

and in several ways, Sony Electronics Inc. has demonstrated a strong interest in the education of children.

Sony has been an active participant in all five of my annual TechFair education-high technology symposia. TechFairs bring local high school students together with San Diego's leading high-technology employers and researchers. The students learn about career opportunities in high technology, and speak one-on-one with men and women who work in high-technology fields every day. They learn what kind of education they need to succeed in the good paying, high-technology careers of today and tomorrow. This year's TechFair, held at the new Scripps Ranch High School, featured a demonstration of Sony's new digital satellite communications technology. Partly as a result of Sony's longstanding commitment to technology in education, the 1995 TechFair was the biggest and best ever.

They have also sponsored the 24 Challenge mathematics competition I initiated with San Diego schools.

I have also had the privilege of addressing students participating in Sony's Student Project Abroad. Under this program, Sony selects top math and science from around the country in an educational and cultural exchange. They spend 2 weeks visiting Sony plants in San Diego and Japan, and learn about high-technology manufacturing.

Most recently, on October 12 and 13, Sony participated in a distance learning conference based in Johnston, IA, with Gov. Terry Branstad and other State and local officials. They explored and shared ways to affordably link rural areas, particularly our schools, through new telecommunications technologies.

The future of our work to expand the technological literacy of the next generation of Americans depends not on larger Federal programs run from Washington, or on an expansion of the huge national debt. Our promise lies in the ingenuity of individuals and private enterprise, and companies like Sony, who are willingly volunteering their personnel and expertise to inspire and teach tomorrow's scientists and engineers.

SALUTING THE CONGREGATION OF THE SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ROSEHILL, TX

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, faith is a wonderful but mysterious thing. It enhances our lives when times are good, and sustains us when life seems almost unbearable. Faith in God and love for one's fellow man are two of the most valuable gifts a person can possess.

The men, women, and children who attend the Salem Lutheran Church in Rosehill, TX, realize that their faith springs from within. They recognize that their church's foundation is built on more than brick, concrete, and glass. They understand that that foundation is built upon the faith, the kindness and the compassion of each and every one of the church's members.

Sadly, I must report that on the evening of Tuesday, November 21, a four-alarm fire de-

stroyed the sanctuary of the Salem Lutheran Church. More than 25 fire trucks from Rosehill and nearby communities responded to the blaze, and only because of the decisive action of one fire fighter was the church's family center saved from destruction.

Mr. Speaker, Salem Lutheran Church is the oldest Missouri Lutheran Church in the State of Texas. When founded in 1852, Salem Lutheran Church was the first church in the Tomball area, which then was known as Peck. In 1870, the one-room sanctuary was transformed into the Salem Lutheran School, with students in grades one through eight attending. A new sanctuary was erected nearby.

Despite its long and proud history, Salem Lutheran Church has also known tragedy and heartache. In 1964, the church pastor and his wife were killed in an auto accident. Then, several months later, the church burned to the ground. Finally a new structure was built, and it was dedicated in 1967.

Now that the sanctuary is gone, church services will be held at Salem Lutheran School. The 2,000 members of the church's congregation can look forward to better days ahead, however.

Even before the November 21 blase, the church had begun a new, 2,000-seat sanctuary, which, when completed, will be the largest Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Texas. While construction of the new structure will continue for at least another year, I am confident that the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church will get through this difficult time because of its faith.

No one knows why this latest disaster has struck Salem Lutheran Church. When adversity strikes, we often ask ourselves what we did to arouse God's wrath. The fact is that God has a plan for each and every one of use who believes in Him, including the men, women, and children who attend the Salem Lutheran Church.

This latest tragedy, no matter how difficult it is for us to understand, is a part of that plan. And that knowledge will, I hope, sustain senior pastor Wayne Grauman; administrative pastor Doug Dommer; pastor of care and counseling Craig Whitson; and the entire congregation of the Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill in the weeks and months ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in keeping the congregation of the Salem Lutheran Church in our thoughts and prayers, and wishing them a full and speedy recovery from this most recent tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO ANETA CORSAUT

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to pay tribute to Aneta Corsaut, a dear friend, who died much too young from cancer this November. Aneta was a spirited, warm, and lovely woman who had a heartfelt compassion for others. Those who knew her well were touched by her selflessness and feelings of empathy. She was a special person, and we will miss her very much.

Born in Hutchinson, KS, Aneta came to southern California in 1950's to pursue her dream of being an actress. She landed a part in "The Blob," which has become a science fiction cult classic and, later, had a recurring role on the Andy Griffith Show as Helen Crump, Andy's girlfriend. Whether on the New York stage—where she started—or a Hollywood soundstage, Aneta found success in a profession that is notoriously difficult. All of her friends were so proud of her accomplishments.

But there was another side to Aneta, a side that brought her into our world. Aneta had a passion for politics, especially Democratic Party politics—a rarity for a person from Kansas. We would like to think that her political affiliation was a direct result of her selfless, caring nature. Most important, she was an unapologetic liberal to the end.

We both had the good fortune to work with Aneta. Her dedication to causes and issues was heartening. At a time of widespread cynicism and apathy Aneta was the perfect counter, a living, breathing example of how essential it is for people to get involved. We—all of us—need more Aneta Corsauts in this world.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Aneta Corsaut, whose life is an inspiration to all. We were lucky indeed to have known her.

TRIBUTE TO PENN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the 1995 State of Indiana Class 5-A football champions: my alma mater, the Penn Kingsmen. On Saturday, November 25, Head Coach Chris Geesman and the Kingsmen completed a perfect 14-0 season by crushing favored Evansville North 35-13 in the State final.

Penn's second State football championship marked the end of what might be considered the most spectacular title run in Indiana playoff history. The last seven teams which Penn faced had a combined record of 55-8. Not only did the Kingsmen emerge victorious in each of these games, they did so by an average score of 25-6.

For the season, which marked Penn's 23d consecutive winning year, the Kingsmen outscored their opponents by a total of 424-84 and finished with a plus-36 turnover ratio. In the final, their Wild Bunch defense forced five turnovers, which the Gold Rush offense converted into victory.

I would also like to commend Penn quarterback, Matt Geesman, for being the recipient of the coveted Phil Eskew Mental Attitude Award. Matt is more than a talented quarterback and team leader. He is also an extraordinary student who is first in his class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate Coach Geesman, the assistant coaches, and the entire team on their first State football championship since 1983. Few people thought this team had what it took, but in the end, hard work, unselfish play, and flawless execution combined to bring the Indiana Class 5-A trophy to Mishawaka.

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend my fellow Oklahoman, Paul Harvey, for correctly pointing out that the theory of global warming is not supported by the facts. The scare mongers would have us shut down our domestic energy production based upon falsehoods. The scare mongers are receiving grants from taxpayers to attack taxpayers' livelihoods. I thank Paul for letting America know the truth.

[From the *Climatology*, Oct. 17, 1995]

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING

Many scholars and institutions secure grant money for research by scaring people—by producing bad news about population, about resources, about environment.

One recent-years bogey has been the claim by some academics that "the sky is falling."

Specifically, these scaremongers argue that our use of fossil fuels is figuratively burning a hole in the sky, letter in too much sun, threatening global warming.

This year's Nobel Prize was awarded to three disciples of that theory—that chemical actions are breaking down atmospheric ozone.

Robert Balling, Junior is director of the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University.

He says those peddling this pessimistic prognosis are false—alarmists.

And, he notes, the New York Times is parroting this apocalyptic view of the future, giving its front page to the theory of planetary temperature increases over the past 40 years, retreating glaciers, increasing sea levels and the increase in both drought and heavy rain.

In rebuttal this climatologist responds with satellite measurements. Rather than global warming, this most accurate of all ways of measuring the Earth's temperature shows a slight "global cooling" since 1979.

The Arctic area, where most warming should be expected, has warmed not at all over the past sixteen years according to our satellite observations. According to the measurement of standard weather stations there has been no measurable warming over the past 50 years.

And, says, this climatologist, while some glaciers have retreated—others have advanced—including large ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

Organizations within the United Nations, anticipating the inevitability of budget cuts, are desperately seeking to justify their existence.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (PCC) is composed of 2,500 scientists around the world.

Its recent book-length report, clearly labeled, "FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY. DO NOT DISTRIBUTE"... was nonetheless distributed.

It was intended to be circulated among contributors for their further evaluation and further contributions.

Instead it was "leaked" to media people who focused on the summary section and sounded an alarm which has embarrassed many of the scientists who contributed to the study.

There is just enough "Chicken Little" in all of us so that the tabloids with the most gross headlines are the ones which sell best.

I promise, before the sky falls, to let you know.

OUR TROOPS IN BOSNIA

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I question the President's decision to send 20,000 American ground troops to Bosnia. With the additional military personnel the President has committed to the Balkans, our total presence will be over 30,000 men and women.

I believe that, as Americans, we best serve our Nation's foreign policy interests when we present a single, unified voice. The President, however, hasn't yet presented a compelling case for American combat troops.

I am willing to listen to the President, and will base my decision on the following criteria: Is the deployment of troops in our national interest? Are the mission's objectives clearly defined and obtainable? Can the mission be accomplished and finalized within a reasonable time period?

I will evaluate all the facts and, in consultation with the Defense Department and other military experts, reach a decision at the appropriate time.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2126,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

Ms. PELOSI. I rise to oppose the conference report for H.R. 2126, Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1996. On September 29, this House defeated the DOD conference report by a vote of 151 to 267. Since that vote, there have been only minor changes to the contents of this conference report and it should be rejected.

Like the first conference agreement, this conference agreement appropriates a total of \$243.4 billion for defense programs—nearly \$7 billion more than the administration's request. When combined with the defense-related provisions of other appropriations bills, this Congress will have appropriated nearly \$265 billion for defense-related programs during this fiscal year.

My colleagues, these enormous expenditures represent a much greater threat to the security of this country than the former Soviet Union ever did. In order to fund unnecessary weapons systems like the B-2 and the *Seawolf* submarine, we have slashed funding for health care insurance programs, decent and affordable housing, and many higher education opportunities for young Americans.

We should support a level of defense spending necessary to meet our legitimate security needs. We should not support a conference agreement that is filled with corporate pork and wasteful expenditures. Vote "no" on this conference report.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S WISH
WEEK

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of International Children's Wish Week: November 26 to December 2, 1995.

This special week recognizes the courage of terminally ill children who while facing horrible, debilitating diseases manage to remain strong, and the organization that aims to keep their hopes up. Their high spirits send a message of joy and hope to be emulated and celebrated by us all.

Devoting this 1 week to victims of terminal medical diseases, Children's Wish Foundation International, an outstanding organization committed to fulfilling the dreams of terminally ill children, invites volunteers to support these wonderful children and their families.

The Children's Wish Foundation International is a non-profit service organization that brings happiness, comfort, and warmth to children and their families whose most lucid memories involve hospitals, doctors, and a sterile environment. To alleviate their pain, the foundation strives to fulfill a child's wish. The only payment received by the foundation is witnessing the joy that they have brought to a child and their family.

Thousands of wishes have come true all over the United States and throughout the world. Celebrities and professionals of all types volunteer their time and money to make wishes into realities. The joy that is generated fills the hearts of everyone involved, from the child and their family to the member of the Children's Wish Foundation who made the wish come true.

To the Children's Wish Foundation International and International Children's Wish Week, I would like to extend my sincerest admiration and gratitude. The special services you provide and your ceaseless generosity are models for us all.

A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER BOOKER
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HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to the outstanding accomplishments of one of Milwaukee's most beloved citizens. As Brother Booker T. Ashe steps down from his duties at the House of Peace in Milwaukee, I would like to take a moment to reflect on his remarkable contributions to our city and our country.

Brother Booker as he is fondly known has dedicated his entire life to the cause of helping others. For 28 years, Brother Booker has been an unfailing presence in our community. In 1967, he founded Milwaukee's House of Peace, one of the Nation's most successful nonprofit institutions created from a central city storefront with one mission: to provide help for those in need. Brother Booker has always been there. Whether he is providing food to