

week had significantly higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

Not all the studies are so dismaying. In fact, there is a growing consensus that a modest amount of paid work—10 to 12 hours a week during the school year—has a positive impact on young people. Adolescents who work these kind of hours actually have higher grades than those who don't work at all. They learn to organize their time more effectively. The positive effects are strongest among lower-income students, whose long-term earning performance has been shown to be improved by work experience in their youth.

After all, even though we commonly think the chief job of teenagers is to go to high school, it really is to figure out how to become successful adults. A highly intensive work experience in a field closely related to their interests and abilities might help many young people reach that goal more effectively than finishing high school. But, for the moment, at least, dropping out carries a heavy economic penalty and social stigma, and most young people don't dare consider it.

Some companies that employ large numbers of young people thus argue that the low wages they pay are in the public interest because they're not high enough to tempt teens to drop out. But higher wages, if they were accompanied by a common expectation that young people would save a good part of those wages for further education and training, might serve society even better.

Ironically, there have been earnest murmurings of public concern about the most fortunate of young workers, those earning large salaries doing computer technical support or designing Web pages. I've heard commentators wonder whether these e-employees are in danger of losing their youth, whether they are growing up too fast. The vast low-wage majority seems, by contrast, to be hidden in plain sight, facing just as many adult-like anxieties and conflicts without the money or glamour. And they cope with them by using solutions they see grown-ups using, such as drinking alcohol and buying things they don't need. These are the youngsters we should worry about.

Young people working is not, in itself, a problem. Rather, problems occur when adults do not take the teenagers' work seriously. Too often we do not recognize its extent in their lives or its economic importance in ours. We do not recognize the difficulties and conflicts it raises for young people. We place few limits on their work; nor do we demand that they use their earnings responsibly. We don't raise enough questions about the cycle of consumption and self-indulgence that makes teenagers both a desirable market and an exploited labor force. And we don't help young people integrate work into their lives and maximize its potential as a tool to help them grow up.

So, when you're stressed out during this shopping season, don't take out your anger on the overworked young people who serve you in the stores. They have troubles of their own.

IN HONOR OF LARS-ERIK NELSON,  
WASHINGTON COLUMNIST FOR  
THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, ON  
HIS PASSING

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to Lars-Erik Nelson, Washington columnist for The New York Daily News, who passed away on November 20, 2000. Mr. Nelson, an enormously talented journalist, was revered by both his colleagues in the news media and by many members of this body.

Mr. Nelson served as the Washington columnist for the Daily News for nearly two decades. He was an imaginative, generous, and perceptive writer. His work has been especially noted for its nonpartisan, honest, and straightforward style. His column served as an ideal conduit through which his readers in New York City's five boroughs could gain accurate and concise insight into the political events and personalities inside the Beltway.

Many of Mr. Nelson's outside-Washington readers brushed up on their political awareness by reading his columns while riding New York City subways. His identification with New Yorkers was most evident in his clear yet flowing prose and served as his most noted trademark. Michael Oreskes, the Washington bureau chief of The New York Times said Nelson was "a journalist's journalist. Honest, forthright, wise and clearheaded. He was cerebral without being stuffy." Columnist Jimmy Breslin described Mr. Nelson, fluent in Russian and an accomplished watercolor painter, as "one of the few intellectuals left in the newsroom."

Lars-Erik Nelson, a native New Yorker who graduated from Columbia College, began his journalism career writing for several newspapers in the greater New York area. He then became a diplomatic correspondent for Reuters, where he specialized in Soviet and Eastern European affairs. While reporting in Europe and Russia, Mr. Nelson covered the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. After briefly working as the Moscow Bureau Chief of Newsweek, Mr. Nelson joined the Daily News in 1979, where he worked as Washington Bureau Chief from 1981 until 1993, when he became a Washington columnist for Newsday. He returned to the Daily News as a columnist in 1995. For the past two years, he has also been a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books.

Mr. Speaker, the journalistic communities of both Washington, D.C. and New York City have suffered the loss of a great writer and advocate for objective and sound journalism. Mr. Nelson, a veteran journalist who never missed an opportunity to share his advice with a rookie reporter, was a man who personified the ideal journalist. His remarkably astute columns should be looked upon as examples of superior journalism by younger journalists of today.

I express my most sincere condolences to both his family and coworkers. Lars-Erik Nelson will be sorely missed.

COLONEL THOMAS R. FRIERS TO  
RETIRE FROM THE UNITED  
STATES AIR FORCE ON 31 DE-  
CEMBER 2000

### HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Colonel Friers' 28 years of service to our Nation culminate with his present assignment as Commander of the Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office. Prior to entering the service, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical Engineering from Clarkson University, New York. He later received a Master of Science degree in Management from Central Missouri State University.

During the course of his Air Force career, Colonel Friers rose to the level of command pilot accumulating more than 4,000 hours of flying time in five fixed and rotary-winged aircraft. Colonel Friers served in a multitude of locations around the world from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf. He served at many levels: DOD Staff, Air Force Headquarters, and Major Command. Colonel Friers was awarded command a remarkable five times. He commanded a detachment, a squadron, a group, a DOD staff agency, and the Air Force's elite Combat Rescue School. He also served as flight examiner, aide to commander, director of command protocol, and chief of rescue division at the major command level.

The decorations from his 28 years of service include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Friers commanded troops during our Nation's triumph in the Persian Gulf. He also commanded during the Khobar Tower bombing, when his 1st Rescue Group lost 5 brave airmen.

During good times and bad, Colonel Friers has led with courage and distinction. Like our great national symbol, the eagles of a colonel are well suited to represent the character of this great leader.

HONORING HAROLD H. SEYFERTH

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to speak with great pride in paying tribute to an outstanding native Californian, Mr. Harold H. Seyferth. I had the privilege to speak at Mr. Seyferth's retirement party a year ago, and again am honored with the opportunity to speak about such an inspiring and motivating person. I am privileged to have worked with Mr. Seyferth in the community for he has shown tremendous leadership in California.

Mr. Harold Seyferth was born in Stockton, California, on the 22nd of January in 1922.

Fifty-eight years ago Mr. Seyferth joined the United States Navy. He trained for the Amphibious Forces and spent the balance of his naval career on LCT 173 making landings on islands in the Pacific; Mr. Seyferth has since then continued working in both our national and local communities. A committed, other-oriented and hard-working man, Harold Seyferth followed in his father's footsteps and became a Locomotive Engineer with Western Pacific Railroad after returning from WWII.

Three years after completing his military duties, he entered California State University at San Jose. As a university student, he attended daytime classes, worked at night and still found time to become involved in student government and several other organizations. He proceeded to graduate with honors and moved on to Stanford University. Upon completing his graduate work, Mr. Seyferth earned a fellowship in Public Affairs with the CORO Foundation.

Mr. Seyferth's community work is quite admirable and has positively affected multitudes of people. He has worked at various levels of government including an internship with the city of Oakland, San Jose City Planner, and an assistant to the City Manager of San Jose. He later became a planning consultant for the city of Mountain View and subsequently moved on to be City Manager for the city of Hollister. He also served as Property Manager for the city of Salinas and Chief Land Officer for the city of Seaside. In addition to his devotion to civil service, he has been an educator in many schools and communities. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Seyferth has taught at Golden Gate University, San Jose State University, Hartnell College, Monterey College of Law, Monterey Peninsula College and various other professional seminars.

In recognition of his exemplary work Mr. Seyferth has earned the following honors: All American City Citizen Award, City of San Jose; Outstanding Citizen, City of San Jose; Charter Revision Commission, City of San Jose; Board of Directors, Boy's City Boys Club, San Jose; Board of Directors, American Cancer Society, San Jose; Board of Directors, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau; Board of Trustees, Enterprise School District; Chairman, Monterey County Parks Commission; Chairman, Citizens Advisory Committee, Local Coastal Plan; Chairman, Malpaso Property Owners Association; Chairman, Carmel Rivers Mutual Water Company; President, Monterey Peninsula Chapter, AARP; President, San Jose University Alumni Association, Monterey County Chapter; Founding member, Board of Directors-Friends of CSUMB; AARP/VOTE Coordinator 17th Congressional District; Board of Directors, Mariposa Hall, Inc.; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in the West; Who's Who in California; and Who's Who in Real Estate. A commendable, multi-talented and multi-interested man, Mr. Seyferth has continuously devoted himself to our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and true privilege to recognize and commend a hard working member of our community, a father, a leader and my friend.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### THE PERIWINKLE NATIONAL THEATRE TAKES THE WAR ON DRUGS TO THE STAGE

#### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues the outstanding work of the Periwinkle National Theatre.

Next week, the U.S. Department of Education is honoring the efforts of Ms. Sunna Rasch, director of the Periwinkle National Theatre, with the John Stanford Education Heroes Award. This award, which has been in place for the last 3 years, highlights the achievements of outstanding individuals who have serviced the children in their community by using unique and effective methods to deliver an important educational message.

The Periwinkle National Theatre is dedicated to educating our youth about the harmful effects of drug and alcohol. In order to convey their very important message, the theater company performs plays for students, using characters and plots that these students are able to relate to. The characters presented in the plays act out the issues that are often connected to drug use, such as a lack of self-respect, conflict with parents, and peer pressure.

On February 17, 1999, the Middletown, NY, Times Herald Record published an article detailing one of the plays performed by the Periwinkle National Theatre. Directors Sunna Rasch and Judy Lorkowski contacted the Maple Hill Elementary school in Middletown, NY, because they had heard that a fifth-grader who attended the school was arrested 2 weeks earlier for selling marijuana and fake crack to his classmates.

The play, entitled "Halfway There," is a drug prevention fable that depicts young characters who are battling with problems of drug and alcohol addiction. Throughout the play a mysterious mime enters and leaves the stage as he represents drugs, peer pressure, and drug dealers. In the end, all of the characters destroy the mime, symbolizing their own defeat of their addictions. At the conclusion of the play, the actors held a discussion period with the students.

"What we are really trying to do is a community effort to attack the problem that's reared its ugly head, but is always latent," Lorkowski said.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Sunna Rasch, current director of the Periwinkle program, for receiving the third annual U.S. Department of Education's John Stanford Education Heroes Award. Her service to the children and schools in our community, as well as other communities throughout New York and New Jersey, is commendable.

The work of the Periwinkle National Theatre and other organizations like it throughout the country is an important part of the necessary drug education of our children. We must continue to do whatever we can to prevent our youth from taking part in such harmful activities. Sunna Rasch is meritoriously fulfilling that goal.

*December 4, 2000*

TO HONOR DON ROSETTE

#### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2000*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to honor Don Rosette, a distinguished constituent in the city of Milwaukee.

Mr. Rosette is a true leader in Milwaukee who has graciously contributed this time and efforts to the betterment of the city. Under his leadership as its vice president general manager, WMCS AM-1290 radio has emerged as an involved partner in many community efforts. The station has also been recognized for excellence with two nominations for the National Association of Broadcasters' Marconi Award. Mr. Rosette is an accomplished member of several professional organizations and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors himself, including the National General Manager of the Year, the Outstanding Leadership Award, and the "Men Who Dare" Award.

Don Rosettes' good work will benefit Milwaukee for years to come. Ten years ago, he founded the Christmas Family Feast in order to bring the community together to share a holiday meal. To this day, the Christmas Family Feast continues to serve a traditional Christmas dinner to more than 5,000 individuals each year.

In an effort to further improve the community, Mr. Rosette developed the 1290 Scholarship Fund, Inc. Since 1992, the fund has helped to raise \$380,000 for exemplary youth since 1992. He also established the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Breakfast to acknowledge leadership and give back to the community through the donation of proceeds from the event to charitable organizations.

As a cosponsor of the gun buy-back program in Milwaukee, Mr. Rosette has worked to rid our community of the dangers associated with gun violence. Thus far, the program has removed 1,500 handguns and has provided 1,000 trigger locks to gun owners. The city of Milwaukee is safer thanks to Don Rosette.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Rosette for his excellence in the field of broadcasting and for his commitment to the well-being of others. His leadership and guidance has been an invaluable asset to the city of Milwaukee.

#### TRIBUTE TO LUISA VICTORIA IGLESIAS

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 4, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Luisa Victoria Iglesias, affectionately known as "L.V.," is retiring after 37 years with the Federal Government. Although the number of years is not in itself remarkable, the fact that she is retiring at age 88 years and 9 months is truly remarkable. And equally remarkable is the importance of the work that she has performed in her career in the Federal Government.