

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Deadline for senior pages.

The deadline for senior pages for Hoosac's 2010 yearbook will be April 28th. Senior pages have to be in PDF or word document formats or copied and pasted in the e-mail. And the deadline for senior yearbook photos will be May 7th. Seniors need to either send their photos or get their photos taken by Eunice Cheong. Send copy or digital photos to hoosacyearbook@hoosac.com

Two killed, 100 injured in Mexican earthquake.

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck northwest Mexico's Baja California on Sunday, rattling Arizona and southern California, and leaving at least two dead and 100 injured in Mexico, authorities said.

At least one person was killed in a building collapse in Mexicali, Mexico, according to the assistant

director of civil protection in Tijuana. The other victim died when he ran from his residence into the street and was hit by a car, said Alfredo Escobedo, Mexico's director of civil protection.

All 100 injuries are concentrated in Mexicali, Escobedo said. In California and Arizona, there were no immediate reports of injuries and only limited reports of damages. The quake struck at 3:40 p.m. (6:40 p.m. ET) about 110 miles east-southeast of Tijuana, Mexico, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

4 missing West Virginia miners found dead.

Days of rescue efforts came to a grim end after crews found the bodies of four miners who had been missing since an explosion almost a week ago in a West Virginia mine, authorities said early Saturday. "We did not receive the



Photo from nydailynews.com

West Virginia State Police deal with traffic in front of Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Coal Mine.

miracle we prayed for," said West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin. "This journey has ended and now the healing will start." Authorities first notified the families of the four miners about their fate before revealing it to the media.

The death toll from Monday's blast at the Upper Big Branch mine now stands at 29, making it the worst mining disaster in the United States in nearly four decades, reported on CNN.com

Schools Tighten Their Belts

— By ANNIE LYONS —



Students and faculty seen here during an all school trip to Albany, NY. School trips are one of the considerations covered during the planning of the annual Hoosac budget.

Parents and teachers are concerned about the school budget next year. Many school budgets across the country are going down next year. They are cutting teachers and courses and even extra curricular activities. Many

schools are cutting transportation costs for their athletic teams and other school activities.

In some school districts, they are cutting back by three percent: that's about 48 jobs. Half of the states are facing projected budget

shortfalls, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington-based research group. Schools are considering dropping benefits for employees, reducing staff and limiting tutoring and extracurricular activities available to students. Wage and benefit costs have been going up, along with energy prices.

In Hoosac many students would be upset if they cut back on some of the extra stuff we have to offer. Sewa Egunsola '12 said that "if they cut back on the trips to Bennington, that would be so bad." Candan Drums '10 said that "if they were not able to take us to the mall on the weekend, this place would get boring." Hopefully Hoosac will not cut back on its budget so much that we won't be able to go places that are fun.

2010 Hoosac Yearbook Dedication Pages



Students interested in placing a dedication page within this year's yearbook can find the forms to fill out outside the dining hall and next to the sign-up sheet's outside Nurse Klein's office within Tibbits.

Please see Ms. Roemischer with questions.

School Sports

— By ANNIE LYONS —



Top: Hoosac's Jenn Freeman '10 congratulates Regina Kim '10 on her goal against Hoosick Falls.

Right: Jon Gervais '10 battles Mt. Greylock's offence for field position.



Photos by Austin McCroskie

Boys Lacrosse

The boys lacrosse team had its first game of the season this past Saturday, getting the feel for the game. "We now know what we need to work on, but mainly we just have to keep playing and growing from here," says Coach Joe Bejevin as his team moves forward. The final score in the game was 16-5 to Mt. Greylock. The top scorers were Elijah Brassard (2) David Brassard (2), and Carlo Longinotti (1).

Boys Baseball

The team traveled to Mt. Anthony for its first game and fell just one point behind making the score 7-6. "I was happy with the way they played overall," said Coach Fedor, "We did some nice things out there and we also found out some things we need to work on." Francis Germain and Zach Cappelli performed well on the mound and Travis Bobb came off the bench to pick up a big 2 out, 2 RBI base hit late in the game to put Hoosac ahead. Next the team travels to Vermont Academy on Wednesday.

Tennis Team

The first Tennis match was played on Saturday the 10th and giving Hoosac its first win of the season as they took all the matches played. Coach Dave Burke was very happy with his players stating that "Mt. Everett has given them trouble in the past" and that he thinks he has a good core group of players to beat all the competition this year. Leading the way was #1 John Bragga, Charles Côté, Hans Brûlé, and Matt Carpentier. The tennis team will play Mt. Everett at home on the 17th.

Girls Lacrosse

The girls lacrosse team had its home opener this past Tuesday against Hoosick Falls. They played their best but fell short. Their final score was 7 to 3. Regina Kim scored two goals and Jen Freeman scored one as Jayla Jung made several big saves in goal. Coach Kelly was pretty impressed, stating, "They played with toughness and battled the whole game." Next up the girls play Miss Halls on Saturday.



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Student of the Week Soo Jung Seo

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Q: How do you feel about being student of the week?

A: Well I didn't see it coming, I'm happy I got it though.

Q: Are you ready for Spring?

A: Yes! I hate the winter. I like being able to walk around campus without a huge coat.

Q: How do you feel about the up coming long weekend?

A: I think we all need these long weekends every now and then, it helps us get our mind off school for a bit

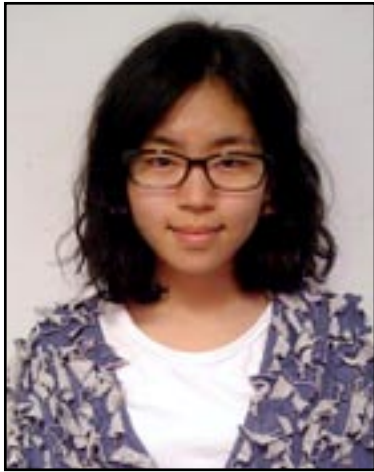


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Bullying Tragedy In Massachusetts School

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

After being intensely bullied and harassed at a school in Massachusetts, Phoebe Prince committed suicide in her own home shortly after school. The case has a lot of questions circling around it, mainly about who should be punished, and what the punishment should be. While some government officials and local parents believe the students responsible should take the biggest punch, others believe the school itself should be held more accountable.

Ms. Prince was new to South Hadley High School, just recently moving from Ireland. She had caught the eye of a senior football star, which is one of the first links leading to the suicide. The two briefly dated, and not long after another girl dated the football player. The second girl had long been member of a popular clique in the school, and possibly felt threatened by Ms. Prince. Slurs and rumors began to swarm around Ms. Prince, typical in high school, calling her things such as "druggie" or "Irish slut." Some of the girl's friends claimed that people had sent messages and comments calling her things like a whore who didn't deserve to live, on her phone and Facebook.

The students bullying her are facing serious criminal charges. But some are pointing the finger at the school, for not taking action to prevent the bullying, and disciplining those involved. While some of the school officials are claiming they were completely

unaware of the bullying, an overwhelming number of students claim that they saw Ms. Prince talk to different faculty members about it, including some of her own teachers. The girl's mother also said that she called the school twice inquiring about the bullying and the safety of her daughter. The first time, she requested that something be done about the harassment, and the second time, several months later, she ask why it was continuing to happen.

Other parents defend the school, saying since the school is the only tangible organization in this situation, it is most convenient to blame it. The school says it has many anti-bullying programs for the students, but whether this is true or not, the bullying obviously continued.

Here at Hoosac, students expressed their opinions on whether or not it was an issue in our school.

"Some students in this school have... less desirable features than others. And since we have such a small school, everyone knows them, and sees these features everyday. Some people obviously feel compelled to remind those students of their questionable behaviors. That's all I have to say," says Anthony Jorgenson 11'.

"It's not like the bullying you see in TV shows, but people seem to pick on other students in more passive ways, so that it can't easily be labeled 'bullying'," said William Sims 12'.

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Sudoku-Answers

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1	8	7	2	4	9	6	3	5
9	2	6	5	3	7	1	8	4
4	3	5	1	8	6	9	7	2

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

A man decided to kill his wife after she refused to have children with him. Not only did he just kill her, but also decapitated her. The murderer, Philippe Cousin, 53 years of age, had been married to his wife, who was still a virgin, at age 47. She told him that she refused to have a baby with him because she feared she would pass on her father's multiple sclerosis. An autopsy confirmed that Mrs. Cousins was a virgin when she died. On April 16, 2007, Cousin telephoned his local police station and told an officer: "Excuse me for disturbing you, I've killed my wife." The man had attacked his wife with a kitchen knife following a domestic argument before slicing her head off. Cousin is facing life in prison for murder but has denied the charge, pleading diminished responsibility. As reported on yahoo.com.

A man crashed his car into a power pole, and then slid into a ditch next to the highway last week. He was not severely injured, and was still capable of walking. He called the police to report the incident, and to have his car pulled out of the ditch. As he waited for them to arrive, perhaps from the shock of the incident, he needed to go to the bathroom. He decided to urinate off the side of the road, but didn't realize exactly what he was urinating on: the power lines that came down from the crash. He was electrocuted, and killed. Police arrived to discover the dead body. As reported on stuff.co.nz.

A man, who was on death row for killing his neighbor in 1994, was scheduled to finally receive the death penalty last week. However, several days before his scheduled execution, he was found unconscious in his death-row cell. He had apparently managed to obtain some sort of pills, and overdosed on them. He was scheduled to die from lethal injection. He showed signs of consciousness Monday at the hospital, but the medical staff wasn't prepared to release him. If his plan was to postpone his death, he succeeded. As reported on news4jax.com.

STDs Linked To Cancer

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Cancer is a type of disease in which a group of cells display uncontrolled growth and invasion. Most cancers form a tumor but some, like leukemia, do not. The branch of medicine concerned with the study, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer is oncology.

Despite an overall slight decline in head and neck cancers in recent years, cases of a particular form called oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma have increased sharply.

The number of head and neck cancers linked to a virus spread by oral sex is rising rapidly and suggests boys as well as girls should be offered protection through vaccination, say doctors from the In-

stitute of Head and Neck Studies at University Hospital Coventry.

This growth seems to be linked to cancers caused by the human papilloma virus. More than 500,000 cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed annually in women and it kills around 200,000 a year. Head and neck cancer is the sixth most common cancer among men and women, with about 640,000 new cases each year worldwide.

A recent study found the risk of developing oropharyngeal carcinoma was linked to a history of six or more lifetime sexual partners, four or more lifetime oral sex partners, and, for men, an earlier age at first sexual intercourse.

Sudoku

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SPORTS

Sat. - 4/17 @ 7pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse (Away)
vs. Amsterdam

Sat. - 4/17 @ 2pm
Varsity Baseball (Home)
vs. Kings

Sat. - 4/17 @ 2pm
Tennis (Home)
vs. Mt. Everett

Mon. - 4/19 @ 4pm
Tennis (Away) vs. Darrow

Wed. - 4/21 @ 3pm
Tennis (Away)
vs. Long Trail

Wed. - 4/21 @ 4pm
Girls Varsity Lacrosse
(Home) vs. Pittsfield

Wed. - 4/21 @ 3pm
Varsity Baseball (Away)
vs. Vermont Academy

Wed. - 4/21 @ 3:30pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse
(Home) vs. Storm King

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Every Monday & Thursday
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