

stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans, women and men, who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

For the past three years, the service, sacrifice and courage of women veterans of the United States Armed Forces have been honored and celebrated in Cleveland at the "Women Veterans Banquet." The idea was brought to life by U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Cindy Campbell, Desert Storm Veteran, and her husband, John Campbell.

The organizers of the Women Veterans Banquet provide a significant opportunity for the Cleveland community to honor and recognize the unwavering dedication and bravery exhibited by women who have been on the front lines of combat throughout America's history—from women soldiers on the battleground, to women piloting F-14's, to women doctors and nurses working in makeshift medical units administering to the wounded. Beyond recognizing the immense contribution and sacrifice of women soldiers and veterans, the members of the Women Veterans Banquet have also work to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Women in Military Service Memorial in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the women of our United States Armed Forces. Let us forever remember their service, courage and steadfast commitment, and keep especially close in our hearts those soldiers, women and men, who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country, when they heeded the call to serve.

HONORING MATTHEW MAZGAJ FOR
HIS ALL AROUND EXCELLENCE
IN ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exemplary academic and athletic achievements Matthew Mazgaj.

Matthew is one of those students who does not go unnoticed. This article as published in the Jamestown Post Journal pays tribute to an outstanding young man.

AREA WRESTLER A STANDOUT IN AND OUT OF
CLASSROOM

(By Scott Kindberg)

Richard Rybicki saw something special in Matt Mazgaj almost from the moment he met him on the first day of school in 1998.

As his homeroom teacher at Southwestern Middle School, Rybicki was struck by Mazgaj's leadership skills, even as an 11-year-old sixth-grader.

"He was a standout in and out of the classroom as an elementary student and athlete," Rybicki said.

Fast forward more than 6 years and nothing's changed.

Mazgaj's work ethic and drive to excel, first seen by Rybicki in the late 1990s, continued throughout his tenure at Southwestern Central School. From the classroom to the football field and from his church to the wrestling mat, the Trojans senior has laid a blueprint for other students to follow. And somewhere Frank Hyde is smiling.

Hyde, who was The Post-Journal sports editor for 34 years, valued the all-around excellence of young people.

"Matt exemplifies the type of student athlete-scholar Frank Hyde admired most—those for whom participation in sports is an important part of the educational experience, but just a part." Post-Journal Editor Cristie Herbst said.

"He valued those students who also learned through participation in sports the lessons of good sportsmanship, fair play and determination to strive toward a goal. And as just as Matt has done, Frank believed that students should apply those values in all of their activities, in and out of school," Ms. Herbst said.

Hyde, no doubt, would also be happy to know that Mazgaj is this year's recipient of the 21st annual Hyde Memorial Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship, given by The Post-Journal, is awarded to the outstanding college-bound athlete from the newspaper's circulation area, which covers Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Warren counties.

The scholarship was presented during an awards assembly at Southwestern Central School on Wednesday morning.

Mazgaj has been accepted at Washington and Jefferson College, where he plans to major in biology and physics, and play football.

"I believe this type of an extensive education past high school is vital for an individual to succeed in our ever-advancing America today," Mazgaj wrote in an essay accompanying his scholarship application.

Judging from his academic performance and extracurricular activities, Mazgaj is on his way to a successful college experience.

Ranked 11th in his class with a 96 average, Mazgaj is a member of the National Honor Society, the Ophelia mentoring program and the math club; is an usher at Sacred Heart Church; and is a volunteer coach with the Southwestern Spartans midget football league team.

Athletically, he turned in one of the finest careers in school history.

In wrestling, he captured consecutive New York State Public High School Athletic Association small school championships in 2004 and 2005 at 215 pounds and shared the Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship this year.

Along the way, Mazgaj, a two-year captain, posted a 130-28 career record, was the Division 1 wrestler of the year, and twice the 215-pound division and Section 6 champion. The Trojans were also successful as a team during Mazgaj's era, claiming a small-school state championship once, Section 6 championship twice and league championship three times.

"When I first met Matt I noticed that he had an incredible work ethic that far surpassed his peers," Southwestern coach Mark Hetrick said in his letter of recommendation. "Matt was undefeated throughout middle school wrestling, but the thing that impressed me the most about this kid was his drive and motivation to get better. His hard work paid off."

Former Southwestern wrestling coach Walt Thurnau is equally complimentary.

"He has always displayed the characteristics of a true gentleman," Thurnau said in his letter of recommendation. "It doesn't matter if it's practice or competition, Matt is always respectful of his opponent or practice partner. He always treats everyone with respect and courtesy."

"Matt is very humble and would never brag about his accomplishments. If you didn't know that he was a two-time state champ, you would never learn it by listening to Matt. He still helps clean the mats and is always one of the last to leave the practice room."

Mazgaj's devotion to wrestling is immense, but his first love is on the gridiron. A firstteam all-state linebacker, The Post-

Journal co-Player of the Year and first-team all-Western New York selection last fall, Mazgaj led the Trojans to a 9-2 record and a Section 6 championship, the first sectional football title in school history. His impact, both on the field and in the classroom, was recognized when he was selected the Section 6 Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Statistically, Mazgaj, a two-year captain, holds team records for career tackles (357) and single-season tackles for a loss (22), and is tied for first in tackles in a season (133).

"I think the most important characteristic that Matt possesses is his character," Southwestern head football coach and government/economics teacher Jay Sirianni wrote in his letter of recommendation. "Matt displays the attributes of a natural leader. He has integrity, loyalty, a strong work ethic, and he leads by example. In an era with few positive role models, Matt has been a positive role model to his classmates and younger students."

Because of his considerable wrestling talents, Mazgaj could have continued his career at the Division I or Division II level. Instead, he chose to follow his heart and his true love—football.

"With making the decision to play football in college, I gave up substantial athletic scholarship financial aid," Mazgaj wrote. "Washington and Jefferson is a Division III school, and because of this they cannot give athletic scholarships. This is why I am writing to you, to try and convince you to help me continue my athletic career in a sport that I have (proven myself) on the fields at Southwestern."

"The financial assistance will help to alleviate some of the stress developed from paying for college, then graduate, and maybe medical school."

Then Mazgaj added one final sentence. "Regardless of the monetary assistance, this award would, first and foremost, be an honor to receive."

"Matt Mazgaj is that exceptional student-athlete who comes around few times, if any, in a teacher's career," wrote Rybicki, who is also Southwestern's athletic director. "Matt will definitely leave behind a legacy which has been forged by hard work, discipline and desire."

I am honored, Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor this amazing young man.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF
HYPOLUXO

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, the Town of Hypoluxo, a gem in the strand of our jeweled communities of Palm Beach County, is celebrating its 50th anniversary on July 3, 2005. I have proudly represented Hypoluxo for 13 years in the United States Congress, and have come to know its residents and town leadership very well.

It is interesting to note that Hypoluxo got its name not from a Greek root, but from the Seminole name for Lake Worth which roughly translates to "water all around—no get out." Today a great number of people want to move into the friendly confines of Hypoluxo, but because no one wants to "get out", home sites are difficult to find. No doubt, because of the wonderful people and the coastal breezes.

Hypoluxo is one of the smallest communities in my District with its nearly 2,500 people, but it has in its rich heritage played a very

important role in the history and growth of Palm Beach County. It was the center of the story of the legendary Barefoot Mailman, who connected Jupiter with Lemon City (now the Miami area) in the 19th Century, long before any type of road existed.

At one time, the mail to Miami had to be shipped to Jacksonville, then by rail to Cedar Key, steam shipped to Key West and lastly by schooner to Miami. The big advancement took place in 1885, with a railroad line south to West Palm Beach. The mail then traveled by row boat to Hypoluxo. At Hypoluxo, the Barefoot Mailman took over and walked six days along the hard sand next to the ocean for over 60 miles (and occasionally crossing inlets by swimming or by canoe) to Miami—and back. All for \$175 every three months.

The Postal Creed says that “neither snow, nor rain, nor snow, nor heat, nor gloom of night will stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” To the Barefoot Mailman you can add on gators, sharks, snakes, hurricanes, and swift currents. In fact, it is legend that alligators or sharks caused the demise of a Barefoot Mailman on one of his appointed rounds.

Mr. Speaker, Hypoluxo has created in its natural scrub park, a statue monument to the Barefoot Mailman, to recognize the heroic traditions of each person who served the coastal residents and brought the news, commercial transactions, and many smiles to them during their years of service.

To the citizens of Hypoluxo gathered to celebrate its 50 years in the shadow of its beautiful Key West Town Hall, its natural Florida hammock, and under the watchful eye of the Barefoot Mailman, I congratulate you and wish you the best in the next 50 years. I am sure that by that time the mail will arrive a little faster—but not with the colorful traditions of the Barefoot Mailman. Congratulations on 50 years, and on behalf of Florida’s 22nd Congressional District, I wish you many, many more.

MGM V. GROKSTER DECISION

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of today’s 9–0 Supreme Court decision in the MGM v. Grokster case. By ruling that providing the software makes a file-sharing service liable for facilitating this online theft and for encouraging illegal downloads, the Court preserved this country’s 200 year history of inspiring American creativity by protecting the rights of those who create it.

Traffic in copyrighted material has already cost American industry hundreds of millions of dollars. One-half of all teenagers have downloaded music for free, with two-thirds of them saying they buy less music now that they can steal it over the Internet so easily. Given the severity and magnitude of the problem, I sincerely hope that today’s ruling will force these services to either clean up their acts or discontinue entirely.

The Court unanimously found what so many of us already knew: peer-to-peer networks are merely the latest technology used to steal

from copyright owners. Online file-sharing services, like Grokster and KaZaa, may not distribute copyrighted materials off of their own servers, but they certainly encourage that theft and profit from it. Just as in the physical world, promoting criminal activity is itself a crime. I am pleased peer-to-peer networks that actively encourage piracy will now be held responsible for their actions.

THE VOLUNTEER FIGHTERS OF VERMONT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, there are over 800,000 volunteer firefighters in the United States. Of the 30,000 fire departments in the United States, two thirds are entirely made up of volunteers—21,761 companies. Another 5,271 companies are mostly made up of volunteers.

In my own state of Vermont there are 246 small towns—and 244 fire departments. Five of them are in large cities, where there first responders are full time, paid firefighters. Vermont has 265 paid firefighters—all brave and dedicated men and women.

But in rural Vermont, dotted with small cities and smaller towns, there is often neither the population base nor the budget to support full-time firefighters. But thousands of remarkable men and women step into the breach, giving generously of their time and energy and commitment to make sure our residences, our businesses, our farms, our towns, are safe. Vermont, with a population of about 620,000, has an astonishing 6,235 volunteer firefighters. Just over one person in every hundred who lives in our largely rural state has devoted himself or herself to protecting the community in which they live.

These first responders are models for people across our entire nation of what commitment to one’s neighbor looks like. Every day they demonstrate, in good weather and bad, in sweltering summer heat when their boots and coats are like ovens, and in the depths of winter when the temperature goes to 25 below and frostbite threatens, that they are willing to put their lives on the line to protect the lives of others.

Our nation was built by people who were as concerned about their neighbors as they were about their own interests. It has been sustained by brave men and women who love their country, their community, their neighbors and family, as much as they love life itself. And that tradition of service and bravery continues in Vermont. I proudly celebrate, today, the remarkable volunteer firefighters of Vermont. We all owe them a debt of gratitude: They are among the great unsung heroes of our times.

HONORING LUCILLE SALTER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lucille Salter, as she celebrates her 100th birthday. It is my great pleasure to commemorate this milestone for a woman who is a pillar in her community of Boulder City, Nevada.

Mrs. Salter arrived in Boulder City in 1931 at the height of the Great Depression. She spent time working for the telephone company, the Federal Government, and the City of Henderson.

Today, Mrs. Salter lives with her husband, Ross Salter, in Henderson, Nevada and enjoys visits from her grandchildren and playing bridge. She leads a full life and is admired by her many friends for her willingness to help in any way she can.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor Lucille Salter and give her my deepest thanks for her contributions to the Southern Nevada community. It is my hope that those that have been touched by her giving spirit will remember her example and use it in their own lives.

INTRODUCING THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Agriculture Education Freedom Act. This bill addresses a great injustice being perpetrated by the Federal Government on those youngsters who participate in programs such as 4-H or the Future Farmers of America. Under current tax law, children are forced to pay Federal income tax when they sell livestock they have raised as part of an agricultural education program.

Think about this for a moment. These kids are trying to better themselves, earn some money, save some money and what does Congress do? We pick on these kids by taxing them. It is truly amazing that with all the hand-wringing in Congress over the alleged need to further restrict liberty and grow the size of government “for the children” we would continue to tax young people who are trying to lead responsible lives and prepare for the future. Even if the serious social problems today’s youth face could be solved by new Federal bureaucracies and programs, it is still unfair to pick on those kids who are trying to do the right thing.

These children are not even old enough to vote, yet we are forcing them to pay taxes! What ever happened to no taxation without representation? No wonder young people are so cynical about government!

It is time we stopped taxing youngsters who are trying to earn money to go to college by selling livestock they have raised through their participation in programs such as 4-H or Future Farmers of America. Therefore, I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting the Agriculture Education Freedom Act.