

The Minnetonka Girls took first place in the Minnesota State High School Alpine Ski Meet earlier this month in Biwabik, Minnesota. This is the Minnetonka Girls' second state title in four years.

Head Coach Steve Lindemer won his fifth state championship with the school since becoming Head Coach of both the Minnetonka Boys and Girls Alpine teams in 1998.

Megan Greiner, Anna Ewald, Megan Gartner, and Marlee Gartner all finished in the top 20 to secure the top team performance.

All of these athletes and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations.

HONORING HAROLD O. BOUCHARD

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harold O. Bouchard of Hermon, Maine, who passed away on February 22, at the age of 77. Harold will be long remembered as an astute businessman who was well known for his philanthropy and community service.

From a single dump truck he purchased in 1958, Harold grew a business that today employs 175 people and stands at 100 trucks strong. He became an innovator and fierce advocate for the trucking industry. Harold worked tirelessly to develop safer and more efficient trucks. As an advocate, he sought to ensure lawmakers understood that heavier six axle trucks were safe and important for businesses to compete. Because of Harold's efforts, Maine's roads are safer and Maine's businesses are stronger.

Harold also maintained a strong presence in the community, helping to found the American Loggers Council and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Harold was also involved with the Maine Forest Products Council, the Forest Resource Association, Maine Motor Transportation Association, the Maine Better Transportation Association, and the Associated General Contractors of Maine. The Northeast Loggers Association, of which he was also a member, named him Outstanding Logger of the Year in 1991.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of charity and community engagement as completely as Harold. He was instrumental in helping to raise \$13 million to improve cancer treatment services at Eastern Maine Medical Center. In 2003, Harold received the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's Norbert X. Dowd Award for his contributions to his industry and for his community service.

I was fortunate to have Harold as a supporter and ally in my ongoing efforts to allow states to increase the weight of trucks allowed on their highways. The work he did on this cause was instrumental in helping to make this goal a reality in Maine today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Mr. Harold O. Bouchard.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON CRITELLI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Critelli as he is honored as the "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society of Long Branch, NJ. Mr. Critelli is truly deserving of this recognition for his exceptional service to the Amerigo Vespucci Society and the entire community.

Born and raised in Long Branch, NJ, Mr. Critelli has a strong connection to the community. He excelled in soccer and was elected as team captain of the Long Branch High School Varsity team for three years, leading the team to the NJ State Finals in his senior year. Mr. Critelli was the first in his family to graduate college, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In college, Mr. Critelli maintained his sense of community, joining the soccer team, serving as a member and Treasurer of the Pi Lamda Upsilon fraternity and participating in various campus events.

Introduced to the Amerigo Vespucci Society by his now wife, Loredana's family, Mr. Critelli became a member and remains active in the Society. Previously serving as a Councilor on the Executive Board, Mr. Critelli is the current Recording Secretary for the Society. He often assists with various Society events, including the Wine Tasting Gala and the Family Picnic, for which he served as co-chair and chair respectively. Furthermore, Mr. Critelli co-chaired a fundraiser on behalf of Amerigo Vespucci Society members who were affected by Superstorm Sandy.

In addition to his community service, Mr. Critelli works as a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors. He was recently honored by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as a 2013 New Jersey Select Wealth Managers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Ron Critelli on his selection as "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society for his continued dedication and service to the community.

COMMEMORATING EDWARD H. LOCKWOOD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Edward H. Lockwood, an American veteran from Long Island. Edward recently passed away and our community is mourning this profound loss.

Corporal Lockwood enlisted in the Army in 1942, and remained for the duration of World War II. He served in the 824th and 691st Tank Destroyer Units at Normandy, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and finally Ardennes, the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning home to Glenwood Landing, Corporal Lockwood joined the American Legion Post 336 in Glen Head, New York, and worked for the Long Island Lighting Company until his retirement.

Mr. Lockwood joined the Glenwood Fire Company when he turned 18 and his only in-

terval in service was substituted by his time in the Army. He served as Chief twice before being named Chief Emeritus, joining a privileged few who have been Glenwood Fire Company Chief three times.

Corporal Lockwood leaves behind three daughters and will be sorely missed by the Glenwood Landing community of which he was a part of for almost 92 years.

Edward was a true American patriot. In the wake of his passing, we should all remember the sacrifice our veterans make to keep us safe here at home. I am forever grateful for Edward's contributions as a serviceman and leader in his community on Long Island. I offer my sincerest thoughts and prayers to his family.

IDAHO'S TERRITORIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on this day in 1863, 150 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed a congressional act creating the Idaho Territory. Twenty-seven years later, part of that territory would become the 43rd State, the State of Idaho.

The Idaho Territory was initially much larger than the borders of Idaho today; it included most of what would later become Montana and Wyoming. The territory, to be governed by William H. Wallace, an old friend of Lincoln's, was previously part of the Washington Territory.

Western Washington politicians moved to discard large tracts of land in eastern Washington Territory partly because the population in those areas was increasing rapidly and they wanted to assure Olympia would remain the capital of the region. That population increase was mostly gold miners seeking out their fortunes in the Clearwater region, now Idaho's panhandle. This goes to show you, Mr. Speaker, gerrymandering is not a new phenomenon; it is in fact one of the reasons the Idaho Territory was created in the first place.

However, the land mass for the Idaho Territory was so expansive that within a year Montana broke away, and four years later Wyoming did the same, leaving the Idaho Territory looking very much like the State does today.

In 1890, after 27 years as a territory, Idaho became the 43rd State. However, much of what distinguishes Idaho today came about during its territorial years, including the creation of its main highways, many of its public schools, its tax system, its tribal laws, its universities, its water laws, and indeed, its eventual Constitution, written in the summer of 1889 in Boise. Idaho's Constitution remains today almost exactly how it was written, and it still forms the basis for all Idaho laws to this day.

The citizens of Idaho have always demonstrated a unity and sense of pride in their traditions and history, and this rich history is what makes them who they are today. From the Canadian border to Yellowstone, from Craters of the Moon to Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idahoans celebrate today. It is my privilege today to commemorate Idaho's territorial sesquicentennial.

HONORING NIELS CHEW

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Niels Chew of Sonoma County, California, who passed away February 25, 2013 with his family at his side.

Mr. Chew was a loving husband of 58 years to his wife, Susan Wetherby Chew. He was a devoted father to his four children and a doting grandfather to his nine grandchildren.

He was a successful businessman, taking a small one-person operation and building it into a thriving small manufacturing company employing more than 40 people, including those with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Chew was also active in civic affairs. He was a trustee of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board where he served as Board Chair. He was also on the boards of the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation, Operation Youth, the Sonoma Overnight Shelter, El Nido Teen Center, and Stand by Me, Sonoma Valley's flagship mentoring program.

He and his wife generously supported Friends in Sonoma Helping, an organization providing assistance to residents down on their luck, with both their time and their financial resources.

In recognition of his work in the community, Mr. Chew received Sonoma's top service award in 2010 when he was named Alcalde, or honorary mayor.

Mr. Speaker, Niels Chew was proof that one man can make a difference. The legacy he leaves will be felt in the Sonoma Valley for decades to come. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate-passed Violence Against Women Act and in opposition to the watered down version offered by House Republicans that omits key provisions to protect all victims of domestic violence. I am pleased that after nearly a year of delay and unnecessary partisan positioning, a comprehensive, inclusive VAWA is poised to be enacted into law.

This legislation, S. 47, received overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate, passing by a vote of 78–22, and is supported by law enforcement officials, health care providers, community providers, and millions of domestic violence survivors. Unlike the alternative House Republican version, the Senate bill includes critical provisions to protect vulnerable populations including LGBT individuals, Native Americans, immigrants, and victims of rape.

Specifically, the Senate bill ensures the availability of services to all victims of domes-

tic and dating violence, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. The measure also provides authority to Native American tribes to prosecute non-Indian perpetrators of domestic violence-related offenses. Finally, the Senate measure adds stalking to the list of crimes for which victims can receive protection through the U-Visa program. All of the changes are vital and, unfortunately, absent in the House Republican bill.

Twice over the last 20 years, Democrats and Republicans, working together, have been able to reauthorize VAWA to continue and expand protections for all victims of domestic and sexual violence. A recent tragedy involving one of my constituents underscores the importance for this body to continue that bipartisan tradition.

On February 18, 2013, Jenny Lynn Pearson was brutally murdered by her husband of less than a year at her apartment in Reston, Virginia. Jenny was five months pregnant with her unborn son, whom she had named Aiden. A native of Fairfax County, Jenny is described by friends and family as humble and beautiful, a lover of nature and animals, a kind and generous soul. Her life, and that of her unborn son, was snuffed out far before its time.

Unfortunately, this type of severe domestic violence is an all-too-common reality in the United States. Approximately 2.3 million people each year are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend. Three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in America. And the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion annually, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.

While we still have much work to do, VAWA has helped address these startling levels of partner violence. Since it was first enacted in 1994, reporting of domestic violence has increased by as much as 51 percent, while the number of individuals killed by an intimate partner has decreased 34 percent for women and 57 percent for men. Reauthorization of VAWA will ensure that our nation's mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends continue to receive federal resources that can help keep them safe from harm.

Now is the time for the House to remove ideological roadblocks and send to the President a comprehensive VAWA bill that includes protections for all Americans. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote in favor of the Senate-passed Violence Against Women Act.

RECOGNIZING CHASKA HIGH
SCHOOL'S CHAMPION GIRLS
JAZZ AND HIGH KICK DANCE
TEAM

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Chaska High School Girls Jazz and High Kick dance teams.

The Chaska High School Dance teams—both High Kick and Jazz & Funk—took home repeat championship titles earlier this month with victories at the 2013 State Girls Dance Team Tournament.

Coach Kryz Rydland complimented her team's drive to constantly improve as key to

their success this season and at the state tournament.

Special congratulations to captains Amanda Stelten, Sammy White, and Emily Pulvermacher.

This team's ability to combine art with athleticism has returned quite impressive results.

All of these athletes and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARK E.
GUINAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Clark E. Guinan, better known as Gus, who is retiring after a remarkable legal and public service career that spanned over three decades. Gus was the City Attorney of the City of Burlingame for the last four years. His devotion to justice and the Bay Area are reflected in his work and passion for life.

Gus, a native San Franciscan and third generation Californian, was raised in Los Altos. He enrolled in the seminary in Menlo Park at the young age of 13 and studied there through high school and college until he was 24 years old. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Patrick's College.

After eleven years in the seminary, Gus realized that he had a different calling. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather who was his hero and a prominent attorney in the California Attorney General's office. Gus started law school and earned his J.D. from the University of Santa Clara.

Upon earning his degree, Gus became a deputy public defender in San Joaquin County from 1974–1984. Then he accepted the position of Senior Assistant City Attorney in Palo Alto where he served for five years.

In 1989, he faced a difficult decision. He and his wife Signe Harnett had adopted infant twin girls. They still lived in Stockton and the daily commute to Palo Alto would prevent Gus from seeing his two babies grow up. He left public service and became a litigation attorney with the law offices of Rishwain, Kakim and Ellis in Stockton from 1989–1991. Gus' love for San Francisco drew the family back to the Bay Area and in 1991 they moved to Berkeley and he joined the law office of Barry Balamuth in Orinda.

In 1993, Gus returned to public service and accepted the position of Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Rafael where he stayed until 2008 when he was appointed to his most recent position of City Attorney of Burlingame.

Gus is a member of the Public Law Section of the California State Bar Association, the Bay Area City Attorneys Association, the Marin Public Agency Attorneys and an alternate board member of the California Joint Powers Risk Management Authority. In the past, he served as a delegate at the State Bar Convention in Sacramento, as a section editor of the Municipal Law Handbook of the League