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Send Our Children to Work?

By Sheila Cole

Proportionately more U.S. teenagers are working, and working more, than at any time in the last quarter century, but what are they getting from the experience? Recent studies probe fundamental questions such as what hours and kinds of work teach the most without undercutting schoolwork and important relationships.

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By Eugene Raudsepp

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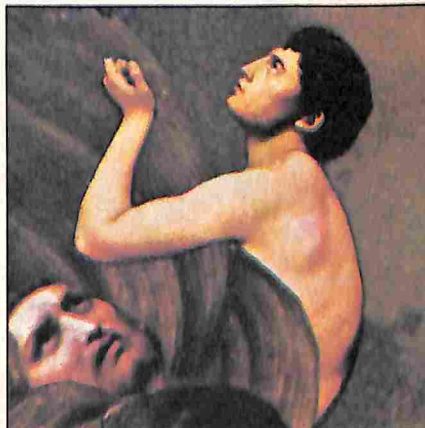
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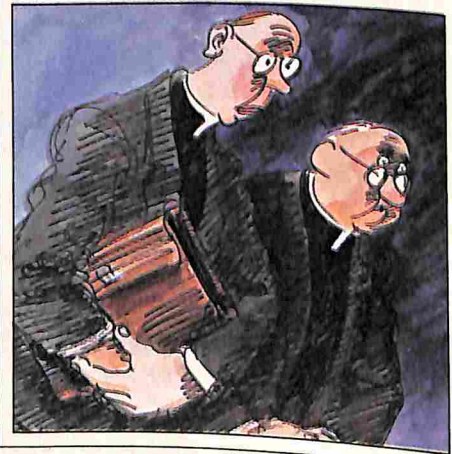
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By James E. Skinner

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