

called “brokers” and they were buying and selling stocks. In fact, Louis was witnessing the birth of the New York Curb Exchange. He was so entranced with the scene that he got a job as a runner paying \$8 a week. Wanting a way to make more money, he headed to Jerome B. Sullivan & Co., where he was hired as a clerk.

By the time he was 22, he was the head cashier at Sullivan making \$100 a week plus bonus. Soon afterwards he formed the New York Curb Cashiers Exchange and was elected president. In 1923, he was introduced to Kitty Hirschleifer by his closest friend Jerry Goldberg. Four years later, Louis and Kitty were married. When Louis got his bonus from Sullivan that month the company made him a partner and he spent his newfound wealth on a trip to the coast, a new Cadillac and an apartment for \$125 a month. Not many apartments available at those rates in New York today.

The crash came in 1929 and Louis was left nearly penniless. Demonstrating his adaptability he purchased a seat on the Curb Exchange with his brother Al and his cousin Ernie. His salary was now \$50 a week. From 1933 to 1938 Louis became an arbitrageur. He sensed that the Canadian market was becoming competitive and through connections in Canada he started to urge companies to apply for listing on what used to be the Curb Exchange, but now known as the American Stock Exchange.

He formed a partnership with Moe Weiss which lasted for many years. Around 1955 Lou became a governor of the American Stock Exchange and chairman of the listing committee.

A few years later in 1959 I met Lou when his back-office manager saw an ad about a company who could process payrolls. It was a company I know a little about, Automatic Data Processing. At that point I was the company's salesperson and Reich & Co. signed on. We became dear friends ever since.

I owe Lou a great deal because he really spread the word about ADP. Henry Taub worked to have ADP handle all of the back office operations. Within a year ADP had a system to process securities transactions. Today, in large part thanks to Lou, ADP is one of the largest payroll and securities processing firms in the world.

Louis Reich is now 100 years old. He brings a wonderful history and an important legacy of leadership in one of the most important industries we have. The investment and finance sector helped build this country's pre-eminence in the global economy to the point that it has become. He has many happy, exciting memories. The names he remembers from that bygone era—those who worked for him—and with him are too numerous to mention here. And the one person who stood by him through it all—the one person who will be forever in his heart and who truly would have enjoyed this day—his darling wife—Kitty, the one who he misses

most of all. They are all here in spirit and will never be forgotten. We wish him many more years that we can celebrate together.●

THE CAPTURE OF ERIC ROBERT RUDOLPH

● Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I rise today to express pride and thanks for the excellent police work done by North Carolina law enforcement over the weekend, work that led to the capture of Eric Robert Rudolph, the alleged terrorist who had eluded capture for more than 5 years.

I am particularly proud of the fact that two of North Carolina's finest—Jeff Postell, a rookie officer in the Murphy Police Department and Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Matthews—were responsible for bringing Rudolph in.

I can't say enough about these exemplary lawmen, who represent the best that North Carolina and America have to offer—dedicated public servants risking their lives to make us safer. I will never forget the pride I felt as I watched Officer Postell, squinting in the glare of unasked for limelight, modestly dismiss praise for his actions by stating, “It was my job.”

His job, indeed. As it is the job of thousands and thousands of other first responders in North Carolina and throughout the country. Men and women who day in and day out put their lives on the line to ensure our safety and ask so little in return. The least we can do for these brave public servants is to show our support for their efforts in meaningful ways. One of the most meaningful ways we can do this is to do more than just pay lip service to their efforts while cutting programs, funding, and benefits they so desperately need.

That is why it makes no sense that, instead of bolstering the efforts of our first responders, the administration is slashing the very programs that we need to help ensure a strong homeland defense. Just look at the COPS program—a program that has directly benefited the Murphy Police Department and Cherokee County law enforcement. Since it was created as part of a 1994 crime bill, the COPS program has helped communities hire more than 116,000 police officers nationwide.

We all know how important and effective the COPS program is. So why is President Bush proposing only \$164 million for the COPS program next year, an 85 percent cut from the \$1.1 billion that was spent in 2002? It is just plain wrong to, on the one hand, praise, take credit for, the fine work done by our local law enforcement day in and day out while, with the other hand, snatch away the funding that makes their work possible.

Yes, Officer Postell was just doing his job. And thanks to him, we can sleep a little easier. But not it is time for us to do our jobs. Let's give Officer Postell and his colleagues the tools

they need to keep doing the work we need and appreciate so much.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELE PECINA, CALIFORNIA'S NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the Senate's attention an exceptional educator—Michele Pecina, the principal of James Monroe Elementary School in Madera, CA.

Michele Pecina was recently named California's National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She will receive her award in November in Washington, DC.

For 9 years, Michele Pecina has been the principal at James Monroe Elementary School. Under her expert guidance, the school was named a California Distinguished School in 1997 and has also received two Bell awards from the California School Boards Association. Michele Pecina believes in her students and teachers and demonstrates that belief to them every day. The result is they believe in themselves, their success in school, and in life, is remarkable.

Californians are extremely proud of Michele Pecina. I am honored to pay tribute to her. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Michele Pecina continued success as she continues her exceptional work in education.●

HONORING REV. BOB WELLISCH

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask that the following three tributes honoring the life of the late Rev. Bob Wellisch, St. Paul, MN native, priest for the Hmong Catholic community, and respected college professor, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

[From the Star Tribune, May 26, 2003]

(By Nolan Zavoral)

THE REV. ROBERT WELLISCH, PASTOR TO TWIN CITIES HMONG, DIES

The Rev. Robert Wellisch, who built bridges between the Catholic establishment and the Twin Cities Hmong community, died in a traffic accident Saturday night.

Wellisch, 62, was driving back alone to the Twin Cities from Mankato when his car struck a horse on Hwy. 169, 4 miles north of Le Sueur, and slid into a ditch, according to the Minnesota Highway Patrol. Wellisch, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

A St. Paul native and longtime English professor at the University of St. Thomas, Wellisch was named chaplain for the Twin Cities Hmong Catholic community in 1984 by then-Archbishop John Roach. Eleven months ago, the present archbishop, Harry Flynn, appointed him as pastor of the largely Hmong parish of St. Vincent De Paul, in St. Paul's Frogtown area.

About 20 people from the congregation's leadership gathered informally Sunday at the church to mourn.

The Rev. Kevin McDonough, who oversees administration in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, joined them.

"One of the elderly Hmong ladies came up to me, and she said, as it was translated to me, 'We are like a family that has lost its parent.'" McDonough said.

"Father Wellisch was a very quiet, unassuming guy, but it was clear to the Hmong people that he had their interest at heart."

"He loved the Hmong," said Michael Mikolajczak, chairman of the St. Thomas English Department. He recalled attending a Hmong fundraiser nine years ago with Wellisch.

"They wound bits of yarn around his wrists in appreciation of all he'd done," Mikolajczak said. "Had it been I, I would have cut [the yarn] off the next day."

"He wore them for a whole week."

Va Thai Lo, deacon and administrator at St. Vincent De Paul, said in a St. Thomas news release that Wellisch "would go everywhere to assist (Hmong) families—to their homes, to where they worked and to the hospitals."

"This is a tragic loss for us."

Among Wellisch's accomplishments at St. Vincent, McDonough said, was to help administrators with budgeting.

"He did a fine job of encouraging them along," McDonough said. "This year we had a very mature budgeting process."

It was unclear what led Wellisch to dedicate much of his life to the Hmong. The Rev. Ed Flahavan, a retired St. Paul priest who keeps in touch with many local Catholic clergy, said he thought that the Rev. Daniel Tailleux—a French priest who had once served in Vietnam—introduced Wellisch to that segment of Southeast Asia's population.

Wellisch learned to say the mass in Hmong.

"He even learned to preach in Hmong—he'd learned it that well," said the Rev. James Reidy, a retired priest and friend of Wellisch's. "He had the ability to pick up language very quickly."

Wellisch is survived by three cousins. Funeral arrangements are pending. He earned an undergraduate degree St. Thomas in 1962 and a master's degree and doctorate in English from the University of Minnesota. He was ordained in 1969 and served as an associate pastor at St. Mark's Catholic Church in St. Paul until 1971, when he joined the St. Thomas faculty.

"He was the kindest, gentlest, most supportive colleague you could want," Mikolajczak said. "He loved literature—Victorian, mainly, but everything, really."

"He'd teach the modern tradition if I'd want. He'd teach the classical tradition if I'd ask. He wasn't afraid to pitch in."

"He was a priest the lay faculty accepted as a colleague. He claimed no special privileges because of his collar."

(By Casey Selix)

[From the Pioneer Press, May 26, 2003]

ST. PAUL PRIEST TO HMONG DIES

Some St. Vincent de Paul parishioners would drive 100 miles round-trip Sunday mornings to hear the Rev. Robert Wellisch celebrate Mass in Hmong.

More than half of the members of the church in St. Paul don't speak fluent English, so it means a lot to worship in their native language, said Kou Ly, who translated the priest's sermons into Hmong and coached him on pronunciation.

When Kou Ly and other parishioners arrived at church and found locked doors Sunday morning, they started worrying and praying.

About 10 p.m. Saturday, Wellisch died after his car hit a stray horse on U.S. 169 in LeSueur County, causing him to veer through the median and into a ditch, according to the State Patrol. Wellisch, 62, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

As one grieving Hmong elder told the Rev. Kevin McDonough through a translator Sunday, "We are like a family that has lost its only parent."

Besides appreciating his Hmong services, parishioners just plain liked the priest, who cared enough to show up at their children's birthday parties and other important social events in the Hmong community.

"He would do much more than a regular priest. . . . He was so good-hearted," said Kou Ly, adding that Hmong-speaking Catholic priests are a rarity.

It was Father Bob's good heart that took him to Mankato, MN, on Saturday to attend a pre-confirmation retreat with parish youth and their parents. And his good heart led him to drive back alone late Saturday so he could celebrate Mass the next morning with the rest of the flock. About 150 families belong to the church.

"It's a tragic loss at a number of levels," said McDonough, vicar general of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "Father Bob Wellisch was one of those very gentle souls that his brother priests had a great deal of respect for. This is a real personal loss on the part of the priests and the people he served. In the last 15 years, he was in one way or another so critical to the development of the Hmong Catholic community."

Wellisch, a St. Paul native, also was a full-time associate professor at the University of St. Thomas, where he was considered an expert in Victorian literature and where he taught in the Catholic studies department.

"He so loved the literature and the discipline and he was so kindly attentive to students that I have never heard a complaint about him," said Michael Mikolajczak, chairman of the English department. "He was teaching a full load here and then ministering to the Hmong community, and he didn't stint on anything. He was just remarkably generous."

St. Vincent de Paul Deacon Va Thai Lo had known Wellisch for 20 years. "He was very nice, and he loved all the people very much. Any time our members called him, he would visit them at their homes if they wanted—even go to their birthday parties."

Each morning, Wellisch would wake up at the St. Thomas faculty residence and head to St. Vincent de Paul to celebrate the daily Mass, Va Thai Lo said. Then he would return to campus to teach. On weekends, he gave services at the church in English and Hmong. In between, he tended to his parishioners' needs.

The deacon recalls Wellisch once confiding that he might be "too old" to learn the Hmong language.

Even so, Wellisch persevered—sometimes with amusing results, said Kou Ly, who worked with Wellisch on pronunciation.

"He would pronounce the words funny," Kou Ly said. "When you mispronounce a word in Hmong it can mean a totally different thing—such as the word for stick. If you vary the tone a little it can mean blanket. We would just keep doing it, and he would laugh about it."

After Wellisch underwent heart bypass surgery a few years ago, about 30 members of the Hmong community performed a healing ceremony.

As they tied strings around his wrist, they expressed wishes for good health and a long life for him. "Culturally, we believe that whatever we say will stay in that string," Kou Ly said.

Though Hmong recommend that the strings remain in place for three days, Wellisch wore his for longer than that, friends recall.

Wellisch graduated from St. Paul's Cretin High School in 1958 and summa cum laude from St. Thomas in 1962 with a B.A. in

English. He received a master's degree and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Minnesota. He was ordained by the archdiocese in 1969 and served at St. Mark's in St. Paul, the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul's Priory and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in South St. Paul.

In 1984 he was appointed chaplain for the Twin Cities Hmong Catholic Community. He also was chaplain of the Hmong American National Catholic Association. He became pastor at St. Vincent de Paul last June.

Survivors include three cousins, Dale Bowen of Fridley, Alice Bowen of Sioux Falls and Gretchen Myers of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Funeral services are pending.

[From the Pioneer Press, May 31, 2003]

HMONG HONOR LIFE OF LATE PRIEST

(By Stephen Scott)

As they followed the casket out the back of the sanctuary, it was clear the Hmong men and women could scarcely let go of their priest.

With the death of the Rev. Robert Wellisch, they felt as if they'd lost a parent. "You can see by the pain in their eyes what a great priest he was," Archbishop Harry Flynn said after Wellisch's funeral Friday. "There is such sadness in their faces. They just keep saying to me, 'Remember us. Remember us.'"

Wellisch was the Roman Catholic chaplain to the Twin Cities Hmong community since 1985. He learned their language so he could say Mass for them. He attended their birthday parties, visited their sick, and confirmed and married their children.

Now there is much that a deeply grieving Hmong community cannot understand. Why now? Why a car accident? Why on a church youth trip? Why a horse?

"Right now, our people are very, very sad because of the way he died," said Va Thai Lo, deacon at St. Vincent de Paul Church in St. Paul, home to Hmong Catholics in the Twin Cities.

Wellisch, 62, died last Saturday night when his car hit a stray horse on U.S. 169 in LeSueur County. Wellisch was returning from a confirmation retreat for St. Vincent's Hmong youth in Mankato, Minn.

The Hmong Catholics share their grief with Wellisch's other "families"—faculty at the University of St. Thomas, where he taught literature; the English-speaking Catholics who make up a fourth of St. Vincent's parish; and three cousins who survive him.

But in life, Wellisch made the Hmong community feel as if he was all theirs.

"His absence won't be just missed," said a letter from parishioners in the back of the church. "We have lost our only parent. We are left as orphans who expect a parent that would never return."

The funeral Mass at St. Vincent's reflected the life of a priest with a diverse calling.

One hundred priests and deacons processed to the hymn "Los Peb Los Cav Txog Tsw Ntuj." They recessed to "Amazing Grace."

The youth choir sang Bryan Adams' "I Will Always Return." They followed with "Khome Plig Zoo," with lyrics they adapted in memory of Wellisch. One phrase translates: "When we think of you our tears come out."

The Rev. James Reidy's homily focused on Wellisch's life as a professor. At his death, Wellisch worked full time at St. Thomas in addition to serving as the priest at St. Vincent's.

"He had a steady, tireless ministry to all he was called to serve," Reidy said.

The Hmong especially have been tireless in their mourning. Nearly 50 of them remained in the sanctuary all night after Thursday's visitation, just to be near Wellisch's body.

"We watch over him and look over him," said Ah Thao, whose daughter attended the retreat where Wellisch was last seen alive. "We don't want to leave him alone. We guard him until he is buried."

The community is anxious about what happens next.

"It is too big of a scope to say right now," said Kou Ly, a parishioner who helped Wellisch learn the Hmong language, "He's not replaceable."

Va Thai Lo will continue to serve St. Vincent's as a deacon, and various backup clergy will say Mass until an interim pastor or permanent priest is appointed.

"Whenever we needed him, he was there spiritually and morally," Khamsy Yang said in a eulogy. "We will still have faith in God, who will bring us a new priest."

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis also has ministries dedicated to Hispanics, Vietnamese, Koreans, Poles, Eritreans and American Indians.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2443. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Flawed Processes and Ineffective Systems of Accountability Pertaining to DCPS' Special Education Program Have Resulted In Costly Legal Fees and Exorbitant Charges for Related Services and Nonpublic Tuition" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2444. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2445. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting pursuant to law, the Annual Report from the Office of Special Counsel for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2446. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (REydon, Oklahoma) (MM Docket No. 01-227; RM-10255)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (O'Brien, Stamford, Panhandle, Shamrock, Colorado City, Texas; Taloga, Oklahoma) (MB Docket Nos. 02-296, 02-297, 02-298, 02-299, 02-300, 02-302)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Alamo and Milan, Georgia) (MM Docket No.

01-111)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Comache, Mullin and Mason, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-159; RM-10164; 10395)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Buffalo, Oklahoma) (MB Docket No. 02-383; RM-10614)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Eldorado, Texas; Milan, New Mexico; Alpena, Michigan; Channing, Texas; Escobares, Texas; Ozone, Texas; Rotan, Texas; Wellington, Texas; Memphis, Texas; Matador, Texas; Arthur, Nebraska; Mclean, Texas; and Wheeler, Texas) (MM Docket Nos. 01-273; 02-43; MB Docket 02-17; 02-168; 02-170; 02-172; 02-173; 02-175; 02-176; 02-291; 02-292; and 02-293)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Douglas and Tombstone, Arizona, and Santa Clara, New Mexico) (MB Docket No. 02-374; RM-10598)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2454. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotment, FM Broadcast Stations (Junction, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-132)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2455. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Minot, ND (MM Doc. No. 02-282, RM-10523)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2456. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Jackson, WY (MB Docket No. 02-375, RM-10605)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2457. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Great Falls, MT (MM Docket No. 00-246, RM-9859)" received on June 1, 2003; to