

such as Alzheimer's, autism and bipolar disorder. "I was pretty ecstatic," Shieh said. "I was in shock because I didn't expect to win."

Lee was equally surprised. "They gave us this big check. It was amazing, because all the other projects were really good," Lee said. The TGen internship program is in its second official year.

"Our goal is to make Arizona the best in K-12 bioscience education nationwide," said Dietrich Stephan, director of the neurogenomics division at TGen. "There's a long way to go but this proves we can do it here."

During the summer, Lee and Shieh were a part of the institute's 60 unpaid interns from high school and college. About 10 students continue to work a couple of days a week after school during the school year. It's real life exposure to what it means to be a biomedical researcher, Stephan said.

"The students work side by side with a Ph.D.-level mentor. They're working on real research problems that we have ongoing." TGen is providing Arizona students a venue of excellence that will put them at the top of the field, Stephan said. "They're getting a graduate level education in high school," he said.

Lee's research identified the causes for the neurological disease called Salla disease. This was Lee's second summer as an intern and "she blew the doors off of this," Stephan said. "She figured out the one gene that was broken that causes the disease."

Her work was published in the American Journal of Medical Genetics. "Albert did a similarly impressive job," Stephan said. Shieh was the first author on a paper published in the BMC Genomics journal. He worked on scanning the 3 billion-letter genetic code to find disease-causing mutations.

On Monday, the Arizona teens, along with the top individual winner, Michael Viscardi, 16, of San Diego, got to ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange.

DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican fiscal mismanagement is so bad and their budget proposal so dreadful that even the Republican caucus is having difficulty swallowing it. Main Street Republicans don't agree with K Street Republicans who don't agree with Wall Street Republicans, and they are all hopelessly out of touch with the streets where most Americans live.

It is irresponsible to claim that this is the only way to pay for our Hurricane Katrina as-

sistance, while the Republican leadership works on extending \$70 billion in tax cuts for those least in need. In reality, we can save the budget without breaking the bank and making harmful cuts to the most vulnerable Americans. The first step is to halt plans to provide an additional \$70 million in tax cuts for those least in need while cutting \$11.9 billion from Medicare and \$14.3 billion from student loan programs. Even with these spending cuts, the proposal will still increase the national debt by more than \$100 billion over the next 5 years.

We can do better for America's future than cutting off assistance to society's most vulnerable. The budget is a reflection of our priorities and future path. We must provide the investment in education that will prepare our students for the high-tech and global world we live in. We need to create a health care system that is fair and affordable, and doesn't burden businesses in the global marketplace. We must stop shortchanging our infrastructure needs and put in place a world-class transportation system that moves people and freight seamlessly. In the long-run we are losing money by waiting in traffic-filled commutes, delayed movement of freight, and expensive patchwork repairs to inadequate systems.

There is much talk of scandal here in Washington, D.C., but the true scandal is how tragically out-of-touch my Republican colleagues are from the needs and desires of the average American.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 14

9 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program.

SD-406

11 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board.

SD-215

DECEMBER 15

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of George W. Foresman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, and Mary M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-106

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine New Orleans levees relating to Hurricane Katrina.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters.

SH-219

JANUARY 9

12 noon

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., of New Jersey, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216