

the benefits of PET scan technology. It will no longer be able to keep the Federal Government from realizing the savings that PET scans can generate.

A hallmark of our health care system is the ability to constantly improve patient treatment by introducing new technology. Better technology often means a more intelligent approach to the diagnosis and treatment of illness. This often translates into better care at a lower cost.

To the person who can avoid surgery, the access to PET is an immediate health concern. For the taxpayer or individual insurance consumer, reimbursement can help relieve the burden of rising costs. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement of PET technology provides access to a medical benefit that Americans should not be denied 1 more day.

Mr. Speaker, PET scans can save lives, discovering things that other types of medical scanning miss.

It will not be long before people will be demanding this technology. We should not deny its benefits to our senior citizens because of bureaucratic delays or unfair medical rules.

TRIBUTE TO BYRON McKELVIE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Byron McKelvie of Cortez, CO, who recently retired after more than 30 years in the news business. As an acknowledgement of the many years of service Mr. McKelvie gave as an objective reporter and editor of the Cortez Sentinel and Montezuma Journal, those papers recently printed a wonderfully written farewell. I would like to insert that editorial into the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. McKelvie's devotion to his work, his community, and our country.

[From the Cortez Sentinel, Sept. 9, 1995]

There's an old joke about a little boy whose parents were very concerned that he could not talk. He seemed to function quite well in every other way, and the years went by until, lo and behold, one night at the supper table an amazing thing occurred. "This roast beef is burnt," he said, quite clearly. His parents and siblings were amazed. "Jimmy," they said, "you can talk! Why have you never said anything before?" "You never burned the roast beef before," he said.

That's the way the newspaper business works; until we publish something disagreeable, every one of our thousands of readers remain silent. Much of an editor's time is spent fielding complaints about not printing enough information, printing too much information, printing information too soon or too late, and occasionally but not nearly as often as one might think, printing incorrect information. Newspaper work is thankless, but the time has come to say thanks to a man who has spent much of his life contributing to the public exchange of information.

Byron McKelvie retired this week, after 36 years in the news business, most of them at Cortez Newspapers. First as a reporter and columnist and then as editor, he has been responsible for shining a clear light on issues of great importance to Montezuma County. While covering topics too numerous to list, his primary area of expertise has been water

issues. He reported the development of the Dolores project from the early 1960s until its fruition, and he accomplished the delicate balancing act required of an objective reporter who was also an ardent supporter.

Writers are often remembered for the subjects about which they've written, but the true story of a newspaper man's career is the story of line after line of copy, year after year of deadlines, meeting after meeting to attend, newspaper after newspaper after newspaper to put out.

That's why the profession is called journalism, because a newspaper done well is a journal of life in its community. A newspaper is not a collection of stories, but thousands of chapters in a single story. For 8 years as this newspaper's editor, "Mac" has been responsible for telling that story. His accuracy, fairness, persistence and dedication are appreciated by his readers and by those of us who follow in his footsteps.

Thanks, Mac. Cortez and Montezuma County will miss you, and so will the Sentinel and the Journal, and myself.

STATEMENT ON MEDICARE BY CLAIRDA POTTS

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, Clairda Potts is a constituent of mine who came to Washington to make a statement regarding her concerns about the proposed drastic changes in the Medicare system that the House is considering today. I am a Member of Congress for the sole purpose of representing Clairda Potts and all of my constituents who would not have a voice before this body. Therefore, I am including here for printing Ms. Potts concerns in her own words. I believe her statement really says it all.

My name is Clairda Potts and I am from Louisville, KY.

I have worked since I was 9 years old and for much of that time I paid into Medicare and Social Security.

When Social Security and first developed, Congress made a commitment to the American people—if we paid in to Social Security, we would be free from financial worry in our senior years.

I am appalled that here in our great country, there are actually senior citizens who go to bed hungry or without their medication.

Now, we have a new contract with America, to give tax cuts to the rich and solvent.

I ask that Congress keep its first contract with America before it starts manufacturing new ones.

I ask you honorable Members of Congress, please do not take from the vulnerable and needy in order to satisfy the wants of the greedy.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Missouri National Guard in recognition of their great feat of transporting tons of military equipment from the Port of Balboa on the Pacific side of the Panama Canal to Jefferson City, MO. The following is the fact sheet for the project:

SEAGOING BARGES MOVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE PORT OF BALBOA, PANAMA

Late 1994.—The Missouri National Guard, in cooperation with the 102nd Army Reserve Command, ships over 340 pieces of military equipment to Panama for a Jan.-May 1995 exercise that was part of the ongoing nation building program in the US Southern Command theater. The equipment ranged from giant earthscrappers to light trucks, collected at Fort Leonard Wood and Camp Crowder, MO and loaded onto railcars and shipped to Beaumont, TX. It was unloaded there and then loaded onto a ship for the trip to Panama. Four high dollar items, UH-1 "Huey" helicopters, were flown by C-5 "Galaxy" from Whiteman AFB to avoid potential rail movement and transloading damage.

February, 1995.—Changes at Fort Leonard Wood made it impossible to plan on the fort as a return site. Regardless, the gear had to eventually come to National Guard headquarters along the Missouri River in central Missouri for maintenance after five months in Panama, and there is no rail yard there. Guard officials begin discussing barge movement with military transportation and sea-lift planners. The idea of shipment by seagoing barge became a plan and a contract was let.

June, 1995.—At the port of Balboa on the Pacific side of Panama two 400 by 100 foot barges are loaded with all equipment, including the helicopters (protected by plastic shrink wrap), towed through the canal and up to the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans, then pushed up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and in mid-July unloaded at a temporary wharf less than half mile from the Guard's maintenance shops. The helicopters are unwrapped and flown straight from the barge deck two miles to their maintenance facility.

The Results.—With four handlings en route to Panama, there was damage to numerous items of equipment, including significant damage to vehicle windshields. With the equipment handled only twice on the return (by its "owners" both times) damage was almost zero. Personnel injury risk exposure was cut in half, and the offload was completed in the Missouri River bottoms with daytime highs in the mid to upper 90s without a single injury or heat casualty among the soldiers.

The move demonstrated the ability of an inland location to serve as a power projection platform for direct overseas movement or receipt of equipment in situations where seagoing barges can be used effectively as a means of filling shortfalls in current lift capability. The move avoided the costs associated with intermediate transloading operations, including avoiding personnel injury risk exposures and potentially significant equipment damage.

TRIBUTE TO AUTUMN KEYES-ITA

HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of the great State of Nevada. Autumn Keyes-Ita has been active in Republican and civic duties for the past 30 years. She has put many hours

into improving the lives of her fellow Nevadans through her work at the Community College of southern Nevada, as well as representing Nevada at three Republican national conventions. Presently doing post-graduate work at the University of California, Dominquez Hills, Autumn was awarded a fellowship to research her paternal family, one of the founding families of Gonzales County TX, during the time that Texas was still a territory.

Autumn has served under three Governors and two Presidents, as well as running the Clark County office of the Republican Party in 1972. Along with these accomplishments, Autumn has spent her life in the service of children and adults who are mentally challenged. Her love of the arts has led her to serve an assistant directorship of two major Broadway hits, Oklahoma and Carousel.

Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Autumn Keyes-Ita for her outstanding accomplishments and civic pride. She is a shining example of women making a difference in their community.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD AND
JANICE SAMBOL

HON. DICK ZIMMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. ZIMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize two remarkable individuals, Richard and Janice Sambol of Middletown, NJ. The Sambols will be honored this evening at the 1995 Testimonial Dinner and Journal Tribute for the Center for Holocaust Studies at Brookdale Community College.

Our community has been enhanced by the Sambol's civic endeavors and their personal generosity. The Ocean County Association of Children with Learning Disabilities named Dick Sambol Man of the Year; the Monmouth/Ocean Counties National Conference of Christians and Jews has honored him with the Brotherhood Award; the Ocean County Council, Boy Scouts of America has presented him with its Citizen of the Year Award; and the Kimball Medical Center Foundation has given him the Kimball Humanitarian Award. In 1990, both Dick and Janice were honored with the first annual Theodore Herzl Leadership Award by the Ocean County Jewish Federation.

Dick has built a highly successful construction business known for excellence of its work and its ethical practices. Janice has served the community by her active participation in a host of community and philanthropic organizations, including Hadassah, of which she is a life member. Dick and Janice have set wonderful examples for those around them by making public service an integral part of their lives.

It has been my privilege to get to know such giving and consequential people. I am happy to join in honoring Dick and Janice for their years of humanitarian efforts and dedication to their community, and wish all the best to both of them and to their entire family.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
FAIRFIELD, OH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, today, the city of Fairfield, OH, marks its 40th anniversary. On this proud day, I extend my heartiest congratulations to its citizens, who have made Fairfield what it is today and what it promises to be tomorrow.

Although Fairfield became a city only 40 years ago, it boasts a proud history. Early in 1787, the New Jerseyite John Cleves Symmes heard from Major Benjamin Stites of a place in the western territories that was "the garden spot of any place that he had seen." Moved to visit the land, Judge Symmes formed a company to buy a large tract of land between the Little Miami and Big Miami Rivers, and ultimately, Judge Symmes was successful in buying just less than 1 million acres, at approximately 66 cents per acre.

Revolutionary war veterans moved into Ohio, seeking better lives for their families from the richness of the land. They traveled the country roads now recognized as U.S. Route 127 and S.R. 4. These pioneers began the statehood application process, and Ohio was accepted as a State in 1803. The opening of the Erie and Miami Canals in the 1820's brought greater prosperity and immigration to Fairfield's promising pastures, as farm goods and people moved freely between Ohio and major markets on the east coast.

In this century, Fairfield has grown and thrived, just as America has grown and thrived. While nearby Cincinnati grew into a truly large world class city, Fairfield maintained its uniquely American, town-of-the-heartland, entrepreneurial character. Incorporated as a village on July 10, 1954, it officially became a city on October 20, 1954. Today, its outlook for the future is as sure as its roots in the past. As a thriving center of the small businesses that will lead America into the next century, Fairfield is truly an illustration of how citizens, politically and economically empowered, can take control of their lives and make a better world for themselves and their families. I sincerely and enthusiastically congratulate Fairfield on its 40th year of independent life as a city, and look forward to many more successful years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY
OF OAK PARK

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on October 29, 1995, the city of Oak Park, MI, marks the end of its 50th anniversary celebration.

Since its incorporation 50 years ago, Oak Park's recent immigrants and long-time residents have helped transform it from semirural origins into a thriving community that is a good place to live, to work, and to raise families.

With the strong support of the Oak Park business community and the tireless efforts of city staff and volunteers, Oak Park has celebrated this milestone with fireworks, public safety programs, beautification projects, an international festival, recreation programs, and musical shows by nationally known performing artists.

The year-long celebration comes to an end October 29, with the annual dinner that honors more than 200 volunteers who serve on Oak Park's many boards and commissions.

It is my pleasure to share in the celebration and best wishes for continued success and prosperity for the city of Oak Park, MI.