same order as the sites listed above): Steph Hanville, Elks Theater Supervisor's Office (602-771-3200); Airport High School Vice Principal Scott Newman (803-822-5600); Janet Thompson, aide to GOP Rep. Bob Franks (908-686-5576), and Fortin Gym Facilities Manager Dave Setera (406-657-1077).

Right Mourns Journalist Victor Riesel, Libertarian Firebrand Murray Rothbard

The conservative world lost two outspoken and courageous commentators earlier this month with the passing of journalist Victor Riesel, who was 81, and economist Murray Rothbard, who was 68.

Riesel, a nationally syndicated journalist and radio commentator whose articles regularly appeared in **HUMAN EVENTS** during the 1950s and 1960s, died in Manhattan January 4 of a heart attack. Specializing in labor issues, Riesel exposed the corruption of labor unions and the infiltration of the labor movement by gangsters and Communists.

Always highly outspoken, Riesel was the victim of a vicious attack in 1956 that shocked the nation. Just an hour after delivering a radio commentary in Manhattan assailing the leadership of a local union leader, Riesel was assaulted by a man who threw acid into his eyes, leaving him permanently blind.

Riesel, however, continued typing and publishing articles until he retired in 1990. Reflecting on the attack, Riesel later wrote, "The attack on me was an attack on the entire free press, challenging its right to expose crime and injustice. In hitting me, the underworld was thumbing its nose at the community and the forces of law and order."

Murray Rothbard, one of the greatest free-market economists of the 20th Century, died of a heart attack January

7 in Manhattan. Rothbard wrote 25 books and some 10,000 articles, mostly articulating the philosophy of the "Austrian" school of economics, which he inherited from his mentor, economist Ludwig von Mises (see also, "Conservative Spotlight," page 16).

After receiving his doctorate from Columbia University in 1956, Rothbard went on to teach for over 30 years and in 1962 published his magnum opus *Man, Economy and State*. Throughout his career he assailed virtually every government control over the economy.

As a political commentator he was a hard-hitting and controversial libertarian, reserving as much or more venom for the agenda of what he called the "official conservative movement" as he did for liberals. He decried the Cold War and the defense buildup associated with it, never believing the Soviets were a threat to the United States. His last published article railed against the emerging agenda of Newt Gingrich and the GOP, charging it was not libertarian enough.

Three years ago, Rothbard, who was always optimistic that freedom would eventually triumph, declared, "We shall break the clock of social democracy. We shall break the clock of the Great Society. . . . We shall break the clock of Woodrow Wilson's New Freedom and perpetual war. We shall repeal the 20th Century."

te weeks, Letters to the Editor and brief items on individuals and activities of interest to conservatives. All correspondence for this feature should be addressed to Conservative Forum, D.C. 20003. Letters to the Editor intended for publication must be concise (300 words or less) and preferably limited to one topic. In addition, they must be signed and must include the telephone numbers. **HUMAN EVENTS** reserves the right to edit all letters to meet space requirements. Although we cannot acknowledge individually those letters we are unable to publish to all readers who take the time to write us.

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