

America. America has sold its soul to China, Mexico, Japan. If we were ever to go into another world war, we could not even build what we would need to fight it. Is there a steel mill left in America? Is there a textile mill left in America? You would be pretty hard pressed to find one, a sad statement on us.

As to what I do? No trips during the week except to work and back. If I can do any errand on the way, great, otherwise, it waits till the weekend. I plan one trip, one circle. If something is missed, too bad, it is missed. The real clincher is this, I tithe to my church, I give the Lord 10% of my gross income. It costs me almost as much, \$10 less, to keep my car in gasoline between paychecks. Now I think it is pretty awful when I have to give the gas company as much as I give the Lord. He gives me everything I have, the gas company gives me nothing except anger when I hear of the profits they make. And I think that pretty well sums it up, 10% to the Lord vs. almost as much to the gas company!

DIANNE, *Hayden Lake.*

I am a taxi driver here in Boise. In a year's time, the cost to fill my tank has increased nearly 100% but my average fare has remained static. If it were not for my military retirement, I would no longer make enough to cover basic costs and make a profit. I am 61 years old and am not practiced in a marketable skill so the prospect of making a move to another occupation is nil. My only reasonable hope is that Boise will increase our per mile fees in the near future; it is unlikely that fuel prices will decrease in the near future.

I have been watching your position on domestic drilling with interest. Though alternative energy sources are imperative for the future of America, I am pleased to see that you share my position that energy self-reliance is the immediate solution to our present crisis. I applaud you and urge you to continue your good work and prosecute this agenda with rigor.

EARLE, *Boise.*

Not only is the fuel much too high but I cannot find employment. I am over 60, have experience, but it seems I am "over-qualified" or I need more "experience". What a lot of rubbish! I call it age discrimination, but that is difficult to prove. With the fuel prices so high, if I do find employment, it will take a huge chunk of my pay just to get back and forth to work. Are unemployment benefits going to be extended for Idaho residents? My benefits ended this week, no hope of a job in sight and my husband can not work due to medical reasons. What is a person to do?

Getting Desperate

JANET, *Emmett.*

As Director of Gritman Adult Day Health which provides day health care for elders who want to remain in their own home in Moscow and Latah County, I am including an article from the NY Times which talks about the cost of gas and how it affects rural elderly. It is very sad that these folks who often aren't able to drive are so affected by the cost of gas. Please do everything you can to remedy this: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121263496261947543.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

BARB, *Moscow.*

Gasoline prices are now far too high for the average family, and causing increasing rises in the cost of living in many other areas. For instance, every time one goes to the grocery store, an increase in pricing is noted on items, and thus causing many to have to go without needed supplies. Saving a percentage

of income has become just a dream for many, and others cannot make ends meet without going into further debt.

BEVERLY, *Parma.*

Yes, gas has gotten way out of hand. Do what you can to decrease the costs and return to a life with some normalcy.

DIANA, *Kootenai.*

Thank you for at least noticing that we have a problem with the cost. I do not believe, however, that anything can be done with out us paying somewhere else. I make a good living working for the military here in Boise but am still unable to put any money aside. It is funny that every time we receive a pay raise that the price of fuel goes up and our health care premiums grow as well, so you never see any savings. Thanks again; good luck with this effort.

CLINTON, *Emmett.*

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY VANDERHOEF

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased to recognize the career and contributions of University of California, Davis, Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef for his 25 years of service to the university.

Chancellor Vanderhoef was born in a small Wisconsin town and was the first person in his family to graduate from high school. After high school, he attended the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, where he earned a B.S. and M.S. in biology and later earned a Ph.D. in plant biochemistry at Purdue University. Chancellor Vanderhoef began his career in education at the University of Illinois in 1970 as a faculty member and was appointed provost at the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1980. He spent the next 4 years at the University of Maryland before heading west to California and the University of California, Davis, in 1984.

Chancellor Vanderhoef began his career at U.C. Davis serving as executive vice chancellor and later as provost/executive vice chancellor. In April 1994, Larry Vanderhoef was named the fifth chancellor of the University of California, Davis.

Under Chancellor Vanderhoef's leadership, U.C. Davis experienced a period of dramatic growth, adding 4 million square feet of office, classroom, lab, and clinical space to support its 8,000 additional students and 44 percent more faculty. He revitalized the south end of campus with the additions of the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Performing Arts Center, the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, and the Graduate School of Management.

During Chancellor Vanderhoef's tenure at Davis, the university was invited to join the Association of American Universities, recognizing Davis's standing as a top research university. The campus has also been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as the 11th best public university and Wash-

ington Monthly recognized it as the 8th best university for their contributions to society.

Over his career, Chancellor Vanderhoef has been honored for his dedicated leadership at U.C. Davis and in the community. In 2003, the Arts and Business Council of Sacramento honored him with its Prelude to the Season Outstanding Contribution Award; in 2004, he was honored as Sacramentan of the Year by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; and in 2006 he was given the Northern California International Leadership Award from the Northern California World Trade Center and California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for his efforts to increase the campus's international engagement. He was also named one of the 20 people who have contributed most substantially to California's Capital Region over the past 20 years by The Sacramento Business Journal.

As the University of California and Davis community gather to celebrate the retirement of Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, I would like to congratulate him and thank him for his service to California. •

REMEMBERING DOROTHY GREEN

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am honored to remember a great American activist, environmental leader, mentor, and woman of service—Dorothy Green, who passed away on October 13, 2008, at the age of 79.

Dorothy's career as a leading environmental activist for clean and sound water policy spanned three decades. She was well known for her self-taught expertise on clean oceans and responsible water management. She also founded several well-known organizations that continue to make an impact on California's environment.

Dorothy Green was born in Detroit to Polish immigrants in 1929. She moved to California where she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in music. She married her husband Jacob in 1951. For many years, Dorothy stayed home and took care of her children. In 1962, she began dedicating her life to volunteerism with her involvement in the Exceptional Children's Foundation, committed to helping children with developmental disabilities—like her son, Hershel.

Dorothy began advocating for water quality in 1972 when she volunteered in a campaign to establish the California Coastal Commission. From there, Dorothy became president of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, where she focused primarily on sewage treatment. However, Dorothy is best known for forming one of the largest, nonprofit environmental groups in Los Angeles in 1985, Heal the Bay. Heal the Bay has grown to 15,000 members and fights to protect coastal waters, clean up beaches, and reports on the

water quality conditions of over 500 California beaches through its annual Beach Report Card.

Dorothy's work did not stop with Heal the Bay. She went on to found the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council to preserve, restore, and enhance the economic, social, and environmental aspects of the local watersheds. She also went on to help establish the Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform and the California Water Impact Network—both dedicated to water sustainability.

Even to the very last days of her life, when she was bedridden and under hospice care, Dorothy fought for positive change. She wrote an editorial for the Los Angeles Times, pleading for sensible water policy, and she even provided specific guidance on how to obtain it. Dorothy inspired others to take action on environmental issues through a life of dedicated leadership and service.

Green is survived by three sons, Joshua, Avrom and Herschel; two brothers, Morris and Gerald; and three granddaughters, Jessica, Katherine and Tara. I send my deepest condolences to them.

Our Nation lost an amazing environmental activist with the passing of Dorothy Green, but her legacy to the State of California and promotion of clean ocean water will live on.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENSWORTH, CALIFORNIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Allensworth, a town located in California's San Joaquin Valley founded by COL Allen Allensworth.

After his retirement, COL Allen Allensworth, who escaped slavery during the Civil War to serve with the Union Army, arrived in California in hopes of developing a settlement where hard work and a strong sense of community would enable the town's residents and future generations to realize their full potential as free citizens and without discrimination.

In 1908, the settlers eventually settled on a region located between Fresno and Bakersfield in Tulare County, a site with an abundance of rich farm land, a site that they would name "Allensworth" in honor of the Colonel whose belief in self-determination and liberty led them to central California.

In just a few years after its founding, the town of Allensworth grew from a remote outpost to a vibrant community with a school, church, and a number of thriving businesses. The library in Allensworth was the first in Tulare County. Allensworth was a close-knit community where residents often came together to participate in formal debates, plays, and a number of social activities.

After Colonel Allensworth's passing in 1914, a number of families remained in pursuit of his vision, and their dedi-

cation to the principles of freedom and liberty earned the town the title "the town that refused to die."

In 1974, the California State Parks purchased the townsite of Allensworth, and it became the Colonel Allensworth Historic State Park, the first State park that highlights the contributions made by African-American pioneers to the State of California.

Today, the Allensworth Historic State Park, where many of the town's original buildings have been restored and reconstructed, provides a window for visitors to see the vision of COL Allen Allensworth, a true California pioneer.

The story of the town of Allensworth's years is a testament to the value of freedom and determination. As its many admirers gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Allensworth, I thank them for their support and wish them a successful and enjoyable visit.●

REMEMBERING BRADLEY MOODY

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of a dedicated law enforcement officer, Officer Bradley Alan Moody of the City of Richmond Police Department. For the past 8 years, Officer Moody worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of Richmond with safety and service. On October 4, 2008, Officer Moody was tragically injured in the line of duty, and passed away 3 days later.

Officer Moody, 29 years old, was deeply committed to the city of Richmond. Shortly before his accident, he had received a commendation for chasing down and arresting two suspects carrying concealed weapons in separate incidents in August 2008.

A K-9 officer and a member of the Richmond Police Department SWAT team, Officer Moody was renowned for his extraordinary work ethic among fellow officers. He was also extremely personable; able to both fight crime and interact with youth in the community. Throughout his career, Officer Moody demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member of the Richmond Police Department. Officer Moody's colleagues will always remember him for his professionalism and devotion to serving the public.

Officer Moody was a loving husband, proud father, and devoted friend. He is survived by his wife, Susan, a former Richmond police dispatcher, and two young children. Officer Moody served the city of Richmond with honor and dignity, and his contributions to his community and the many lives he touched will serve as a shining example of his legacy.

We will always be grateful for Officer Moody's service and the valor that he displayed while serving and protecting the people of Richmond.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBRA STREISAND

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased and honored to pay tribute to the legendary Barbra Streisand, one of the most talented and successful female entertainers in modern history. For more than 40 years, Barbra's wildly successful career in music, television, film, and theater has enamored fans across America and abroad. In recognition of her great achievements and contributions to American culture, Barbra has been named a Kennedy Center Honoree for 2008.

Barbra Streisand was born on April 24, 1942 in Brooklyn, NY. The daughter of Diana and Emanuel Streisand, Barbra passionately pursued her dream of a career in show business from a young age. After getting her start in New York City night clubs, Barbra signed a contract with Columbia Records in 1962.

In 1963, the 21-year-old singer won two Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year. At that time, Barbra was the youngest artist to have ever received that award. Barbra has now recorded 60 albums, sold over 148 million albums worldwide, and is one of the highest-selling female artists of all time.

In 1965, "My Name is Barbra," her first television special, earned five Emmys and the distinguished Peabody Award. In 1968, she earned the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in her very first motion picture, "Funny Girl." In 1976, Barbra became the first female composer to win an Academy Award, for her song "Evergreen" from the film "A Star Is Born."

Barbra continued smashing glass ceilings when she became the first woman ever to direct, write, and star in a major motion picture. "Yentl" received five Academy Award nominations. She also directed, wrote, and starred in "Prince of Tides," which received even more nominations, including one for Best Picture. Barbra is one of a very few individuals who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony award.

As her career continues to rise to unfathomable heights, Barbra never shies away from an opportunity to improve the lives of others. She has worked tirelessly on issues of national and international importance. Her commitment to social justice is demonstrated by the work of the Streisand Foundation—which benefits national organizations working on the protection of civil rights, environmental preservation, voter education, nuclear disarmament, and women's health. Barbra received the Humanitarian Award from the Human Rights Campaign in 2004.

Barbra's unparalleled talent, enthusiasm and commitment are reflected by the millions of individuals whose lives she has touched. We are grateful for Barbra's innumerable gifts, and I hope you will all join me in celebrating the remarkable Barbra Streisand.●