

group of teens after they were connected to a string of burglaries while high on K2. The local county attorney prosecuting the case stated this was an unusual crime spree. These kids were not the type who are normally seen in the criminal justice system. The county attorney stated these kids had "no prior record, good grades, athletes, so that got me wondering: is there a correlation between K2 and the crime?"

Another case in Honolulu, HI, shows police arrested a 23-year-old man after he tried to throw his girlfriend off an 11th floor balcony after he was smoking K2.

A 14-year-old boy in Missouri nearly threw himself out of a fifth story window after smoking K2. Once the teen got over his high, he denied having any suicidal tendencies. Doctors believe he was hallucinating at the time of the incident.

K2 use is also causing serious health problems and increased visits to emergency rooms.

A Louisiana teen said he became very ill after trying K2. The teen said he experienced numbness, starting at his feet and traveling all the way to his head. He was nauseous, light-headed, and was having hallucinations. The teen stated that K2 is being passed around at the school. The teen also stated that many people were trying it without fear, assuming it was safe because it was legal. I said that previously in my remarks: a legal drug, it has to be safe is kind of the attitude.

Another case has a teenager in Indiana being admitted to an emergency room with a blood pressure of 248 over 134 after testing positive for K2.

A teen in Texas became temporarily paralyzed from the waist down after smoking K2.

Another teen in Texas had a heart attack after smoking K2 but, fortunately, survived the event.

Regrettably, K2 use also has deadly consequences. I want to speak about an individual and family who suffered from a tremendously bad consequence of K2.

The picture behind me is of David Rozga. David was a recent 18-year-old Indianola, IA, high school graduate. According to his parents and friends, David was a bright, energetic, talented student who loved music, was popular, and active in his church.

David was looking forward to attending the University of Northern Iowa this fall, my alma mater. On June 6, 2010, David, along with some of his friends, smoked a package of K2 thinking it was nothing more than just having a little fun.

David and his friends purchased this product at a mall in Des Moines, after hearing about it from some college students who were home for the summer.

After smoking this product, David's friends reported that David became highly agitated and terrified. When he got home, he found a family shotgun and committed suicide 90 minutes after smoking K2.

The Indianola police believe David was under the influence of K2 at the time of his death. David's parents and many in the community who knew David were completely shocked and, obviously, saddened by this event.

As a result, the Iowa Pharmacy Board placed an emergency ban on K2 products in Iowa, which began on July 21, 2010. David's tragic death may be the first case in the United States of K2 use leading to someone's death, but, sadly, it was only the beginning.

A month after David's tragic death, police reported that a 28-year-old Middledtown, IN, mother of two passed away after smoking a lethal dose of K2. This woman's godson reported that anyone could get K2 easily because it can be sold to anyone at any price and at any time.

This last August, a recent 19-year-old Lake Highlands High School graduate in Dallas, TX, passed away after smoking K2. The medical examiner confirmed that this boy had K2 in his system at the time of his death.

These incidents throughout the country give me great concern that K2 use is a dangerous and growing problem. Twelve States, including Iowa, have acted to ban the sale and possession of the chemicals found in K2 products. Many more States, counties, and communities throughout the country have proposed bans or are in the process of banning these products.

However, a recent article in the Des Moines Register highlights the fact that some stores are working around these bans by the simple process of changing some of the chemicals and by simply relabeling the product.

So I believe it is time we have a national discussion about these dangerous substances. I hope in the coming weeks and months my colleagues will begin to take notice of this issue.

As cochairman of the Senate Drug Caucus—I cochair that with Senator FEINSTEIN from California—it is my hope we will have a hearing on this issue in the not too distant future.

It is important to fully understand the magnitude and implications of allowing these products to remain legal in the United States. It is clear the sale and use of K2 products is obviously a growing problem. People believe these products are safe because they can buy them online or at the nearest shopping mall.

We need to do a better job at educating the public and our communities about the dangers these products present. We, in fact, need to nip this problem in the bud before it grows and leads to the tragedy of more death or the tragedy of other health consequences.

I ask each of my colleagues in the Senate to join me as we explore positive actions to stem the use of K2.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY L. GREENBERG

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of Peggy L. Greenberg, director of the Office of Education and Training, who is retiring at the end of this month after 11 years. Peggy has been responsible for the training and development of all Senate staff in both the Washington, DC, office and all the Senate State offices. Her department offers programs in a wide variety of areas including general professional development, management and leadership development, legislative information and technical computer skills training.

After earning her undergraduate degree in nursing from Southwestern Louisiana, Ms. Greenberg moved from nursing in Louisiana to Massachusetts, where she was a pediatric nurse. She eventually became the director of nursing inservice education and later the director of education for all of Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Boston. During that time, she earned a master's degree in adult and continuing education from Boston University.

Peggy was the director of Organization Effectiveness and Performance Consulting for Med Star Physician Partners and then a director of learning and organization development for Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States. She was recognized in the Kaiser Permanente organization nationwide as a leader in the training and organization development area.

Peggy Greenberg has been a key contributor to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of Senate staff. We have all benefited from her professional and personal commitment to improving every aspect of or our individual and organizational development. The Senate has been fortunate to have someone with her knowledge and experience.

The Senate community will miss Peggy, and wishes her well as she enjoys long and adventurous bike rides with her husband, Brian and continues indulging her love of tap dancing.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TREE FRESNO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Tree Fresno.

The genesis of Tree Fresno can be traced to a group of residents who had gathered during Fresno's Centennial in 1985 to explore ways to improve the city. This group of civic-minded residents determined that the planting of trees would beautify the city and create more livable and walkable neighborhoods.

The idea to beautify Fresno through the planting of trees was met with great support and enthusiasm from the community as evidenced by a telethon that netted \$27,000—funds that provided seed money for Tree Fresno's maiden project that resulted in the planting of trees in downtown and the city's vibrant Tower District.

Over the past 25 years, Tree Fresno has spearheaded and successfully completed a number of community-wide efforts that have led to the greening of the greater Fresno area. Throughout the years, Tree Fresno has grown the tree canopy on local school campuses and along some of the major thoroughfares in Fresno such as Blackstone and McKinley Avenues. On one remarkable day in 2000, thousands of Tree Fresno volunteers planted 4,400 trees in and along an abandoned rail corridor between Fresno and Clovis.

In addition to the planting of trees, Tree Fresno has also been instrumental in educating the public about the importance of responsible environmental stewardship. Through programs such as Tribute Trees, Trees for Campuses and Kids and the Junior Board of Tree Fresno, the organization has made an indelible impact on raising the overall environmental awareness and efficacy of the residents, especially the young people, of Fresno and surrounding communities.

The many accomplishments of Tree Fresno over the past 25 years are a testament to the vision of its founding members, the dedication of its staff and the support and commitment of thousands of volunteers and supporters who have given so generously to help make Fresno a better place to live.

It is my pleasure to congratulate the board, staff and many friends of Tree Fresno for 25 years of environmental leadership in the greater Fresno area. I send my best wishes for many more years of continued success.●

2009 ALFRED P. SLOAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I congratulate the 2009 winners of the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility, which recognizes companies that have successfully used flexibility to meet both business and employee goals. The Sloan Awards are presented by the When Work Works initiative, which is a project of the Families and Work Institute in partnership with the Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Twiga Foundation Inc. The When Work Works initiative is

sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

I want to draw your attention to the Sloan Awards because I think these companies are to be commended for their excellence in providing workplace flexibility practices which benefit both employers and employees. Achieving greater flexibility in the workplace—to maximize productivity while attracting the highest quality employees—is one of the key challenges facing American companies in the 21st century.

Businesses in 30 communities were eligible for recognition in the 2009 Sloan Awards. In addition, this year an at-large category was added. The Chamber of Commerce in many cities hosted an interactive business forum to share research on workplace flexibility as an important component of workplace effectiveness. In these same communities, businesses applied for and recipients were selected for the Sloan Awards through a process that included employee responses as well as employer practices.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2009 winners of the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. These businesses are to be commended for their excellence in providing workplace flexibility.

In Arizona, the winners are Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education; Arizona Weddings Magazine & Website; Autohaus Arizona, Inc.; Chandler-Gilbert Community College; Contreras State Farm Agency, Inc.; Cosmopolitan Medical Communications, Custom Accounting & Tax PC; Henry & Horne, LLP; Intel Corporation; Johnson Bank; Keats, Connelly and Associates; Metro Architecture LLC; Microchip Technology; Morrison & Associates CPAs PLLC; My Computer Works; Neonatology Associates, Ltd.; Omega Legal Systems Inc.; Pima Council on Aging, Inc.; Raytheon Missile Systems Tucson, AZ; Salt River Materials Group; Western International University; Western International University—Scottsdale Campus; Whitneybell Perry Inc; and WorldatWork.

In Atlanta, GA, the winners are Delta Air Lines; Gas South, LLC; Lee Hecht Harrison; The Mom Corps Inc.; and WellStar Health System.

In Aurora, CO, the winners are Adams County Workforce & Business Center; Aurora Mental Health Center; The Medical Center of Aurora; and University of Phoenix.

In Birmingham, AL, the winners are Albert Kahn Family of Companies; Barfield Murphy Shank & Smith; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Birmingham Metropolitan YMCA; Cayenne Creative Group; Concept, Inc.; El Paso Corporation; ITAC Solutions, LLC; Resources Global Professionals; Sain Associates; and Sellers Richardson Holman & West LLP.

In Boise, ID, the winners are American Geotechnics; Boise Rescue Mission; Givens Pursley LLP; Idaho Asso-

ciation for the Education of Young Children; Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health; and Trey McIntyre Project.

In Charleston, SC, the winners are AAI Services Corporation; Barling Bay, LLC; Call Experts; Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce; Community Management Group; EMES, LLC; KFR Services, Inc.; Lowcountry Graduate Center; Morris Financial Concepts, Inc.; Noisette Company; Santee Cooper; Scientific Research Corporation; Stanley, Inc.; and Tegron LLC.

In Chicago, IL, the winners are Accenture; Alma Lasers; AzulaySeiden Law Group; Falkor Group, LLC; Frost, Rutenberg & Rothblatt, P.C.; Ketchum Inc.; Microsoft Corporation; Perspectives, Ltd; Plante & Moran, PLLC; Shakespeare Squared; The SAVO Group; True Partners Consulting; Turner Construction Company—Chicago Business Unit; and Vox, Inc.

In Columbus, OH, the winners are Kaiser Consulting; Resource Interactive; American Electric Power; Cardinal Health Inc.; Ohio College Access Network; Pillar Technology Group LLC; Resources Global Professionals; Amethyst; and OCLC Online Computer Library Center.

In Dallas, TX, the winners are Abernethy Media Professionals, Inc.; Aguirre Roden, Inc.; Capital One; Community Council of Greater Dallas; Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau; EGW Utilities Inc.; Lee Hecht Harrison; Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control; McQueary Henry Bowles Troy, L.L.P.; State Farm Insurance; Tegron; The Beck Group; The Center for American and International Law; and The North Highland Company.

In Dayton, OH, the winners are Better Business Bureau of Dayton/Miami Valley Inc.; Brower Insurance Agency LLC; Cornerstone Research Group Inc.; Iformata Communications; LeVeck Lighting Products, Inc.; Premier Community Health; and SummitQwest.

In Durham, NC, the winners are CrossComm, Inc; Durhams Partnership for Children; Expedite Group; Shodor; US Environmental Protection Agency; and WorkSmart.

In Houston, TX, the winners are Access Sciences Corporation; CenterPoint Energy; Chevron Corporation; El Paso Corporation; Fulbright & Jaworski LLP; Gimmel Group; HBL Architects; Houston Department of Health and Human Services; Jaemar International Inc.; Klotz Associates, Inc.; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; PKF Texas; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Tegron; The Dow Chemical; The VIA Group; University of Phoenix; University of St. Thomas; and Vinson & Elkins LLP.

In Kentucky, the winners are AASHE; Analysts International; Anneken, Huey & Moser, PLLC; Benefit Insurance Marketing; Bottom Line Systems Inc.; CDP Engineers Inc; Central Baptist Hospital; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; J C Malone Associates; Kentucky Employers Mutual