

Center to pottery classes for children. Inspiring New Yorkers of all ages with its varied programs and classes, the 92nd Street Y has played a crucial role in maintaining the vitality of the city.

A successful businessman and philanthropist for many years, Matthew Bronfman joined the 92nd Street Y Board of Directors in September of 1991 and was elected its 42nd President in May of 2000. His strong leadership and vision have had an energizing influence in strengthening the 92nd Street Y.

The Bronfman family has also played a major role in the life of the Y by endowing, in 1992, the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life. The Bronfman Center has become the focus of the Y's many programs involved with Jewish education, outreach, family and holiday planning. The Center sponsors lectures, religious services, classes and workshops, all designed to help the community explore Jewish heritage and culture. Recent guest speakers include Elie Wiesel and Yitzhak Rabin.

A devoted father of six, Matthew Bronfman is managing director of a private investment company, ACI Capital, and chairman of the Investment Committee of the Challenge Fund, L.P. Mr. Bronfman is also a board member of many organizations including Tweeter Home Entertainment Group, Earnest Partners, Visiosonic, Palace Candles, The Canadian Center for Architecture, and the Cardigan Mountain School.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and leadership, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Matthew Bronfman, an accomplished businessman and a cultural leader.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington yesterday. Three recorded votes were taken by the House; if I were here, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 227: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 159, a resolution Expressing Profound Sorrow on the Occasion of the Death of Irma Rangel. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 228: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 195, a resolution congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for Hitting 500 Major League Home Runs. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 229: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1465, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office". I would have voted "yea".

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GERALD THYGERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege to stand before this body to pay

tribute to a true public servant. Gerald Thygeron of Grand Junction, Colorado has spent 38 years improving the lives of ranchers and their livestock in the West. To commemorate his retirement from the Bureau of Land Management, I would like to recognize his efforts here today.

Gerald joined the BLM after graduating with a Bachelor of Range Science Degree from New Mexico State University in 1966. He worked in the Range Management Program his entire career—first in Las Cruces, New Mexico and then in Grand Junction, Colorado beginning in 1973. After taking control of the nascent Little Brookcliffs Wild Horse Range in 1981, Gerald greatly expanded the size, genetic diversity, and overall quality of the herd while simultaneously cutting costs. His success and ability to forge strong partnerships has brought him and the Little Brookcliffs Horse Range national attention.

Mr. Speaker, Gerald Thygeron has been responsible for numerous improvements that have enhanced both the quality of livestock and public rangelands in the West. He has been an outstanding steward of our nation's resources, and I thank him for his service to the BLM. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET AND ANDREW WYATT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret and Andrew Wyatt as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On May 17, 2003 the pair renewed their vows at Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey.

Marrying at a very young age, Margaret and Andrew have grown together over these past fifty years, enjoying times of great joy and happiness. Finding a special person and friend to share your life with is one of the great joys of life. The Wyatt's have found that special bond and continue to grow and change together.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in congratulating Margaret and Andrew on this wonderful occasion and in wishing them many more wonderful years together.

TRIBUTE TO ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in honor of their Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The Springfield Diocese is home to approximately 170,000 Catholics in 164 parishes. The diocese is also home to 145 diocesan priests. There are eight Catholic hospitals, one religious seminary, one Catholic university, one

Catholic college, seven Catholic high schools, and 54 Catholic elementary schools in the diocese.

Today, I would like to send my blessings to Bishop Lucas and the entire Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for a joyous celebration of their Sesquicentennial.

The Diocese will celebrate their year of Jubilee with a free fun-filled day on Saturday, June 28, 2003 with a community mass that evening. The day will include activities for children, families, and seniors at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The day will conclude with a concert from Aaron Neville. I would like to commend the sponsors of the event who are making this day possible for the hundreds of Catholic families in the Diocese.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Diocese on their Jubilee 2003 Celebration and wish them much success with their events. I know every one who attends will feel renewed in their faith and ready to begin the next 150 years with thanksgiving for all we have been given. God bless.

CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP IN MEDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Communications Commission voted along party lines to put more power in the hands of a few corporate giants at the expense of the American people.

If the FCC's goal was to line the pockets of Disney, General Electric, AOL-Time Warner, Viacom, and News Corp. then I say to them "congratulations!" because they have succeeded.

By allowing these corporate interests to own more newspapers, more TV stations, more radio stations, and more of our public airwaves, we are taking this country down a dangerous path.

We all learned at a young age that knowledge is power. But now, the flow of knowledge will be controlled by a handful of media giants.

They will have almost total control of our news, information, and entertainment.

They will determine what we get and when we get it.

They will determine what we see, read, and hear. That is unacceptable!

And why have they done this?

They say that the rise of cable TV and the internet made the former rules obsolete.

That's the kind of conclusion you reach when the only people you listen to are media moguls.

Who is listening to the American people?

We have been shut out of the process.

In its haste to protect these company's financial interests, the FCC has failed to defend the public interest.

We must take action to right this wrong.

If we do not, our media will have less local content, less diversity of opinion, and fewer opportunities for minority ownership.

It is time for the American people to stand up and be counted. It is time for those who represent the American people to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber today during rollcall vote No. 227, No. 228 and No. 229. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all of these votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to official business as a member of an official Congressional delegation traveling to North Korea and was not present for the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 227—"yes"; 228—"yes"; 229—"yes."

HONORING MICHAEL HERTIG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct pleasure to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize a American hero. Staff Sergeant Michael Hertig of the 3rd Infantry Division put himself in harms way to serve his country during both campaigns on Iraqi soil.

At one stage during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Michael was leading his brigade back to headquarters. When he discovered an exposed flank in the line, he placed his Bradley Fighting Vehicle in the middle of the gap, and engaged the enemy. Michael's commanding officer claimed that his actions saved the lives of at least 15 soldiers, as he personally escorted several military ambulances through enemy territory. For these courageous actions, Michael will receive the Silver Star; the third highest military award designated solely for gallantry in action. Michael will also be presented with the Purple Heart for injuries he incurred when an Iraqi tank exploded next to his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. While he has lost some hearing in his right ear, Michael remains in high spirits.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice and heroism of this soldier and his family. Michael should know that this sacrifice will not be forgotten; America will be in his debt. Michael has done all Americans proud and I know he has the respect, admiration, and gratitude of all of my colleagues here today. Thank you, Michael, for your dedication and service to this Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BARBARA HARRIS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a wonderful woman and outstanding educator, Mrs. Barbara Harris. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Cheyney State College, Mrs. Harris has been a resident of Newark, New Jersey since 1969.

On June 13, 2003 at the Galloping Hill Inn in Union, New Jersey, the Social Welfare Committee, the Bragaw Avenue School, family and friends will be honoring Mrs. Harris on the occasion of her retirement from the Newark Public School System.

Beginning her work as an educator in Philadelphia, Mrs. Harris taught within the Philadelphia School System from 1962–1966. She then moved to Newark and has taught in our public school system since 1969. As a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee here in the U.S. House of Representatives and a former teacher, I am extremely appreciative and proud of the hard work and dedication of educators such as Mrs. Harris.

In addition to her dedication within the classroom, Mrs. Harris has also dedicated herself to bettering the entire community. Volunteering with the United Way, late New Jersey State Senator Winona Lipman, as well as former Mayor Kenneth Gibson and Ralph Grant she also has served on many local, county and state committees for the Newark Teachers Association.

A dedicated educator and citizen, Mrs. Barbara Harris will certainly be missed within the Newark educational community. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in saluting Mrs. Harris for her many years of educating our Nation's children, wishing her the very best for the future.

LITCHFIELD SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Litchfield and honor its sesquicentennial this year.

Said to be the highest point between St. Louis, Missouri and Terre Haute, Indiana, Litchfield was founded on August 24, 1853, and was named after Electus Bachus Litchfield, the man that brought the railroad to the area. The Terre Haute, Alton, and St. Louis railroad was essential to the development of early Litchfield, and the town rapidly grew in size.

The village was incorporated in 1856, and when the Civil War came five years later, Litchfield was the first city in the state of Illinois to send men to fight for the Union. One company from Litchfield was used to help form the first regiment in the state of Illinois, the Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

After the Civil War, the discovery of oil, gas, and coal in the area prompted more population growth, and six railroads made their way

through the city. The city grew even larger with the introduction of Route 66, the main highway between Chicago and Los Angeles, as tourists and travelers alike became familiar with Litchfield. The highway still runs through Litchfield today, and still brings in tourists from all over the world.

Today, Litchfield is known as the hub of Central Illinois. One hour from both St. Louis, Missouri and Springfield, Illinois, it has become the manufacturing and shopping center of the area. Nineteen manufacturers, sales and distribution centers are housed in the city's two industrial parks. Also, with a newly constructed high school, Litchfield seems ready to continue its growth well into its next 150 years. Lincoln Land Community College now has a center in the town as well, and the future of the area looks bright.

Litchfield's first 150 years have been full of growth. In celebrating its sesquicentennial this year, the city shows great dedication both to its history and to the people of its present. Several events are planned for the week of the Fourth of July, and I wish the city and its people the best in celebrating this significant milestone.

HONORING FANNIE DICKENS PETWAY

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Fannie Petway, a native of Pinetop, North Carolina, who passed on to her reward Sunday, April 27, 2003 at the age of 97. Mrs. Petway was a devoted parishioner of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She is survived by her loving son Columbus Petway, and a host of other relatives.

Mrs. Petway's doors were always open to discuss family issues and she helped raise many children and grandchildren. She would keep them in awe with the many stories she told about her experiences on the farm where many of the children in her life spent their summers. The men in her family reflect fondly when they would get a call from Fannie asking them to stop by and get something to eat—and they would never say no, especially when wooed with her memorable peach cobbler and coconut cake, in spite of the fact that their wives had another meal waiting for them at home. Mrs. Petway is preceded in death by her daughter Annie Elizabeth Knight, her son Edward Petway, and daughters-in-law Eunice Irene Petway and Madie Moore Petway. She was the loving and proud grandmother to seven granddaughters and seven grandsons.

Mrs. Petway's gracious and warm smile will be deeply missed along with the many wonderful memories and recipes she has left behind. The blessing of her warmth and love have left a mark on those close to her and will be remembered vividly and fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.