

Foodservice Operators 2003 National Conference.

Nation's Restaurant News and Coca-Cola North America established the national PAPA awards to honor multi-unit chains for excellence in employee recognition, retention and recruitment. Monical's President Harry Bond received the PAPA award for retention.

For the past 14 months, Monical's achieved 0 percent turnover for restaurant general managers, team leaders, regional trainers, and support center coordinators. Very few companies can boast of the same accomplishment. Monical's attributes their low turnover rate to several company incentives such as: evaluation of restaurant management at least once a year; all restaurant management and support staff team members receive the same health insurance and profit sharing benefits as the president of the company; the company's policy of a flexible scheduling strategy; and a 50 percent discount on Monical's meals for employees.

Monical's also values their employees who also have families. The majority of management personnel work between 42–45 hours per week and are eligible for two weekend days off per calendar month so their managers are able to enjoy an active and productive family life as well as a life at work. Monical's also encourages their employees to bring their children to work for the day. This allows the children to see where their parents work and have a day of fun working in a restaurant or office.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ONEONTA COLLEGE NCAA WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPS

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the State University of New York College at Oneonta women's soccer team for their come-from-behind, emotional victory to win their first ever NCAA National Championship on November 11, 2003.

The tying goal scored in the final seconds of regulation will forever remain a great moment in Red Dragon history. It will also remain a vivid moment of victory of each one of the team's members—for without their collective talent and dedication, it would not have been possible.

Head Coach Tracey Ranieri deserves special praise for leading this fine group of student athletes to the highest possible achievement in women's Division III soccer. Through Coach Ranieri's leadership these young ladies have proven that hard work and dedication on the practice field and in the classroom can produce champions on the playing field and in academics.

I take great pride in representing the State University of New York College at Oneonta. What I find truly special is while the opponent in the National Championship Game, The Uni-

versity of Chicago, boasted a lineup that featured players from across the country; Oneonta's roster was almost completely comprised of New Yorkers. What pride they bring not only Oneonta, but to the entire State of New York.

The 2003 Oneonta Women's Soccer team: Amanda LaPolla of New Hartford, NY; Jami Leiberling of Kendall Park, NJ; Laura Morcone of Mechanicville, NY; Holly Bisbee of Burnt Hills, NY; Patricia DiMichele of Centereach, NY; Alissa Karcz of S. Huntington, NY; Kelly Stevens of Rochester, NY; Cassie Perino of Patchogue, NY; Sanada Mujanovic of Centereach, NY; Patricia Jeager of Baldwin, NY; Liz Fermia of Rochester, NY; Leslie Small of Clifton Park, NY; Rose Velan of Stamford, NY; Brooke Davis of Grand Gorge, NY; Sarah Tauber of Valley Stream, NY; Cristina Gaspar of New Rochelle, NY; Alex Desousa of Blauvelt, NY; Candance Grosser of Levittown, NY; Meghan Putnam of Syracuse, NY; Colleen Wolbert of Rotterdam, NY; Corinne Tisei of New Hyde Park, NY; and Brittany Gates of Syracuse, NY.

DEDICATING H.R. 3139, THE YOUTH WORKER PROTECTION ACT TO THE MEMORY OF ADAM CAREY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) an average of 230,000 teenagers are injured on the job each year and even more shocking is the fact that an average of 67 teen workers die each year from injuries sustained while on the job. That means a teen worker dies from work related injuries in this country every 5 days.

These are horrific statistics, and I believe that Congress must enact legislation to prevent these unnecessary deaths. The grave nature of these unfortunate accidents is made clearer when given a human face. While I was preparing this legislation, I discovered the story of Adam Carey, a 16 year-old boy who died while working on a golf course in Massachusetts. Adam's death was the result of an accident while he was driving a golf cart between the clubhouse and the driving range. Under Massachusetts state law, youths Adam's age were prohibited from driving golf carts.

I was honored to stand by Adam's mother, Maggie Carey when I introduced H.R. 3139, the Youth Worker Protection Act, to modernize our nation's child labor laws. Among other things, the Youth Worker Protection Act would increase the penalties for employers who violate laws designed to protect children.

I am proud to dedicate this legislation to her son's memory and I ask that her poignant story be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that my colleagues can humanize statistics of young workers who die from injuries suffered on the job once every 5 days.

STATEMENT OF MAGGIE CAREY

Good Morning. I'd like to begin by telling you a little bit about myself, my family, and what has brought me here today. Again, my name is Maggie Carey. I am from Beverly, Massachusetts, a small city on the north

shore of Boston. I have worked as an Obstetrical Register Nurse, with my focus being Labor and Delivery, for over 30 years. My husband Richard works in maintenance and grounds keeping for a local hotel chain. We have been married for 30 years and were the proud parents of 3 beautiful children. Our oldest daughter Robin is 28 years old and has met the challenge of Downs Syndrome, Leukemia and open-heart surgery. Our son Jonathan who will be 27 in November has had open-heart surgery as a child as well, now works successfully in the computer software field in California. Our youngest son Adam would have been 19 this past March.

Through the years as parents, one of our roles was to teach our children the importance of responsibility for themselves and as part of a community. We hoped to show them through example, what that means and how to achieve it. In that way they would become successful, productive, and ethical young adults.

We began at an early age encouraging them to have their own paper routes. Even our daughter Robin was able to have one with our assistance. As they got older, we encouraged them to have part time jobs after school, on weekends and during summer vacations. Our daughter as a volunteer would come to work with me on weekends and collate blank charts to be used when new patients arrived. My son Jonathan worked as a bagger and cashier at a local grocery store. We continued to teach them the value of a dollar, how to earn it, save it, and manage it appropriately. Little did we know that by trying to teach these important values it would cost us dearly.

In August of 2000, our then 16-year-old son Adam began working at a local country club as a bag room attendant. On September 16, 2000, only 3½ weeks later, his life would come to an end while working at a job that seemed so perfect for him. Adam loved golf, people and being outdoors. He was driving a golf cart as part of the job. He was using the cart to retrieve golf balls, wash them, and return them to the golf barn. He had been in the pro shop just prior to the accident and we were told that when he got back on the cart he hit a deck that was only about 10 feet away. On impact Adam's heart was ruptured. Supposedly no one witnessed the accident even though it was the busiest day of the season at the club and it was right near the practice green, so exactly what happened is unknown.

What we do know is the devastating effect that the loss of our son has had on our entire family. What we also know is that child labor laws had been violated and continues to be violated every day in our country. Approximately 20 or so violations were found that day alone. Most importantly the one affecting Adam under Massachusetts General Laws, which prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from operating any type of motor vehicle of any description while employed.

Many people and agencies investigated the accident, but the only action taken against the employer was a \$1000 fine by OSHA for having failed to report the accident within 8 hours. The Attorney Generals Office opted not to pursue any action, because the only avenue they have is through the criminal courts. They rarely prosecute unless the company is guilty of grossly repetitive behavior. Supposedly this was the employer's first offense, but in reality it was the only time they were caught. Even though the law is clear, it has become acceptable practice for teens to operate these carts for many years now due to non-enforcement. Since when can a death not be considered serious enough to pursue charges? So, is it the second, third or one-hundredth death they may pay attention to.

From what I have learned, even if they had pursued the case and had found them guilty, the punishment is so minimal that it is not financially sensible to spend the money and resources to enforce these laws.

Most of the child labor laws have not been updated since the 1930's. As we all know the world we live in is very different 70+ years later. What few changes that have been made have been to weaken the laws. We as a society have had much to say about child labor in other countries, yet we do nothing about our own. SHAME ON US!!! We spend a lot of time looking at issues, making laws, but that is wasted time and energy if we aren't out there enforcing them. It is vital for our children's future to have adequate ways and means to penalize the offenders.

And then there are workman's compensation laws, which you would think would encourage employers to put child safety first. Again this is not true. For teens, the employers financial liability is minimal because the majority of them do not have dependents and their jobs are temporary and part time. This again is not an incentive for employers to obey the laws. I am not saying all employers are not concerned about teens safety. Some are very responsible. Others aren't even aware of most of these laws, although it is their responsibility.

Our family has endured many trials and tribulations through the years. We have always been able to pick up the pieces and continue on with the help of loving, supportive family and friends. The death of our beloved son Adam has been almost too much to bear. How do we fill the huge gap in our hearts that used to be Adam? He was so full of life and had so much love to give. His friends describe him as always happy with a smile on his face. He would do anything to make people laugh. We miss that smile! We miss his energy! We miss his whole being!

What do we tell his special needs sister Robin when she asks almost every day, why can't we bring him back? There are really no words that can express fully to anyone what losing a child does to your soul. I hope that none of you will ever know how this feels. We go on each day. We go to work. We maintain our home, because we must, for the rest of our family. But nothing will ever be the same.

What I am here today to say is that this should never have happened and that there are many ways that we can address these issues. The availability and easy access to educational materials for parents, young workers and especially employers must be improved.

The proposed legislation that Congressman Lantos is submitting today will address some of these issues. One of these being civil penalties in an amount that would have a significant impact on employers. If there is anything that we can do in memory of our son it would be to somehow prevent this from happening to another child, another family.

Thank you and God bless and guide you in all the decisions you make.

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Virginia law enforcement officers, and those throughout the nation, who have lost their lives this year in service to

their communities. Every day, these men and women display their courage, commitment and service to their fellow man. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial recently held a wreath laying ceremony here in Washington, DC to honor these eight brave officers who gave their lives to protect us, the citizens of Virginia, and I would like to take a moment to recognize, remember and honor these individuals.

On January 12, Henrico County Police Officer Andre Booker was attempting to use his patrol vehicle to stop a person suspected of firing gunshots in a shopping center when his car crashed through a fence and landed in an icy pond. Six other officers at the scene were unsuccessful in freeing Officer Booker from his vehicle. He was 26 years old.

On January 16, 39-year-old Norfolk Police Officer Sheila Herring was killed after responding to reports of gunfire inside a bar. The suspects opened fire on the responding officers, fatally wounding Officer Herring. She worked with Norfolk Police Department for 11 months and had recently moved from Detroit, Michigan, where she spent 10 years as a law enforcement officer.

On January 29, Virginia State Trooper Michael Todd Blanton was killed by a drunk driver he had pulled over on Interstate 64. As Trooper Blanton attempted to reach into the car, the driver sped off, dragging Trooper Blanton until the car crashed, pinning him under the vehicle. Trooper Blanton is survived by his wife and 6-year-old son.

On May 9, 20-year law enforcement veteran Scott Allen Hylton of the Christiansburg Police Department was shot and killed after responding to a report of a hold up at a convenience store. Officer Hylton was shot and killed as he exited his cruiser at the scene. Also a member of the Army National Guard, Officer Hylton was the father of four.

On May 28, Officer Ryan Cappellety of the Chesterfield County Police Department, a recent graduate from the police academy, was shot and killed when he and other officers responded to reports of gunshots. Upon arrival, a suspect standing on his front lawn with a gun opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Officer Cappellety. He was 23 years old.

On June 23, Officer Rodney Poceschi of the Virginia Beach Police Department was shot and killed during a traffic stop on Dam Neck Road in Virginia Beach. Officer Poceschi served the Virginia Beach Police Department for 4 years and is survived by his wife and young son.

On July 30, Richmond Police Officer Douglas E. Wendel was shot and killed by a suspected drug dealer. Officer Wendel had been with the Richmond Police Department for 5 years. He was a 41-year-old father of three.

On August 26, Sergeant Rodney Davis of the Greene County Sheriff's Department was shot and killed while serving an arrest warrant on a narcotics suspect near Standardville, VA. As Sergeant Davis and other officers searched the house, the suspect opened fire and fatally wounded Sergeant Davis. Davis worked with the Greene County Sheriff's Office for 2½ years but had been in law enforcement since he was 19 years old. The 30-year-old left behind an expectant wife and two young children.

Mr. Speaker, the eight officers killed in the line of duty this year matches the highest total of law enforcement officer fatalities in the

Commonwealth's history. Nationwide, there have been 114 law enforcement officers killed this year, a grim reminder of the vital and dangerous role these officers play in our national well-being. We are all eternally grateful for the service and sacrifice of these true American heroes.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALAMOSA
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to the Alamosa County, Colorado, Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber recently celebrated eighty years of service to Alamosa, and it is my honor to call the attention of my colleagues and this nation to all that the Chamber does for the citizens of Alamosa.

The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 1923. The original building was lost to fire in 1907. Recognizing the importance of the Chamber, the city rallied together and built a new building the following year.

The Chamber has a strong tradition of excellent leadership and a dedicated staff. Since its inception, the Chamber has focused on the organization and health of the County's economy. Able and dedicated staff members always greet each citizen with a smile.

In addition to traditional activities, the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce has always gone beyond the call of duty to be involved in the community. The citizens of Alamosa have traditionally used the Chamber as a meeting place for community events. There are often cribbage tournaments, banquets and charity events throughout the year. In addition, the Chamber funds scholarships for young people, has worked to improve the County's emergency response system, and is also involved in various projects such as the promotion of recycling.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber works tirelessly for the betterment of Alamosa County and I am honored to pay tribute to its contributions. I am pleased to join the people of Alamosa County in thanking the Chamber of Commerce for its hard work and many contributions.

HONORING LARRY CARTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Larry Carter for his induction into the 2003 Stanislaus County Ag Center Foundation Ag Hall of Fame. On December 4th, he will be honored at the 2003 Ag Hall of Fame Dinner at the Stanislaus County Ag Center in California.

The Stanislaus Ag Center Foundation honors individuals who work to make agriculture Stanislaus County's number-one industry. Mr.