

factors contributing to the effectiveness of the programs and methods for replicating successful programs in other locations. It also would call for the creation of a clearinghouse to collect, maintain and disseminate information on prevention programs which would develop an effective network of prevention programs.

Far too many of our children spend the hours following school unsupervised and engaging in delinquent or unproductive behavior. Studies tell us that unsupervised children are at a significantly higher risk of truancy, stress, receiving poor grades, substance abuse and risk taking behaviors, including engaging in sexual activity. That is why I have introduced my ACE Act—After School Children's Education Act—it is another initiative that will go far in preventing teen pregnancy. This legislation aims to study how after school programs can be expanded and improved to keep our children safe and help them learn between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Helping our communities prevent teen pregnancy is an important mission. Unmarried teenagers who become pregnant face severe emotional, physical, and financial difficulties. The children born to unmarried teenagers will struggle to fulfill the promise given to all human life, and many of them simply will not succeed. Many of them will remain trapped in a cycle of poverty, and unfortunately may become part of our criminal justice system.

However, sometimes no matter what we do here in Washington and what parents do at home, kids have the most impact on each other. Young people can be and are positive influences on each other. Parents and other adults can encourage positive peer influence and mitigate negative peer influence. We must do all we can to encourage teens to take advantage of the potential positive influence of peers.

Our goal to reduce teen pregnancy is challenging and difficult. But if we work together, we can make a difference.

#### EXPOSING RACISM

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in my continuing efforts to document and expose racism in America, I submit the following articles into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### PLAN TO CHANGE CONFEDERATE PARK TO CANCER MEMORIAL DRAWS COMPLAINTS

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The Civil War battle that surrendered Memphis to Northern hands took place just below bluffs on the Mississippi River.

For 90 years, a 2½-acre city park atop the bluffs has served as a memorial to the Confederacy. But now, a squabble is brewing over a plan to rename the park in honor of cancer survivors.

The R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation of Kansas City, MO, which finances parks to honor cancer survivors and encourage cancer sufferers, has offered the city \$1 million to fund such a memorial, plus \$100,000 for maintenance.

John Malmo, Park Commission chairman, said the city needs the money to improve and maintain the park, which is in the right location for what the Bloch Foundation wants.

Civil War and Southern heritage buffs are less than pleased. "I don't think we're just going to take it lying down," said John T. Wilkinson III, a Memphis lawyer and member of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The General Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, have announced a rally at the park on May 19.

The Park Commission has a meeting the following day but is not expected to make a final decision on the proposal until next month.

The park has been part of the Memphis parks system for 170 years. It originally was part of the Public Promenade, 36 acres along the riverfront dedicated in March 1829 as open space for public use.

It was named Confederate Park in 1907 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The park sits close to where a Northern armada launched a spirited, but brief, battle on June 6, 1862 that ended with Memphis' surrender.

Ed Williams, Shelby County historian, said the park offered a good vantage point for citizens to watch the Battle of Memphis, and a Union contingent reportedly docked below the bluffs on the way to accept the city's surrender.

In the early 1900s, reunions of Confederate veterans were held on the site, Williams said.

The park includes several plaques honoring Civil War heroes and a statute of Confederate president Jefferson Davis. It also has memorials unrelated to the Confederacy, including a Ten Commandments tablet.

Still, Judith Johnson, executive director of Memphis Heritage Inc., said the park holds an important place in the city's past and changing it should be approached with care.

"I know a lot of people at the end of the 20th Century feel the Confederacy is not something we can hold up as a value we can embrace, but we can't erase our history," Johnson said.

#### AUTO-PARTS MAKER MAKING PROGRESS AS SPINOFF FROM GM NEARS

(By Brian S. Akre)

TROY, MICH.—Delphi Automotive Systems Corp., the auto-parts manufacturer with locations in Mississippi and soon to be independent from General Motors Corp., has no more money-losing plants, is getting cooperation from its unions to cut costs and is winning more non-GM business, its chairman said Monday.

As the world's largest parts-maker, Delphi also plans to be a major player in the industry's consolidation through an aggressive acquisition drive. J.T. Battenberg III told reporters before departing on a worldwide roadshow to raise his company's profile among investors.

Delphi was once a disparate collection of parts operations that, with parent GM, was near bankruptcy in the early 1990s. Though it lost \$93 million last year because of several one-time costs, Delphi earned \$284 million in the first quarter this year.

GM is cutting Delphi loose to focus on its core business: building cars and trucks. Delphi executives say they expect their business to grow as other automakers no longer have to fear working with a supplier owned by their biggest competitor.

There's evidence that's already happening, even though the spinoff won't be completed until May 28. In the first quarter, Delphi won \$4 billion in new contracts with GM and a surprising \$2 billion worth of non-GM contracts. Delphi stock price increased 18 percent in its first three months.

"The stock has performed well," said analyst Jonathan Lawrence of Bear, Stearns & Co. "They're certainly winning business, and that's picked up since their announcement of the spinoff."

Delphi, based in Troy, Mich., and Battenberg will face their first big test come summer when they will work out details of a new contract with the company's largest union, the United Auto Workers. Talks already are under way with some UAW locals and Battenberg said there has been progress.

UAW it Delphi with two strikes last summer that shut down GM's North American assembly plants and cost Delphi \$450 million. Both companies are trying to repair their long-contentious relationship with the union.

Battenberg declined to comment in detail on that relationship but said he was in "personal touch" with UAW leaders. Though company insiders say UAW president Stephen P. Yokich has been cooperative, publicly he has criticized the spinoff and urged GM to retain 51 percent of the company.

The Delphi-UAW talks will coincide with the union's triennial contract negotiations with GM, Ford Motor Co. and the Chrysler unit of DaimlerChrysler AG. The UAW is expected to demand that Delphi's hourly workers get virtually the same deal as GM's hourly workers.

Delphi no longer has any plants that are unprofitable, in some cases because its unions agreed to relax restrictive work rules, Battenberg said. In Kokomo, Ind., for example, the UAW agreed to work rule changes to allow the electronics plant to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Battenberg said Delphi plans to focus on acquiring companies that can supply future technology, especially in the area of high-tech electronics as computers and satellite telecommunications become more integrated into the design of car and truck interiors.

"I look at Delphi becoming an electronics company that makes products for vehicles, which is a lot more attractive than a traditional auto-parts company," Lawrence said.

Though Delphi has been trimming its work force through attrition, the company may end up adding workers if it meets its goals to increase new business, Battenberg said.

Later this month, Delphi will debut a \$1 million TV-and-print advertising campaign to coincide with the Indianapolis 500 auto race. The campaign and 20-city roadshow are intended to make Delphi a brand known outside the auto industry.

#### BILOXI NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH HISTORIC HOUSE

(By Tom Wilemon)

BILOXI, MS.—The home of Glenn and June Swetman is like a time capsule with a paradox.

Inside the home, uranium glassware glows magically form display cases. Underneath the home, the stark cement walls of a fallout shelter stand dark and dank.

The Swetmans were living the American dream during the early 1960s, but they knew that a nuclear nightmare could destroy everything.

Coping with the Cold War is only one chapter in the history of this house, which is a virtual treasure chest of fascinating objects.

But its new owner and caretaker, the city of Biloxi, does not yet know what to do with it. Biloxi assumed control of the house in January after the death of June Swetman last year.

June Swetman and her husband envisioned their home becoming a city museum or a residence for the mayor when they arranged in 1982 to donate it to the city. Either use is unlikely.

Setting up an official residence for the mayor is not a priority for Mayor A.J. Holloway or the City Council. Nor are city officials planning to open another museum.

The Georgian Revival home sits on a quiet street near the beach, has no public parking and is in an area zoned for residential use.

"Originally, the house was slated to be a historic museum dedicated to telling the story of a day in the life of a country banker," said Lolly Barnes, historical administrator for Biloxi.

"That was the original purpose Mr. Glenn Swetman had in mind. Whether or not that will be the purpose I don't know," Barnes said.

Glenn Swetman was the owner of The Peoples Bank and one of the Coast's most respected civic leaders. He had a penchant for collecting things.

The collections include valuable antiques, whimsical walking canes, uranium glassware and Japanese woodblock prints. Virtually every piece has an interesting story.

The prints once belonged to the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. A Victorian dining table came from the estate of 19th-century social reformer Dorothea Dix.

The house, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has been offered as a headquarters for some Coast performing arts organizations.

The Gulf Coast Opera is in process of setting up an office in one of the second-story bedrooms. But that does not mean the public will get to go inside.

"We don't anticipate a lot of foot traffic," said David Daniels, president of Gulf Coast Opera "What we mainly need is a phone line and computer space. It's mainly a place where people can call and make reservations for performances. That space is ideal for that."

Two of Swetmans children, Chevis Swetman and Nancy Breeland, said they were pleased that the opera will use the house because their parents avidly supported the performing arts.

Their parents established a trust fund that now totals \$85,000 to pay for maintenance and repairs at the house. An assessment of the house by the city's risk manager found no major structural damages or problems.

The property has a value of \$183,000. "We are looking at some preventive maintenance and some minor repairs," said Vincent Creel, public affairs manager for Biloxi. "The city is still assessing its long-term options for use of the property. The antique and art collections inside the house belong to the Peoples Heritage Trust, a foundation the Swetmans set up at Peoples Bank to preserve and protect the Coast's historical properties.

"As far as I know, the uranium glass collection is one of the more extensive in the country," said Chevis Swetman "Years ago, people didn't know what it was that made it glow. The opalescent glass, which glows under black lights, was created by adding uranium to a glass mixture with a high arsenic content."

Outside the home, Chevis Swetman pointed to the fallout shelter and noted that his father was a survivalist as well as a collector of fine things.

"The fallout shelter has four escape hatches in case some of them got blocked by rubble," he said. "They were all built at right angles because radiation travels in a straight line. We were prepared for the big one."

#### JUCO CAMPUSES HOLD JOINT GRADUATION

BLOXI, MS.—Sean and Stephanie Harris of Lucedale graduated from separate campuses of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, but took part in the same graduation ceremony.

For the first time since 1968, the Jackson County, Jefferson Davis and Perkinston campuses of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College united Monday night for a joint graduation ceremony.

A few months ago, the Harris couple worried about having to miss each other's graduation.

"I was very relieved to find out it was on the same day in the same place," Stephanie Harris, 25, said Monday night as she and her husband prepared for the processional at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

"We both wanted to go to each other's graduation," said 28-year-old Sean, who completed the paramedic program at the Jefferson Davis campus.

Stephanie Harris finished at the Jackson County campus with an associate of arts degree.

With increasing enrollments and record-high graduating classes, the three campuses of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College have grown too large to hold separate ceremonies in their gyms. More than 800 students took part in the Monday night ceremony.

#### NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK—1999

### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Hospital Week during the week of May 9–15. This year's theme, "People Care. Miracles Happen," recognizes the health care workers, volunteers and other health professionals who are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, curing and caring for their neighbors who need them.

An example of this dedication is the Universal Infant Hearing Screening program of Spectrum Health's Downtown Campus in my hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The program won the American Hospital Association's prestigious Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence, which highlights special contributions of hospital volunteers.

The Universal Infant Hearing Screen program identifies potential hearing loss in all babies at or transferred to Spectrum Health's Downtown Campus. Early identification and intervention can prevent a hearing problem from being a handicap.

Volunteers undergo extensive training to prepare for this program. After volunteers ad-

minister the screening, audiologists review the test results to identify infants with potential problems. Those with abnormal results are referred for re-screening or diagnostic testing. Without the work of volunteers, it would be impossible to provide this vital service to the thousands of babies at Spectrum Health every year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the staff at Spectrum Health for their dedication and their award-winning program.

#### IN MEMORY OF THE LATE LAWRENCE BANKOWSKI

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding craftsman and labor leader in my District. Lawrence Bankowski, retired President of the American Flint Glass Workers Union (AFGWU), left this world on April 10, 1999 at the age of 68 after a long and valiant struggle with cancer.

Born in Mt. Clemens, MI, Larry grew up in North Toledo, graduating from Woodward High School and attending the University of Toledo. He often worked up to three jobs at a time, and joined the AFGWU in 1955 when he went to work as a moldmaker for Ohio Permanent Mold Company, where he remained until 1973 when he was elected international union representative. He rose through the ranks in 25 years of dedicated service to the union, retiring as its International President in 1999. In representing the 121 year old AFGWU and its 18,000 members, Larry traveled to other countries, met with President Clinton, and served on the U.S. Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Trade Negotiations. He always championed the cause of working people, constantly urging that U.S. companies' production remain in the United States and that trade laws benefit workers everywhere.

A very wise leader, Larry was diligent in his life long efforts and embodied the men and women he represented in the AFGWU. Throughout his years of service in the international union, he kept his focus on the needs of the rank and file, never losing sight that the men and women making up the AFGWU and their futures were what mattered most. He understood that union working men and women can unite to fight for their economic, social and political best interests.

Larry Bankowski was also a dedicated family man, relishing time spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren. In the years I have been privileged to know him, his wife Betty, or one of his children or grandchildren always accompanied him. There is no way to adequately express our heartfelt condolences to Betty, their children Carol, Kathy, and Karen, his sisters and brother and grandchildren. May you find comfort in knowing Larry is at peace, and lives in the light he left shining in each of you, and of us. His kindness, dedication, and gentlemanly demeanor make our community and world finer and more humane.