

4's anchor and urban affairs specialist. Most recently, she joined Congresswoman Barbara Lee's citizen delegation to report a week-long series on the people, culture and politics of Cuba and on Cuba's relationship with the United States.

Belva has received six local Emmys, the 1996 Governor's Award of the Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, a Certificate of Excellence from the California Associated Press Television and Radio Association, and the Golden Gadget Award of the Media Alliance. She has honorary doctorates from Golden Gate University and John F. Kennedy Universities. The Media Academy of Oakland offers an annual journalism scholarship in Ms. Davis's name.

When Rollin Post announced his retirement, Belva said: "I've been learning from Rollin Post for three decades, and we have become the real political odd couple. He has taught me how to make the most complicated political issues interesting to a sometimes disinterested electorate."

Rollin Post has covered politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 40 years. With keen understanding of public affairs, Rollin has covered 14 national political conventions. In addition to state and local political issues, Rollin reported from Cuba in 1978 on trade, tourism, and hijacking. In 1986, Rollin was on special assignment in the Philippines during the transition to democracy.

"Rollin is an old-fashioned reporter who gives you the facts and is genuinely interested in the process, the politics, the issues and ideas. He is exceptionally fair-minded and doesn't have a cynical bone in his body," wrote John Jacobs, political editor of McClatchy Newspapers. With a passion for politics, along with a touch of idealism, Rollin brought clarity and understanding to the political process.

Early in his career, Rollin worked for KPIX-TV, where he concentrated on politics and general assignments. He was also head writer and producer for "The Paul Coates Report," a nationally syndicated television interview show. Rollin joined KQED in 1973 to work on three programs: "A Closer Look," "Newsroom," and "California Tonight." In September 1979, Rollin joined KRON-TV, where he served as NewsCenter4's political editor for 18 years. While co-anchoring on KRON's "California This Week," Rollin and Belva brought passion and insight to the issues of the day. Because of their pioneering spirit and leadership, Rollin and Belva became mentors to the next generation of journalists. Rollin speaks of Belva with great affection: "She's a Type A; I'm the type who likes to take naps."

Currently, Rollin hosts "Our World This Week," an international news show produced by BayTV in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Among his many awards, Rollin received the prestigious Broadcast Preceptor Award from the 32nd annual San Francisco State University Broadcast Industry Conference. He has also been honored by the Coro Foundation for his influential leadership in the public arena.

In celebrating the lives and careers of Belva Davis and Rollin Post, we are paying tribute to two remarkable people whom we are also fortunate to know as friends.

## A TRIBUTE TO CITY YEAR SAN ANTONIO

### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 1999*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask unanimous consent to submit into the RECORD an article that appeared in the San Antonio Express News recently.

The article highlights City Year San Antonio, a unique public and private partnership program for the national service movement. City Year San Antonio has contributed more than 30,000 hours of service to the San Antonio community in its 3 years of service. City Year San Antonio has established a mentor and tutor program for children from elementary school through high school, including programs on the environment, domestic violence prevention, HIV/Aids awareness, and technology education.

I am proud of the work and the service that City Year provides to the San Antonio community. I look forward to the continued success and future progress of City Year San Antonio.

#### AMERICORPS WORKERS HELPING OTHERS CITYWIDE

(By Joseph Barrios)

... Nathan Miller grew up in a quiet Kansas City, Kan., neighborhood but wanted to travel and learn about different places.

He graduated from high school and then applied to serve with City Year, one of the AmeriCorps volunteer programs operating in San Antonio.

The 19-year-old Miller now works 12-hour days, sometimes tutoring West Side children as part of Project Learn to Read and sometimes working with San Antonio Alternative Housing on minor construction for elderly neighbors.

His favorite responsibility is helping teach a nighttime English class for adults seeking citizenship.

"I feel like I help them get along better in their lives," Miller said. "I have a chance to meet people in drastically different life situations from mine."

Miller is one of more than 140 full-time volunteers in the San Antonio area serving with various AmeriCorps programs. Although the volunteers are affiliated with different funding agencies, their goals are the same.

They want to tackle some of San Antonio's blight and improve people's lives. AmeriCorps is the national service program started by Congress and President Clinton in 1993. Programs can be funded with federal dollars or matched by a local "parent" organization.

The George Gervin Youth Center has 20 full-time AmeriCorps volunteers and Habitat for Humanity has a dozen full-time volunteers working in San Antonio.

Miller works for the 10-year-old City Year program, which has 70 AmeriCorps volunteers and works out of an office downtown.

An average day for him varies somewhat from Rudy Beltran, 23, a full-time volunteer with the Just Serve AmeriCorps program run by San Antonio Fighting Back of the United Way.

Beltran, based at the Barbara Jordan center of the city's East Side, is a full-time student at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He also teaches an evening, English-as-a-Second-Language class at Highlands High School and tutors high school students in English.

Recently, Beltran helped several students prepare for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test.

"I definitely get a lot out of it," Beltran said. "A couple of students came up to me

and said it really helped them. They thought they had passed it."

Fighting Back, a substance abuse, crime and violence prevention and community development program, has 60 full-time volunteers. They are recruiting more than 100 high school students for a new part-time service program in San Antonio.

City Year and Southside High School recently started a part-time volunteer program for students called City Heroes.

Most of the full-time volunteers started their year of service in August and will finish in June.

Volunteers operate primarily on the city's West, East and South sides but can participate in programs anywhere in the city, said Scott Hirsch of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. Volunteers themselves come from all areas of town and sometimes—like Miller—from out of town.

Hirsch said the commission is working on guidelines to evaluate how effective volunteers throughout Texas have been in the past five years since the AmeriCorps program was founded. Overall, the various volunteer programs are going strong.

Hirsch added that associations with other programs can cause confusion. "Sometimes, when you're at a cocktail party and you mention you work for AmeriCorps, people think it no longer exists," Hirsch said.

Some of the benefits to the program are intangible, said Bill Blair, director at the George Gervin Youth Center.

Regularly, when volunteers are painting a house or cleaning up an abandoned lot, neighbors will stop by and offer their help.

"I say, 'Sure, come on and join us.' You can't beat that sort of thing," Blair said.

Neighbors can also submit ideas for service projects to any of the programs like City Year or Fighting Back.

AmeriCorps volunteer benefits can include health insurance, a weekly stipend, uniforms and a post-service education award of \$4,725 that can pay for school or student loans. The program requires a minimum of 1,700 hours a year from volunteers.

This fall, Miller will begin college in Vermont. He said his favorite times as a volunteer come when someone thanks him for work that an AmeriCorps volunteer did.

"I have people come up to me all the time. They see your shirt and want to thank you," Miller said. "They can be thanking you for something that happened three years or three days ago."

## WORKING ON A SOLUTION

### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, in the matter of the Columbine Massacre, I hereby submit to the RECORD a statement issued by the Colorado State Board of Education.

These remarks, I commend to my colleagues upon consideration of various proposals pending this Congress. Clearly, the thoughts offered by the Colorado State Board of Education, signed a thoughtful approach to any legislative initiatives we might consider here and establish a reasonable framework from which to view our responsibilities.

The statement of the Board is as follows:

#### WHAT IS TO BE DONE: SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN OUR TRAGEDY

In the aftermath of the most terrible day in Colorado education, when the pain and