

summer, USAI declared its intention to buy the outstanding shares of its key subsidiaries. Expedia and Hotels.com resisted briefly but yielded this spring.

Soon USAI will introduce loyalty incentive programs for people using its various e-commerce services. Diller said the first incarnation, perhaps points-based rewards, will debut later this year or early next. He added that he has no plans to create an overarching Internet network with a "single sign-on" for users of USAI sites, such as AOL attempted with its Web properties and Time Warner did with its original magazine sites at the ill-fated Pathfinder.com.

"We do not believe in unnatural synergies, and we don't have one totalitarian brand," Diller said. "We only want to make relationships where natural law dictates they make sense."

AOL and Time Warner, of course, hyped "synergies" among their many brands when the two companies merged three years ago. Diller said the big lesson he learned from watching that merger flop was not to short-change his Internet products but to keep improving them. "They took care of everything but the product itself and paid a terrible price for it," Diller said of AOL.

But USAI will exploit natural connections, he added, such as cross-linking among its Web sites and pursuing other cross-marketing opportunities. For instance, Evite.com, a free invitation service owned by USAI, already rotates banner ads on its online personals site, Match.com, and the Entertainment book. You can imagine its Citysearch's online city guides linking prominently to LendingTree's real estate service, or Hotels.com offering local event tickets from Ticketmaster when people book rooms.

Whatever Diller winds up calling his many-headed Internet beast, it's a good bet it will grow up to be one of the surviving giants of the dot-corn jungle.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes because of a death in the family. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

June 4, 2003: Roll call vote 236, on agreeing to H. Res. 257, I would have voted "yea"; Roll call vote 237, on motion to suspend the rules and agreeing to H. Con. Res. 177, I would have voted "yea"; Roll call vote 238, on motion to suspend the rules and agreeing to H. Res. 201, I would have voted "yea"; and also on June 4, 2003—Roll call vote 239, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. STARK and I rise today to honor Shiloh Baptist Church of Hayward, California and its pastor, Reverend Jesse L. Davis, Sr. on the 35th Anniversary of its founding.

On September 5, 1968, a small group of Christians met at the home of Emmett & Ber-

nice Mason to organize a church. The Reverend Jesse L. Davis accepted the charge and was installed as Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church by Adolph Kelly, Pastor of Macedonian Baptist Church in Milpitas, California.

Shiloh Baptist's first facility was shared with Indian Baptist Church on Arthur Street in Oakland. In its second year, Shiloh Baptist bought that building as well as the one adjacent. Additionally, an Assistant Pastor was ordained and appointed, the Reverend Porter Clewis. The old building was demolished in 1976 and a new one was dedicated in June of 1978, along with the Jesse L. Davis Educational building. The congregation outgrew its facility once more, and moved to its present location in Hayward in October, 1992.

Shiloh Baptist has been honored by the Southern Baptist Convention of California. Also, the Mass Choir has received the "Church Choir of the Year Award" at the 24th Annual Gospel Academy Awards. Sister Doria Cummins-Lewis was awarded "Director of the Year."

Among the ministries Shiloh Baptist has organized are Angel Tree (part of Prison Ministry), Street Witnessing, Feeding Program, Tutorial Program, Singles Ministry, Sisters of Excellence Women's Ministry, Alpha & Omega Drama and Dance Troupe. Together they have changed the lives of many people for the better.

Since its inception, Shiloh Baptist's rise has mirrored that of its leader, Reverend, Jesse L. Davis, Sr. Reverend Davis was born in Louisiana in 1937 and will celebrate his 66th birthday on June 11. He attained an Associate of Arts Degree at Merritt College before graduating the Bay Cities Bible Institute, both in Oakland. He later attended the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley and had an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree conferred upon him by the University of Biblical Studies at Burbank, California.

In addition to his guidance of Shiloh Baptist for the past 35 years, Jesse has been a Lay Evangelism School Teacher with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Vice-President and past President of the Baptist Pastor's and Minister's Conference of Oakland, Director of Christian Education for the Mt. Zion District Association, and Treasurer for the California Baptist State Convention.

Finally as we honor Shiloh Baptist Church and the esteemed Reverend Dr. Jesse L. Davis, Sr., we want to thank them on behalf of the entire 9th and 13th Congressional District for serving the greater Bay Area for 35 years. Reverend Davis and his wife, Sister Alma Davis, have shared their wisdom and been great community leaders. Due to their positive influence, their sons, Rev. Jesse L. Davis, II and Rev. Andrew Paul Davis have followed in their father's footsteps. Most of all, we thank them for their friendship and for their prayers.

I take great pride in joining friends, family, and the congregation to salute Shiloh Baptist Church and its leader, the extraordinary Pastor Jesse L. Davis, Sr.

HONORING SMALLWOOD DRIVE SCHOOL ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS PRESENT LOCATION

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the

Smallwood Drive School for its excellence in pursuing its mission of "Learning, Growing, and Changing" in educating the children in its community. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary since the school's relocation to its current site on Smallwood Drive in Snyder, New York.

Smallwood Drive School was founded in 1813. On January 5th, 1952, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the creation of a new campus. On June 21st, 1952, the cornerstone was laid of what is the current Smallwood Drive School. And in February of 1953, the first principal, George Brighton, opened the classroom wings.

Beyond providing students with an outstanding education, Smallwood Drive School has been looked upon as an innovative school—a pioneer on many educational fronts—such as learning style approaches and an inclusion program to serve children with special needs. The school has brought in authors, writers, and scientists, and planned special days centered on communication and science. The school has worked with numerous outside groups over the years including the Young Audience, the University of Buffalo, and the World University Games.

Smallwood Drive School has also developed a number of unique and fun traditions that greatly benefit the children, such as bicycle safety rodeos, annual concerts, gym shows, class plays, annual craft shows, ice-cream socials, and a 5th grade operetta.

On the whole, Smallwood Drive School provides an outstanding education and social environment in which children may learn, grow, and change—all for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in saluting the Smallwood Drive School as it marks its 50th Anniversary at its current location. For the past 50 years, Smallwood Drive School has excelled in educating our youth and made its surrounding community a better place.

MEMORIAL DAY BRAT FEST OF MADISON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the annual Memorial Day Brat Fest of Madison.

This event, run by locally owned Metcalfe's Sentry Foods, started in 1983 as a modest customer appreciation luncheon and grew into the huge city wide charity event that it is today. Over this past Memorial Day weekend, an impressive \$26,252 was raised for charity. Since the founding in 1983, the Brat Fest has raised over \$220,000 for the local charities whose members volunteer at the stands each Memorial Day.

This year, Brat Fest reached two amazing milestones. The first was a new record high of 123,520 brats sold, setting a new world record. One of these brats was the millionth brat sold for charity since the birth of the festival.

Not only is the event to be recognized for its contributions to local charities, but also for its promotion of community spirit and vitality. This event brings people from all backgrounds in the community together in support of local organizations. Wisconsinites are given the chance to interact with "celebrity" cashiers. Every year as a cashier I truly enjoy gathering with my constituents at Brat Fest, serving up brats, and making sure no one leaves hungry.

This form of positive community building is commendable and deserves recognition. I look forward to future Memorial Day Brat Fests and the service that they provide for the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
PETER RODINO ON HIS BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor my predecessor and one of the most outstanding members ever to serve in this body, the Honorable Peter Rodino, as he celebrates his 94th birthday on June 7th.

As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee from the 93rd through the 100th Congress, former Representative Rodino set a standard for excellence which earned him a national reputation. While he is best known for presiding over the Watergate hearings with fairness, decorum, and a respect for history, he also had many other legislative accomplishments during his 40 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives. He managed the historic 1966 Civil Rights Bill on the floor of the House. He was the author of the 1982 Voting Rights Act Extension and a leader in the successful effort to make Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday.

Chairman Rodino has been honored with numerous international, national and local awards, including Pope John Paul II's Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Award; the Democratic Council on Ethnic Americans' Democratic Ethnic Heritage Award for Leadership, and the Rutgers University Award. He has received honorary degrees from more than 15 colleges and universities, including Seton Hall, Princeton, Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson. He joined the Seton Hall Law School faculty in 1988.

Along with many others, as a youngster growing up and as a college student, I was inspired by Peter Rodino to enter public service. Many of us followed his work in Congress with great pride and admiration for his integrity and willingness to stand up for what was right. I was proud that he served as Chairman of a reception held in my honor during my reelection campaign for county office in 1976 at my alma mater, Seton Hall University.

It has been a privilege for me to serve in the Congressional seat once held by Representative Rodino. I am always aware that I have big shoes to fill in replacing such a legendary public servant.

I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in sending best wishes for continued health and happiness to Chairman Rodino on his birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOANNE CARLIN

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the life of Joanne Carlin, a lifelong resident of the Cleveland area, who died on May 14 after a courageous battle against cancer.

Joanne's giving spirit was shaped by her experiences growing up in Cleveland's Tremont area. A product of St. Augustine Catholic School, she eventually moved to Garfield Heights, where she graduated from high school.

Joanne owned and operated a beauty salon on Cleveland's west side. Her former customers praised her as a loyal and generous person.

She later sold her business and moved to Medina County to become a full-time homemaker. An excellent cook, Joanne enriched the lives of her family and friends as the consummate hostess during family gatherings and holidays.

Our hearts go out to her husband and best friend, James; her four stepchildren and three stepgrandchildren; and legions of family and friends who recall the memories of these gatherings and the tremendous influence Joanne had in their lives.

HONORING THE GREECE LITTLE
LEAGUE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the Greece Little League of Greece, New York, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Baseball has been America's pastime for over a century: a source of recreation and enjoyment for young and old alike.

Fifty years ago, the Greece Little League was created to serve young boys and girls in the Greece community. Today, the League serves 1,200 children and 1,000 families, and has extended its services to include softball and the Challenger Program, which allows physically and mentally challenged children to compete. The league provides a positive environment and a tremendous recreational opportunity for children of all ages and abilities.

Over the last half-century, America's pastime has been shared and enjoyed by many in the Town of Greece, thanks to the Greece Little League.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in saluting the Greece Little League as it marks its 50th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ERIE MAE BENDROSS:
THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the passing of Ms. Erie Mae Bendross, a compassionate, caring and tireless community activist who passed away last Saturday, May 31st.

Ms. Bendross was a native of Miami and long-time resident of the Liberty City and Wynwood neighborhoods. She attended Tuskegee University in Alabama and worked as a dietician in many area hospitals. She was also a devoted choir member at St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church. But it was in community action where her talents truly shown.

Erie Mae Bendross leaves behind a legacy of achievement and inspiration, for she is an example of what caring and commitment can accomplish. Only three years ago, Ms. Bendross joined the community-based organization LIFFT, Low Income Families Fighting Together, a grassroots organization of public housing residents, low-wage workers and welfare recipients. She quickly became a leader of the organization.

As a resident of the Liberty Square public housing development, she first became active in the fight to ensure affordable and decent housing opportunities for all people, regardless of their incomes.

Ms. Bendross firmly believed in the power of organization. In 2001, Bendross played a key role in saving Liberty Square Homes, or the Pork and Beans, from demolition and the displacement of hundreds of families. Her organization also exposed the county's public housing vacancies crisis as well as improved the living conditions of elderly public housing developments. Most importantly, she played a key role in developing other leaders in the community to build the organization and continue the struggle against racism and poverty.

Ms. Bendross dedicated herself to the fight against poverty and discrimination locally, nationally and internationally. Through her work in LIFFT and in association with several other organizations, including the Community Coalition to Fix HOPE VI, including the ACLU of Miami, NAACP, African American Council of Christian Clergy, Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board and other civil rights organizations. As a LIFFT leader, she supported the work of the Haitian Women of Miami, Miami for Peace Coalition, Coalition of Immokalee Farmworkers, Brothers of the Same Mind, and countless other social justice movements in the county.

Nationally, Ms. Bendross worked with other low-income, community-based grassroots organizations and leaders in California and Washington, DC on issues of fair trade, jobs and income supports for low-wage workers, opposing the war, fighting budget cuts, and the unethical treatment of workers. Her work on low income housing was widely recognized. Internationally, in January, Ms. Bendross represented LIFFT as part of the United States delegation to World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Our community is better for the efforts of Erie Mae Bendross. She is survived by her mother, Martha Bendross, her brother, Willie